

**Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
Greenwood, Louisiana
Financial Statements With Auditors' Report**

As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
Greenwood, Louisiana

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Commissioners
Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
Greenwood, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three, a component unit of the Caddo Parish Commission, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on pages 29 – 30, the Schedule of Contributions on page 32, and the Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability on page 31, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information, Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head, shown on page 33, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head, shown on page 33, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 29, 2025, on our consideration of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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Certified Public Accountants
May 29, 2025

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
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Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 473,778
Investments	2,213,816
Accounts receivable:	
Ad valorem tax	2,633,133
Assessment - service charge	473,243
Sales tax	236,794
Prepaid expenses	27,770
Capital assets:	
Land	274,881
Construction in progress	3,056,597
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>4,069,695</u>
Total assets	<u>13,459,707</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension related	<u>1,534,918</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	431,563
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	44,408
Due in more than one year	<u>4,080,514</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,556,485</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Unavailable revenue - property taxes and assessment - service charges	3,199,272
Pension related	<u>357,797</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>3,557,069</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	6,332,296
Unrestricted	<u>548,775</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 6,881,071</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
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Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

		Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Functions / Programs:					
Governmental Activities					
Public safety - fire protection	\$ 4,881,959	\$ 517,402	\$ 346,967	\$ 272,148	\$ (3,745,442)
Interest on long-term debt	20,734				(20,734)
Total governmental activities	4,902,693	517,402	346,967	272,148	(3,766,176)
General revenues:					
Assessment - service charge					470,504
Ad valorem tax					2,613,333
Sales tax					1,952,055
Interest income					83,233
State revenue sharing					27,810
Fire insurance rebate					43,689
Miscellaneous					16,054
Total general revenues					5,206,678
Change in net position					1,440,502
Net position beginning					5,440,569
Net position ending					\$ 6,881,071

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
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Balance Sheet
Governmental Fund
December 31, 2024

	<u>General Fund</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ 473,778
Investments	2,213,816
Accounts receivable	
Ad valorem tax	2,633,133
Assessment - service charge	473,243
Sales tax	<u>236,794</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 6,030,764</u></u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 431,563
Total liabilities	<u>431,563</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	
Unavailable revenue - property taxes and assessment-service charges	<u>3,199,272</u>
Fund balance	
Unassigned	<u>2,399,929</u>
Total fund balance	<u>2,399,929</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 6,030,764</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of the Governmental Fund
to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

Fund balances - total governmental fund		\$ 2,399,929
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental fund.		7,401,173
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Other long-term amounts are not available to pay for current -period expenditures and therefore are not available in the fund:

Deferred outflows of resources - pension related		1,534,918
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Long-term liabilities and other amounts, including compensated absences, bonds payable, net pension liabilities, and interest payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental fund:

Revenue bonds payable	(1,068,877)		
Compensated absences	(9,256)		
Net pension liability	(3,046,789)		
Deferred inflows of resources - pension related	<u>(357,797)</u>		(4,482,719)

The nonallocation method of accounting for prepayment is used in the fund statements, since the prepayment does not provide expendable financial resources.

		<u>27,770</u>
Net position of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 6,881,071</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	General Fund
Revenues	
Ad valorem tax	\$ 2,613,333
Service charge assessment	470,504
Charges for services - transport fees	517,402
Sales tax	1,952,055
Intergovernmental revenue:	
State revenue sharing	27,810
Fire insurance rebate	43,689
State supplemental pay on-behalf payments	163,350
State grants	287,038
Interest income	83,233
Miscellaneous	16,054
Total revenues	<u>6,174,468</u>
Expenditures	
Current - fire protection	4,563,108
Capital outlay	4,518,982
Debt service	
Interest	<u>20,734</u>
Total expenditures	<u>9,102,824</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(2,928,356)</u>
Other financing sources	
Debt proceeds	<u>1,037,427</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>1,037,427</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,890,929)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>4,290,858</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u><u>\$ 2,399,929</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Net change in fund balance - total governmental fund	\$ (1,890,929)
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental fund report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays (\$4,518,982) exceeds depreciation (\$393,997) in the current period.	4,124,985
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Revenues that are not available to pay current obligations are not reported in the governmental fund.

Nonemployer contributions to cost-sharing pension plan	168,727
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The nonallocation method of accounting for prepayments is used in the fund statements, since the prepayment does not provide expendable financial resources.	2,843
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Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.

Revenue bonds	(1,037,427)
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental fund.

