FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE REDDELL-VIDRINE WATER DISTRICT EVANGELINE PARISH, LOUISIANA FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners Reddell-Vidrine Water District Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying component unit financial statements of the Reddell-Vidrine Water District, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, as listed in the table of contents. These component unit financial statements are the responsibility of the Reddell-Vidrine Water District's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these component unit financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the component unit financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Reddell-Vidrine Water District, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, I have also issued my report dated June 25, 1999, on my consideration of the Reddell-Vidrine Water District's internal control over financial reporting and my test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

"Governmental Accounting Standards Board Technical Bulletin 98-1 requires disclosure of certain matters regarding year 2000 and its potential impact upon the computers and other electronic devices that may impact upon the

performance of the Reddell-Vidrine Water District, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana. The Reddell-Vidrine Water District, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana has made disclosures intending to comply with that Technical Bulletin, in Note H. I have not audited the assertions made in that footnote, and I provide no assurance as to those assertions. In particular, I provide no assurance that the Reddell-Vidrine Water District is or will be Year 2000 ready, that its Year 2000 efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with whom the Reddell-Vidrine Water District does business will be Year 2000 ready. I have reviewed Reddell-Vidrine Water District's commitments including contractual obligations for future expenditures' and opine that the accompanying financial statements, taken as a whole, fairly present in all material respects, those commitments without expressing any opinion as to whether those commitments will be sufficient to resolve the year 2000 issue as that issue may impact upon the Reddell-Vidrine Water District.

Michael W. Johnson

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COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Combined Statement Overview)

REDDELL-VIDRINE WATER DISTRICT OF EVANGELINE PARISH, LOUISIANA

Balance Sheet, Proprietary Fund Type -As of December 31, 1998

	PROPRIETARY FUND
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash on Deposit	A 15 464
Checking - G.B.M.	\$ 15,464
Savings	12,858
Certificates of Deposit	34,000
Less Restricted Cash	<u>(48,325)</u>
Total Cash Available	\$ 13,997
Accounts Receivable - Water	\$ 13,966
Prepaid Insurance	2,748
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 30,711</u>
RESTRICTED_CASH	
Cash for Bond Sinking Fund	\$ 16,450
Cash for Bond Reserve Fund	17,000
Cash for Depreciation Contingency	550
Cash for Security Deposits	14,325
Total Restricted Cash	\$ 48,325
PLANT & EQUIPMENT AT COST	
Land	\$ 24,500
Equipment	42,409
Water System	470,215
Construction in Progress	107,080
Total Plant & Equipment	\$ 644,204
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(188,410)
Net Plant & Equipment	\$ 455,794
OTHER ASSETS	
Security Deposits	<u>\$ 10</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 534,840</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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REDDELL-VIDRINE WATER DISTRICT OF EVANGELINE PARISH, LOUISIANA

Balance Sheet, Proprietary Fund Type -As of December 31, 1998

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PROPRIETARY FUND

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

REDDELL-VIDRINE WATER DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	12 Months Ended 12/31/98
REVENUES	
Water Sales	\$136,076
Connections and Installations	38,538
Late Charges	<u>-0-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$174,614</u>
EXPENSES	
Accounting	\$ 2,495
Advertising	952
Bank Service Charges	102
Consulting	128
Contract Labor	4,555
Depreciation	13,958
Dues	300
Entertainment	39
Fees & Permits	325
Fuel	581
Insurance	8,432
Legal	160
License	316
Miscellaneous	403
Office Expense & Postage	3,918
Refunds	922
Repairs	8,537
Salaries & Wages	30,199
Supplies	43,621
Per Diem	3,500
Sales Tax	476
Payroll Taxes	3,185
Rent Expense	1,500
Telephone	2,805
Continuing Education/Seminars	90
Truck Expense	3,178
Utilities	12,050
Total Expenses	\$146,727
Operating Income	<u>\$ 27,887</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	
Interest Revenue	\$ 1,494
Interest Expense	(_7,042)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	\$ (5,548)
Net Income	\$ 22,339
Beginning Retained Earnings	<u>250,339</u>
Ending Retained Earnings	\$272,678

