

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS BASED ON AN AUDIT
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS ISSUED BY THE GAO**

The Board of Directors
Sabine Parish Tourist and
Recreation Commission
Merry, Louisiana

I have audited the component unit financial statements of the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission, Merry, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996, and have issued my report thereon dated September 18, 1996.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, 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.

Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission is the responsibility of the Commission's management. As a part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of the Commission's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, my objective was not to provide an opinion on the overall compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

I noted certain internal instances of noncompliance that I have reported to the management of the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission, Merry, Louisiana in a separate letter dated September 18, 1996.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.



EUGENE W. FREMAUX II, CPA

September 18, 1996

BAHINE PARISH TOURIST AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STATE, LOUISIANA
NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR END, 1985

(ii) Summary of significant accounting policies

The Bahine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission, Bayou, Louisiana, was created by an ordinance of the Bahine Parish Police Jury. The Commission is a political subdivision of the Bahine Parish Police Jury, whose members are elected officials. This report includes all funds and account groups which are controlled by or dependent on the Board of Directors of the Bahine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission. Control by or dependence on the Commission was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, and other general oversight responsibility. Based on this criteria, there is no other governmental body that should be included in these statements. The accompanying financial statements consist only of the fund and account group of the Bahine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission and do not present information on the Bahine Parish Police Jury.

The accounting and reporting practices of the Bahine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the general requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:117 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Governmental Model Guide, and to the industry audit guide, *Guides of State and Local Governmental Units*, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices the Commission now follows:

Fund accounting - The accounts of the Tourist and Recreation Commission are operated on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of the general fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise the assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. Government revenues are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the assets by which spending activities are controlled. The funds are grouped in this report into one general fund type and one broad fund category as follows:

Governmental Fund -

General Fund -

The general fund is the general operating fund of the Commission. It is used to account for all financial resources of the Commission.

Fund assets and long-term liabilities - The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fund assets and long-term liabilities associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. The general fund is accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on its balance sheet. Its reported fund balance is considered a measure of "available spendable resources".

Fund assets used in general fund operations (general fund assets) are accounted for in the General Fund Assets Account Group, and are recorded as expenditures in the general fund when purchased. No depreciation has been recorded on general fund assets.

All fund assets are valued at historical cost.

This account group is not a "fund". It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position. It is not involved with measurement of results of operation.

Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from governmental fund types are accounted

SABINE PARISH TOURIST AND RECREATION COMMISSION
BIENVILLE, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1996 AND 1995

	1996	1995
Revenues:		
Hotel - motel tax	\$55,376	\$49,992
Miscellaneous income	2,290	3,627
Interest income	218	540
Total revenues	<u>\$57,748</u>	<u>\$54,100</u>
Expenditures:		
General government:		
Advertising, printing and publicity	19,843	12,029
Administrative fee	19,820	14,700
Shows and travel expense	9,890	11,389
Office supplies	1,700	1,525
Professional fees	950	950
Insurance	973	870
Telephones	2,098	2,417
Dues	300	300
Interest	287	507
Collection fees	591	942
Total general government	<u>\$60,483</u>	<u>47,094</u>
Capital outlay	7,801	19,011
Total expenditures	<u>\$68,284</u>	<u>66,105</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	222	(14,805)
Fund balance, beginning	4,500	19,032
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$4,428</u>	<u>\$4,200</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

CABINE PARISH TOURIST AND RECREATION COMMISSION
 BAYNE, LOUISIANA
 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET — ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
 JUNE 30, 1990 AND 1989

	GOVERNMENT FUND TYPE GENERAL FUND	ACCOUNT GROUP GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY) JUNE 30,	
			1990	1989
ASSETS				
Cash	\$1,481	\$0	\$1,481	\$5,594
Accounts receivable	5,709	0	5,709	5,809
Office furniture and equipment	0	8,421	8,421	7,909
Automobiles	0	20,543	20,543	19,211
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long- term debt	0	0	0	0
Total assets	\$7,200	\$28,964	\$35,904	\$38,723
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$2,772	\$0	\$2,772	\$4,401
Notes payable	0	0	0	4,189
Total liabilities	2,772	0	2,772	8,590
Fund equity:				
Investment in general fixed assets	0	28,964	28,964	28,914
Fund balance — unreserved	4,428	0	4,428	4,208
Total fund equity	4,428	28,964	33,392	33,122
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$7,200	\$28,964	\$35,904	\$38,721

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW)

Certified Public Accountant

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors
Sabine Parish Tourist and
Recreation Commission
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying component unit financial statements of the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission, Bayou, Louisiana, a component unit of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, and the individual fund and account group financial statements of the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission, Bayou, Louisiana, as of June 30, 1996 and for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial and compliance audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. These 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 in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission, Bayou, Louisiana, a component unit of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, as of June 30, 1996, and the results of its operations, and changes in fund balances for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in my opinion, the individual fund and account group financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the individual fund and account group of the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission at June 30, 1996, and the results of the operations of such funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

My audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the component unit financial statements taken as a whole and on the individual fund and account group financial statements. The accompanying supplementary schedules and related information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the component unit, individual fund, and account group financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements of the respective individual fund and account group, taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated September 16, 1996 on my consideration of the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission, Bayou, Louisiana's internal control structure and a report dated September 16, 1996 on the compliance with laws and regulations.