Compensated absences	46,621	
Pension expense - decrease	25,682	72,303

Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 1,440,502
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
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Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2024

INTRODUCTION

The Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three (the District) was created by resolution of the Caddo Parish Commission on April 11, 1984, to purchase and maintain fire equipment and to provide fire protection for the people of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three. The District is governed by a board of commissioners consisting of 5 members: 2 members are appointed by the Caddo Parish Commission; 2 members are appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Greenwood; and one member, who is the chairman, is appointed by the other 4 board members. Members serve two-year terms and receive no compensation for their services.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's financial statements are prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three are discussed below.

A. Reporting Entity

Because the Caddo Parish Commission appoints two members of the governing board and because the District operates within the geographical boundaries of Caddo Parish, The District was determined to be a component unit of the Caddo Parish Commission, the governing body of the parish and the governmental body with oversight responsibility. This report includes only funds which are maintained by the District and does not present information on the Caddo Parish Commission, the general government service provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the Commission.

B. Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Statements

The Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the funds maintained by the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's general fund is classified as governmental activities. The Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three does not have any business-type activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the governmental activities column is presented on a consolidated basis and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's net position is reported in two parts – invested in capital assets (net of related debt), and unrestricted net position.

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The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's functions. The functions are supported by program revenues and general government revenues. The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by any related program revenues, which must be directly associated with the function. Program revenues of the District consist of transport fees billed to insurance companies and individuals, nonemployer contributions to cost-sharing pension plan, and other grants. The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenues.

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three as an entity and the change in the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

C. Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three are recorded in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three:

Governmental Funds – the focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental fund of the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three:

- a. General fund is the general operating fund of the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in the governmental category. GASB sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of either fund category or the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The District's general fund was determined to be a major fund.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

1. Accrual:

The governmental funds in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

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Revenues of the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three consist principally of property taxes, sales taxes, service charges on property, transport fees collected from billings, grants, other intergovernmental revenues, and interest income. Property taxes and service charges are recorded in the year for which the taxes are levied. Property taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. Because the 2024 tax levy and service charge assessment are intended to fund the 2025 fiscal year, the levy and assessment have been recorded as a receivable and deferred inflows of resources. Interest income is recorded when earned. Transport fees, grants, and other intergovernmental revenues are recorded when received because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Sales taxes are recognized in the period in which the underlying exchange has occurred.

2. Modified Accrual:

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual: i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due. Depreciation is not recognized in the governmental fund financial statements.

E. Budgets

The District uses the following budget practices:

1. A preliminary budget for the ensuing year is prepared by the Fire Chief and Officers of the District prior to December 31 of each year and is made available for public inspection at least fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
2. After completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted by the Board of Commissioners.
3. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
4. The budget is established and controlled by the board of commissioners at the object level of expenditure. All changes in the budget must be approved by the board.
5. The budget is adopted on a cash basis for the general fund. One amendment was made to the 2024 budget.

F. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

Cash includes amounts in petty cash, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or money market accounts with state banks organized under

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Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States. Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 33:2955. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are carried at fair value.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at acquisition value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	24 – 37 years
Equipment	3 – 33 years

H. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has deferred outflows of resources related to pensions reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

The District's governmental activities and governmental fund report a separate section for *deferred inflows of resources*. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has items that meet this definition and qualify for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item "unavailable revenue" is reported in the governmental fund balance sheet and statement of net position. The District reports unavailable revenue from two sources: property taxes and assessment – service charges. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period for which the amounts were levied and budgeted. The District also has deferred inflows of resources related to pensions reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

I. Compensated Absences

The District has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

After one year of service, fireman earn from 18 to 28 days of annual leave each year, depending on their length of service. Annual leave must be taken in the year earned. Unused annual leave cannot be accumulated. Upon termination, employees are paid for any earned but unused annual leave in the year of termination. The current portion of compensated absences payable (the amount estimated to be used during the period of availability) is recorded as a liability in the fund

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financial statements. The entire balance of compensated absences payable is recognized as a liability in the government-wide financial statements. The non-current portion represents a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide statements.

Each full-time employee is entitled to full pay during sickness or incapacity not brought about by his or her own negligence or culpable indiscretion, for a period of not less than 52 weeks, during any calendar year.

J. Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

K. Assessment – Service Charge

A primary revenue source is the service charge fee assessed by the District. The District is authorized to levy a fee to assess persons owning each residential or commercial structure located wholly or partly within the boundaries of said District. The amount of the assessment is \$110 per year.

L. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

M. Fund Balances

GASB defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes. GASB requires the fund balance amounts to be reported within one of the fund balance categories list below.