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

REDDELL-VIDRINE WATER DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

		1998
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net Income from operating activities	\$	27,877
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables (Increase)/Decrease in Prepaids Increase/(Decrease) in Payables Increase/(Decrease) in Meter Deposits Total Adjustments Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ \$ \$	13,958 81) 671) 1,408 1,805 16,419 44,296
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
	\$1	121,092)
Payments for property, plant & equipment	•	9,500)
Note Principle payments	•	•
Loan Proceeds		<u>112,945</u>
Net cash provided/(used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>\$ (</u>	17,647)
Cash flows from investing activities:		1 404
Interest Received	\$,	1,494
Interest Paid		7,042)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>\$.(</u>	<u>5,548)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$	21,101
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		41,211
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$</u>	62,322

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

REDDELL-VIDRINE WATER DISTRICT Notes to Financial Statements As of December 31, 1998

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Reddell-Vidrine Water District of Evangeline Parish, Louisiana was created by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury on July 14, 1967.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying component unit financial statements of the Reddell-Vidrine Water District of Evangeline Parish, Louisiana have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for established governmental units.

Reporting Entity

This report includes all of the funds and account groups of the District. It includes all activities considered to be part of (controlled by or dependent on) the District.

Fund Accounting

The Reddell-Vidrine Water District, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana is organized and operated on a fund basis whereby a self-balancing set of accounts (Proprietary Fund) is maintained that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenses. The operations are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise, where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Basis of Accounting

A proprietary fund is used to account for the operation of the water system.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The Proprietary Fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and a determination of net income and capital maintenance. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are

included on the balance sheet. The Enterprise Fund uses the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by Proprietary Funds is charged as an expense against their operations, accumulated depreciation is reported on Proprietary Fund Balance Sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Water System	50	Years
Wells	50	Years
Meters	50	Years
Line Extensions	50	Years
Equipment	5-10	Years

NOTE B - PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of Proprietary Fund Type property, plant, and equipment at December 31, 1998 follows:

Land	\$	24,500
Equipment		42,409
Water System		470,215
Construction in Progress		107,080
Total	\$	644,204
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		188,410)
Net	<u>\$</u>	<u>455,794</u>

NOTE C - PROPRIETARY FUND DEBT

FHA Note #1:

\$250,000 of Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1969, bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum payable annually on January 1st of each year.

The annual requirement to amortize this debt outstanding as of December 31, 1998 are as follows:

Year Ending	
December 31,	Amount
2000	\$ 9,000
2001	9,000
2002	10,000
2003	10,000
2004-2009	73,000
Total	\$111,000

FHA Note #2

\$25,000 of Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1974, bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum payable annually on January 1st of each year.

The annual requirements to amortize this debt outstanding at December 31, 1998 are as follows:

Year Ending	
December 31,	Amount
2000	\$ 500
2001	500
2002	500
2003	500
2004	1,000
2005-2014	10,000
Total	\$13,000

FHA Note #3:

\$225,000 Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1998, bearing interest at the rate of 4 3/4% per annum. Payments of \$1,057.50 will be due on the 11th day of each month beginning June 11, 1999 through May 11, 2038. As of December 31, 1998, \$106,935 of the \$225,000 bond issue had been advanced to the District.

The annual requirements to amortize this debt are as follows:

Year Ending	
December 31,	<u>Amount</u>
1999	\$ 1,182
2000	2,104
2001	2,206
2002	2,313
2003	2,426
2004-2038	214,769
Total	<u>\$225,000</u>

Note Payable to Guaranty Bank of Mamou:

\$6,010.00 Note Payable dated March 13, 1998 bearing interest at the rate of 7.25% per annum. The balance outstanding at December 31, 1998 was \$6,010.00. The note had an original maturity date of April 4, 1998 but was not paid until January, 1999. The note is secured by the District's certificate of deposit on deposit with Guaranty Bank of Mamou.

The annual requirement to amortize this debt outstanding at December 31, 1998 are as follows:

 Year Ending
 Amount

 December 31,
 Amount

 1999
 \$6,010

 Total
 \$6,010

NOTE D - SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO COMMISSIONERS

Name of Commissioner	Amount
James B. Deshotel	\$1,200
Bobby Deville	600
Louray Guillory	50
Kyle Fontenot	600
JB Fontenot	350
Willie Spears	600
JC Landreneau	50
Scott Deshotels	50
Total	\$3,500

NOTE E - COLLATERALIZATION OF CASH

All cash was insured by FDIC insurance at December 31, 1998.

NOTE F - LITIGATION

In the opinion of the District's attorney, the claims and potential claims against the District not covered by insurance would not materially affect the Financial Statements of the District.

NOTE G - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The statement of cash flows included in the accompanying component unit financial statements presents cash and cash equivalents at the beginning and end of the period. Cash equivalents are defined as short-term, highly liquid investments that are both:

- a. Readily convertible to known amounts of cash.
- b. So near their maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value because of changes in interest rates.