The financial information for the year ended June 30, 1995, which is included for comparative purposes, were taken from the financial report for that year in which I expressed an unqualified opinion dated August 24, 1995, on the component unit, individual fund, and account group financial statements of the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission, Bayou, Louisiana.

Eugene W. Fremeux II, CPA
September 16, 1996

BARORE PARISH TOURIST AND RECREATION COMMISSION
HAAT, LOUISIANA
JUNE 30, 1991

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September 18, 1996

Certified Public Accountant

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337-284-2411**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
STRUCTURE RELATED MATTERS COVERED IN A FINANCIAL
STATEMENT AUDIT CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

The Board of Directors
Sabine Parish Tourist and
Recreation Commission
Basy, Louisiana

I have audited the component unit financial statements of the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission, Basy, Louisiana, for the year ended June 30, 1994, and have issued my report thereon dated September 15, 1994.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, 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.

The management of the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission, Basy, Louisiana, is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, selection and judgment by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are recorded in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing my audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission, Basy, Louisiana, for the year ended June 30, 1994, I obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, I obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and I assessed control risk in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

My consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose 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. I noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

SABINE PARISH TOURIST AND RECREATION COMMISSION
 MONY, LOUISIANA
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS
 JUNE 30, 1990 AND 1995

	1990	1995
General fixed assets, at cost:		
Equipment -- display furniture and fixtures	\$5,798	\$5,280
Office furniture and fixtures	2,143	2,143
Photographic equipment	480	480
Automobile	20,243	18,011
Total general fixed assets	\$28,664	\$25,914
Investment in general fixed assets:		
General fund revenues	\$28,664	\$25,914

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SABINE PARISH TOURIST AND RECREATION COMMISSION
 MONY, LOUISIANA
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1995

	Equipment-- display furniture & fixtures	Office furniture & fixtures	Photo Equipment	Auto
Balance, beginning of year	\$5,280	\$2,143	\$480	\$19,011
Additions	5,798	0	0	1,232
Deductions	(5,280)	0	0	0
Balance, end of year	\$5,798	\$2,143	\$480	\$20,243

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

To account for fixed assets used in general fund operations.

IBERNE PARISH TOURIST AND RECREATION COMMISSION
 MONY, LOUISIANA
 GENERAL FUND
 COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
 JUNE 30, 1996 AND 1995

ASSETS	1996	1995
Cash	\$1,481	\$6,866
Accounts receivable	<u>5,799</u>	<u>5,805</u>
Total assets	<u>\$7,280</u>	<u>\$12,671</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$2,772	\$4,401
Note payable	<u>0</u>	<u>4,390</u>
Total liabilities	2,772	8,791
Fund balance - unreserved	<u>4,508</u>	<u>4,206</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$7,280</u>	<u>\$12,987</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

GENERAL FUND

To account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF INDIVIDUAL FUND
AND ACCOUNT GROUP

RAHINE PARISH TOURISM AND RECREATION COMMISSION
RAHINE, LOUISIANA
STATE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1996

(6) Operations

The Commission operates as a political subdivision created by the Sabine Parish Police Jury, therefore it is exempt from income tax and is not required to file an annual information return.

(7) Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable at June 30, 1996, consisted of sales taxes due for the month of June in the amount of \$5,504.

(8) DEBTS

The Sabine Parish Tourism and Recreation Commission was not involved in any capital or operating leases at June 30, 1996.

(9) CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Louisiana Revised Statutes authorize the commission to invest in United States bonds, United States or certificates, time certificates of deposit, or any other federally insured investment.

Investments are stated at cost, which approximates market value. These investments, which are deposited in interest-bearing money market accounts, and all bank deposits are fully insured through Federal depository insurance.

(10) Changes in general fixed assets

	Balance July 1, 1995	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 1996
Equipment—display Furniture and fixtures	\$ 1,380	\$1,780	\$5,280	\$ 1,380
Office Furniture & fixtures	1,143			2,343
Photographic equipment	480			480
Automobile	18,001	1,500		19,501
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	\$21,004	\$7,010	\$5,280	\$22,734
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(11) NOTE DEBTS

The Sabine Parish Tourism and Recreation Commission entered into an agreement with a local bank to borrow \$10,000 on March 11, 1995. The note provided for interest at a variable rate, with an initial rate of 10%, and an initial maturity of June 30, 1996, which was extended until November 1995. This obligation is unsecured. The note was paid off in the year ended June 30, 1996.