1. Nonspendable fund balances are amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form, such as inventory or prepaid expenses, or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact, such as a trust that must be retained in perpetuity.
2. Restricted fund balances are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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3. Committed fund balances include amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes as a result of constraints imposed by the District's board of commissioners (the District's highest level of decision making authority). Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District's board of commissioners removes those constraints by taking the same type of action (i.e. legislation, resolution, or ordinance).
4. Assigned fund balances are amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The District's board of commissioners have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.
5. Unassigned fund balance are the residual classification for the District's general fund and include all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then unrestricted fund balance. Furthermore, committed fund balances are reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

N. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities in the statement of net position. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

O. Sales Tax

A special election was held on November 16, 2019 in which a 1% sales and use tax was passed by the voters. The sales tax began January 1, 2020, with proceeds of tax, after paying the reasonable and necessary costs of collecting and administering the tax, to be dedicated and used for any lawful purpose of the District, including, but not limited to, acquiring, constructing, improving, operating and maintaining fire protection facilities and purchasing fire trucks and other firefighting equipment.

P. Fair Value Measurements

Generally accepted accounting principles require disclosure to be made about fair value measurements, the level of fair value hierarchy, and valuation techniques. The fair value hierarchy categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels:

Level 1 inputs – The valuation is based on quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities traded in active markets;

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Level 2 inputs – The valuation is based on quoted market prices for similar instruments traded in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;

Level 3 inputs – The valuation is determined by using the best information available under the circumstances and might include the government's own data but should adjust those data if (a) reasonably available information indicates that other market participants would use different data or (b) there is something particular to the government that is not available to other market participants.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

(2) Levied Taxes

The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

	<u>Authorized Millage</u>	<u>Levied Millage</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Operating	17.71	17.71	2039

(3) Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

At December 31, 2024, the District had cash, cash equivalents and investments (book balances), totaling \$2,687,594 as detailed below.

A. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

The District had cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2024 (book balances) totaling \$473,778 in interest bearing demand deposits and money market accounts. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

B. Investments

At December 31, 2024, the District had investments totaling \$2,213,816 as follows:

Government backed mortgage securities	\$ 219,992
Certificates of deposit	379,993
Cash and money market funds	348,572
Louisiana Asset Management Pool	<u>1,265,259</u>
	<u>\$ 2,213,816</u>

At December 31, 2024, the District had investments totaling \$219,992 consisting of U.S. Government backed mortgage securities. The market value of this particular type of investment is not materially different from its carrying amount. The investments are in the name of the

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District, held by an investment company and are insured by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. These investments are presented in the financial statements at fair value using level 1 fair value measure.

The certificates of deposits have initial maturities greater than 90 days and are carried at cost, which approximates market. Cash and money market funds are carried at cost, which approximates market. These are presented in the financial statements at fair value using level 2 fair value measure.

At December 31, 2024, the District had investments that consist of investments in Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) totaling \$1,265,259.

The Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) is a local government investment pool. In accordance with GASB codification section 150.126, the investment in LAMP at the District is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section 150.125 because the investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA-R.S. 33:2955.

GASB Statement No. 40 Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments.

LAMP is an investment pool that, to the extent practical, invests in a manner consistent with GASB Statement No. 79. The following facts are relevant for investment pools:

Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's.

Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.

Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.

Interest rate risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments. The WAM for LAMP's total investments is (NUMBER- days) (from LAMP's monthly Portfolio Holdings) as of (DATE – month-end).

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Foreign currency risk: Not applicable.

The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

C. Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank or other depository institution failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. As of December 31, 2024, \$282,779 of the District's bank balances of \$1,265,316 were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and collateral held by the pledging bank's trust department, not in the District's name:

Demand deposits	\$ <u>282,779</u>
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(4) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	Balance at Jan. 1, 2024	Additions	Deletions	Balance at Dec. 31, 2024
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 274,881	\$	\$	\$ 274,881
Construction in progress	538,711	2,517,886		3,056,597
	<u>813,592</u>	<u>2,517,886</u>		<u>3,331,478</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings & improvements	1,381,894			1,381,894
Equipment	4,249,483	2,001,096	(160,000)	6,090,579
Total capital assets, being depreciated at historical cost	<u>5,631,377</u>	<u>2,001,096</u>	<u>(160,000)</u>	<u>7,472,473</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	(740,094)	(54,769)		(794,863)
Equipment	(2,428,687)	(339,228)	160,000	(2,607,915)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,168,781)</u>	<u>(393,997)</u>	<u>160,000</u>	<u>(3,402,778)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>2,462,596</u>	<u>1,607,099</u>		<u>4,069,695</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 3,276,188</u>	<u>\$ 4,124,985</u>		<u>\$ 7,401,173</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$393,997.