A statement of cash flows focuses on cash receipts and cash payments resulting from operating, non capital financing, capital and related financing, or investing activities.

Operating activities generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods, and include all transactions and other events that are not defined as investing activities. Cash flows from operating activities generally are the cash effects of transactions and other events that enter into the determination of operating income.

Non capital financing activities include borrowing money for purposes other than to acquire, construct, or improve capital assets and repaying those amounts borrowed, including interest. This category includes proceeds from all borrowings (such as revenue anticipation notes) not clearly attributable to acquisition, construction or improvement of capital assets, regardless of the form of the borrowing. Also included are certain other interfund and intergovernmental receipts and payments.

Capital and related financing activities include (a) acquiring and disposing of capital assets used in providing services or producing goods, (b) borrowing money for acquiring, constructing, or improving capital assets and repaying the amounts borrowed, including interest, and (c) paying for capital assets obtained from vendors on credit.

Investing activities include making and collecting loans and acquiring and disposing of debt or equity instruments.

A comparative statement of cash flows is not presented in the accompanying component unit financial statements as the prior year (the year ended December 31, 1997) was not audited.

NOTE N - "YEAR 2000" ISSUE

The "Year 2000" problem is the result of computer programs being written using two digits rather than four to define the applicable year. The District has begun the awareness stage of implementing a "Year 2000" compliant system. This stage involves establishing a budget and project plan for dealing with the "Year 2000" issue. The District has yet to enter the assessment, remediation, and validation/testing stages. The District has not estimated the cost of addressing the "Year 2000" issue nor has it committed a significant amount of resources to make computer systems and other electronic equipment "Year 2000" - compliant. The impact on the District's operations of failing to make its systems "Year 2000" - compliant in a timely manner cannot presently be determined.

NOTE I - REQUIRED DEPOSITS INTO SINKING, RESERVE FUNDS, AND DEPRECIATION AND CONTINGENCY FUNDS

The District did not make required monthly deposits into its Sinking, Reserve, and Depreciation and Contingency Funds as required by its bond agreements with Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration). Management was not aware of this requirement.

NOTE J - AUDIT NOT TIMELY COMPLETED

The audit the District's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1998 was completed more than three months after the close of its year. This is a violation of its 1998 bond agreement with Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration). Management was unaware of this requirement and will request from Rural Development to change the audit due date to the state requirement of six months after the close of the year under audit.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Commissioners Reddell-Vidrine Water District Ville Platte, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statements of Reddell-Vidrine Water District, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued my report thereon dated June 25, 1999. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Reddell-Vidrine Water District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 1998-2 and 1998-3.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Reddell-Vidrine Water District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting.

However, I noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control

over financial reporting that, in my judgment, could adversely affect Reddell-Vidrine Water District's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 1998-1, 1998-2, and 1998-3.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions, and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the reportable conditions described above, I consider items 1998-2 and 1998-3 to be a material weakness.

This report is intended for the information of management, the commission members, and the Legislative Auditor. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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REDDELL-VIDRINE WATER DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

I have audited the financial statements of Reddell-Vidrine Water District, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued my report thereon dated June 25, 1999. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. My audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 1998 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ Yes _No Reportable Conditions $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ Yes _No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements XYes _No

Section II Financial Statement Findings

1998-1. Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Finding:

The segregation of duties is inadequate to provide effective

internal control.

Cause:

The condition is due to economic and space limitations.

Recommendation: No action is recommended.

1998-2. Failure to Make Required Monthly Sinking, Reserve, and Depreciation and Contingency Fund Deposits

Finding:

The District did not make monthly deposits into the Sinking, Reserve, and Depreciation and Contingency Funds as required by its bond agreements with Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration).

Cause:

Management was not aware of this requirement.

Recommendation: Management should make monthly deposits into its Sinking, Reserve, and Depreciation and Contingency Fund as required by its bond agreements with Rural Development (formerly Farmers

Home Administration).

1998-3. Audit not timely completed

Finding:

The audit of the District's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1998 was completed more than three months after the close of the year, a violation of its 1998 bond agreement with Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home

Administration).

Cause:

Management was not aware of this requirement.

Recommendation: Management should ensure that the audit of its annual

financial statements is completed by the date required by its

bond agreements.

REDDELL-VIDRINE WATER DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

SECTION I INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Violation of State Bid Law.

Resolved.