(12) Compensation of directors

The directors received no compensation or per diem during the year ended June 30, 1996.

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**Sabine Parish Tourist and
Recreation Commission**

Bay, Louisiana

FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1986

Under provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of the report has been submitted to the audited, or reviewed, entity and other appropriate public officials. The report is available for public inspection at the Baton Rouge office of the Legislative Auditor and, where appropriate, at the office of the parish clerk of court.

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SABINE PARISH TOURIST AND RECREATION COMMISSION
NEWY, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1988

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Revenues:			
Hotel - motel tax			
Miscellaneous income	\$40,000	\$55,270	\$15,270
Interest income	500	2,200	1,600
	<u>240</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>(22)</u>
Total revenues	40,740	57,748	17,008
Expenditures:			
General government:			
Advertising and publicity	10,000	15,500	(5,500)
Administrative fee	10,100	18,000	(7,900)
Shoes and travel expense	10,000	9,500	500
Office supplies	2,000	1,700	300
Professional fees	500	950	(450)
Insurance	800	500	300
Telephone	2,000	2,000	0
Dues	500	300	200
Interest	704	357	347
Collection fees	1,000	801	199
Total general government	48,604	60,400	(11,796)
Capital outlay	0	7,000	(7,000)
Total expenditures	48,604	67,400	(18,796)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	500	220	(280)
Fund balance, beginning	4,708	4,208	500
Fund balance, ending	\$4,908	\$4,428	(480)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

BAHUIS PARISH TOURIST AND RECREATION COMMISSION
ORLY, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1984

(1) Summary of significant account policies (continued)

For is the General Long-Term Debt Account Group. This is not a fund but rather an account group that is used to account for the outstanding principal balances of long-term debt.

Basis of accounting - Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement force applied.

The general fund is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become available as non-current assets. Hotel taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and interest are accrued when their receipt occurs even though after the end of the accounting period to be both measurable and available.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Budget practices - The Commission prepares and adopts an annual budget, the dollar amounts being allocated to the various expenditure categories based upon the total amount of anticipated revenues. All expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts were approved by the Commission, even though never formally incorporated in the budget by amendment. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each year.

Comparative data - Comparative total data for the prior year have been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the Commission's financial position and operations. However, comparative (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by Fund type) data have not been presented in each of the statements since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

Total columns on combined statements - asterisks - Total columns on the combined statements - asterisks are captioned "unaudited" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a certification. Inferred adjustments have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

(2) Pending Litigation

The Bahuis Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission is not involved in any litigation as June 30, 1984.

(3) Tax Revenue

The Commission is authorized to levy and collect sales taxes at the rate of 7% of certain sales by tourist enterprises. Effective July 1, 1984 the Commission replaced the sales tax ordinance as adopted by the Bahuis Parish Police Jury on July 17, 1974 with an ordinance to collect a 7% occupancy tax within the framework provided by Act No. 47 of the 1981 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. During the year ended June 30 1983, the Commission entered into an agreement with the Bahuis Parish Police and the Tax Commission (Tax Commission) to authorize the Tax Commission to collect the occupancy tax beginning February 1, 1982.

(4) Administrative Fee

The Commission shares staffing and occupancy expenses with the Bahuis Parish Chamber of Commerce. Salaries, rent and utilities are paid by the Bahuis Parish Chamber of Commerce. A fixed monthly assessment is paid by the commission to the chamber to reimburse the cost of services provided by the chamber to the Commission.

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The Board of Directors
Nobles Parish Tourist and
Recreation Commission
Noye, Louisiana

In connection with my audit of the completed unit financial statements of the Nobles Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission, Noye, Louisiana for the year ended June 30, 1968, I offer the following observations and recommendations, which are intended to help improve the operations of the Commission and are to be constructive in nature:

1. EXISTING CONDITIONS

The Commission did not issue Form 1099s as required by the Internal Revenue Service.

Recommended action

The Commission should issue Form 1099s as required by regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service.

Management's response

The Commission will issue Form 1099s as required in the future.

2. EXISTING CONDITIONS

The Commission expenses for the year ended June 30, 1968 exceeded the budget by 18%, which is greater than the five percent allowed by Louisiana law. The Commission approved three expenditures, however the budget was not amended to reflect the increased level of expenditures.

Recommended action

The impact on the budget of major expenditures near the end of the year should be considered before approval is given by the Commission to proceed with the project. If needed the budget should be amended before the project is begun.

Management's response

The Commission will do a better job of monitoring the budget during the year, particularly near the end of the year.

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The above observations and recommendations are not all inclusive. I would like to thank you for your cooperation during my engagement.

Sincerely,



EUGENE W. FREMAUX II, CPA

September 16, 1968