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(5) Risk Management

The District purchases commercial insurance to provide workers compensation coverage and general liability and property insurance. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year.

(6) Pension Plan

The District participates in the State of Louisiana Firefighters' Retirement System (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan established by Act 434 of 1979 to provide retirement, disability and survivor benefits to firefighters in Louisiana.

PLAN DESCRIPTION

Benefit provisions are authorized within Act 434 of 1979 and amended by LRS 11:2251-11:2272. The following is a brief description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Eligibility Requirements

Any person who becomes an employee as defined in RS 11:2252 on and after January 1, 1980 shall become a member as a condition of employment. Members in the System consist of full-time firefighters, eligible employees of the retirement system, or any person in a position as defined in the municipal fire and police civil service system that earns at least \$375 per month, excluding state supplemental pay, and is employed by a fire department of any municipality, parish, or fire district of the State of Louisiana, except for Orleans Parish and the City of Baton Rouge.

No person who has attained age fifty or over shall become a member of the System, unless the person becomes a member by reason of a merger or unless the System received an application for membership before the applicant attained the age of fifty. No person who has not attained the age of 18 years shall become a member of the System.

Any person who has retired from service under any retirement system or pension fund maintained basically for public officers and employees of the state, its agencies or political subdivisions, and who is receiving retirement benefits therefrom may become a member of this System, provided the person meets all other requirements for membership. Service credit from the retirement system or pension plan from which the member is retired shall not be used for reciprocal recognition of service with this System, or for any other purpose in order to attain eligibility or increase the amount of service credit in this System.

Retirement Benefits

Employees with 20 or more years of service who have attained age 50, or employees who have 12 years of service who have attained age 55, or 25 years of service at any age are entitled to annual pension benefits equal to 3.333% of their average final compensation based on the 36 consecutive months of highest pay multiplied by their total years of service, not to exceed 100%. Employees may elect to receive their pension benefits in the form of a joint and survivor annuity.

If employees terminate before completing 12 years of service, they forfeit the right to receive the portion of their accumulated plan benefits attributable to their employer's contributions.

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Benefits are payable over the retirees' lives in the form of a monthly annuity. A member may elect the maximum benefit (unreduced benefit which ceases upon the member's death) or any of the six other options at retirement.

See R.S. 11:2256(A) for additional details on retirement benefits.

Disability Benefits

A member who acquires a disability, and who files for disability benefits while in service, and who upon medical examination and certification as provided for in Title 11, is found to have a total disability solely as the result of injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties, or for any cause, provided the member has at least five years of creditable service and provided that the disability was incurred while the member was an active contributing member in active service, shall be entitled to disability benefits under the provisions of R.S. 11:2258(B).

Death Benefits

Benefits shall be payable to the surviving eligible spouse or designated beneficiary of a deceased member as specified in R.S. 11:2256(B) and (C).

Deferred Retirement Option Plan

After completing 20 years of creditable service and attaining the age of 50 years, or 25 years at any age, a member may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to 36 months.

Upon commencement of participation in DROP, employer and employee contributions to the System cease. The monthly retirement benefit that would have been payable is paid into the member's DROP account. Upon termination of employment, a participant in the program has several options to receive their DROP benefit. A member may (1) elect to roll over all or a portion of their DROP balance into another eligible qualified plan, (2) receive a lump-sum payment from the account, (3) receive single withdrawals at the discretion of the member, (4) receive monthly or annual withdrawals, or (5) receive an annuity based on the DROP account balance. These withdrawals are in addition to his regular monthly benefit.

If employment is not terminated at the end of the 36 months, the participant resumes regular contributions to the System. No withdrawals may be made from the DROP account until the participant retires.

Initial Benefit Option Plan

Effective June 16, 1999, members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive, at the time of retirement, an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. Such amounts may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at the same rate as the DROP account.

Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs)

Under the provisions of R.S. 11:246 and 11:2260(A)(7), the board of trustees is authorized to grant retired members and widows of members who have retired an annual cost of living increase of up to 3% of their current benefit, and all retired members and widows who are 65 years of age and older a 2% increase in their original benefit. In order for the board to grant either of these increases, the System must meet certain criteria detailed in the statute related to funding status and interest earnings (R.S. 11:243). In lieu of these COLAs, pursuant to R.S. 11:241, the board may also grant an increase based on a formula equal to up to \$1 times the total number of years of credited

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service accrued at retirement or at death of the member or retiree plus the number of years since retirement or since death of the member or retiree to the system's fiscal year end preceding the payment of the benefit increase. If there are not sufficient funds to fund the benefit at the rate of one dollar per year for such total number of years, then the rate shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of funds that are available to fund the cost-of-living adjustment.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contribution requirements for employers, non-employer contributing entities, and employees are established and may be amended in accordance with Title 11 and Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Employer and Employee Contributions

According to State statute, employer contributions are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended June 30, 2024, employer and employee contribution rates for members above the poverty line were 33.25% and 10.00%, respectively. The employer and employee contribution rates for those members below the poverty line were 35.25% and 8.00%, respectively. The District's contributions to the System for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$619,912, \$408,203, and \$331,952, respectively. Included in contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024, are contributions in the amount of \$59,503 for the month of December 2024, which was remitted in January, 2025.

Non-employer contributions

According to state statute, the System receives insurance premium assessments from the state of Louisiana. The assessment is considered support from a non-employer contributing entity and appropriated by the legislature each year based on an actuarial study. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue during the year ended June 30, 2024, and were excluded from pension expense. Non-employer contributions received by the System during the year ended June 30, 2024 and attributable to the District were \$168,727.

**PENSION LIABILITIES, PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES
AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS**

At December 31, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$3,046,789 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the historical employer contributions. The employer's proportion was determined on a basis that is consistent with the manner in which contributions to the pension plan are determined. The allocation percentages were used in calculating each employer's proportionate share of the pension amounts.

The allocation method used in determining each employer's proportion was based on each-employer's contribution to the System during the year ended June 30, 2024, as compared to the total of all combined contributions to the System during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. At June 30, 2024, the District's proportion was .5411150%, which was an increase of .1463300% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$600,198, plus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and the difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, (\$5,968).

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At December 31, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 228,744	\$ 72,460
Changes of assumptions	130,342	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	30,819	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	810,420	285,337
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	334,593	
Total	<u>\$ 1,534,918</u>	<u>\$ 357,797</u>

The District reported a total of \$334,593 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of June 30, 2024, which will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2025.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expenses as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 55,295
2026	445,011
2027	(2,457)
2028	33,049
2029	178,463
2030	133,167
Total	<u>\$ 842,528</u>

ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 valuation were based on the assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 actuarial funding valuation, and were based on results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2019. In cases where benefit structures were changed after the study period, assumptions were based on estimates of future experience. A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2024, are as follows:

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Valuation Date	June 30, 2024
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost
Estimated Remaining Service Life	7 years, closed period
Investment Rate of Return	6.90% per annum (net of investment expenses, including inflation)
Inflation Rate	2.50% per annum
Salary increases	14.10% in the first two years of service to 5.20% with 3 or more years of service; includes inflation and merit increases.
Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs)	For the purpose of determining the present value of benefits, COLAs were deemed not to be substantially automatic and only those previously granted were included.

For June 30, 2024 valuation, assumptions for mortality rates were based on the following:

- For active members, mortality was set equal to the Pub-2010 Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees.
- For annuitants and beneficiaries, mortality was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees.
- For disabled retirees, mortality was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disabled Retirees.
- In all cases the base table was multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females, each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP2019 scale.

The long-term expected real rate of return is an important input into the actuary's determination of the reasonable range for the discount rate which is used in determining the total pension liability. The actuary's method incorporates information from multiple consultants and investments firms regarding future expected rates of return, standard deviation, and correlation coefficients for each asset class. The process integrates data from multiple sources to produce average values thereby reducing reliance on a single data source.

The June 30, 2024, the estimated long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined by the System's actuary using the System's target asset allocation as of January 2024 and the Curran Actuarial Consulting average study for 2024. The consultant's average study included projected nominal rates of return, standard deviations of returns, and correlations of returns for a list of common asset classes collected from several investment consultants and investment management firms. Each consultant's response included nominal expected long-term rates of return. In order to arrive at long term expected arithmetic real rates of return, the actuary normalized the data received from the consultant's responses in the following ways. Where nominal returns received were arithmetic, the actuary simply reduced the return assumption by the long-term inflation assumption. Where nominal returns were geometric, the actuary converted the return to arithmetic by adjusting for the long-term standard deviation and then reduced the assumption by the long-term inflation assumption. Using the target asset allocation for the System and the average values for expected

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real rates of return, standard deviation of returns, and correlation of returns, an arithmetic nominal rate of return and standard deviation for the portfolio was determined. The target asset allocation changed slightly from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024. These changes included a decrease to target weight in U.S. public equity, a decrease to emerging market equity, a decrease to US. Core fixed income, and an increase to multisector fixed income. The System's long-term assumed rate of inflation of 2.50% was used in this process for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024, are summarized in the following tables:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rates of Return</u>
Fixed income		
U.S. Core Fixed Income	22.00%	2.09%
U.S. TIPS	2.00%	2.00%
Emerging Market Debt	2.00%	4.05%
Global Multisector Fixed Income	4.00%	2.34%
Equity		
U.S. Equity	28.50%	6.24%
Non-US Equity	11.00%	6.36%
Global Equity	10.00%	6.42%
Emerging Market Equity	4.50%	8.26%
Alternatives		
Real Estate	4.00%	4.85%
Private Equity/Private Debt	9.00%	9.77%
Real Assets	3.00%	5.93%
Totals	<u>100.00%</u>	

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates, and that contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially-determined rates approved by the Board of Trustees and by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

SENSITIVITY TO CHANGES IN DISCOUNT RATE

The following represents the net pension liability of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of 6.90%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate as of June 30, 2024.

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	Changes in Discount Rate		
	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	5.90%	6.90%	7.90%
Net Pension Liability	\$ 5,058,307	\$3,046,789	\$ 1,368,988

CHANGE IN NET PENSION LIABILITY

The changes in the net pension liability for the year ended June 30, 2024, were recognized in the current reporting period as pension expense except as follows:

Differences between Expected and Actual Experience:

The differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic or demographic factors in the measurement of the total pension liability were recognized as pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.

Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings:

The differences between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed five-year period.

Changes of Assumptions:

The changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.

Change in Proportion:

Changes in the employer's proportionate shares of the collective net pension liability and collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources since the prior measurement date were recognized in employer's pension expense (benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan.

CONTRIBUTIONS - PROPORTIONATE SHARE

Differences between contributions remitted to the System and the employer's proportionate share are recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with a pension through the pension plan. The resulting deferred inflow/outflow and amortization is not reflected in the schedule of employer amounts due to differences that could arise between contributions reported by the System and contributions reported by the participating employer.

PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

Plan fiduciary net position is a significant component of the System's collective net pension liability. The System's plan fiduciary net position was determined using the accrual basis of accounting. The System's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses were recorded with the use of estimates and

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assumptions in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such estimates primarily related to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements and estimates over the determination of the fair market value of the System's investments. Accordingly, actual results may differ from estimated amounts. The Plan's fiduciary net position has been determined on the same basis as that used by the plan. Detailed information about the fiduciary net position is available in a stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. Access to these reports can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, www.la.gov.

RETIREMENT SYSTEM AUDIT REPORT

Firefighters' Retirement System issued a stand-alone audit report on its financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. Access to the audit report can be found on the System's website: www.lafirefightersret.com or on the Office of Louisiana Legislative Auditor's official website: www.la.gov.

(7) Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
<u>Governmental Activities</u>					
Series 2023 revenue bonds	\$ 31,450	\$ 1,037,427	\$	\$ 1,068,877	\$ 35,152
Other long-term liabilities:					
Net pension liability	2,576,685	470,104		3,046,789	
Compensated Absences	<u>70,876</u>		<u>(24,073)</u>	<u>46,803</u>	<u>46,803</u>
Total other long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 2,679,011</u>	<u>\$ 1,507,531</u>	<u>\$ (24,073)</u>	<u>4,162,469</u>	<u>\$ 81,955</u>
Less amounts due within period of availability-recorded in accounts payable				<u>(37,547)</u>	<u>(37,547)</u>
Total long-term liabilities, government-wide statements				<u>\$ 4,124,922</u>	<u>\$ 44,408</u>

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The Series 2023 revenue bonds are considered a direct borrowing and a direct placement. The amount available for borrowing on the original issuance was \$1,500,000. The borrowing proceeds are to be used for the acquisition and/or construction of a new fire station. The amount drawn-issued under the borrowing totaled \$1,068,877. The remaining \$431,123 will be borrowed subsequent to December 31, 2024, but no later than eighteen (18) months from the first drawn date of October 3, 2023. The bonds are secured by a pledge of all income and revenues received by the District. The bonds bear an interest rate of 5.50% with interest only paid monthly until March 3, 2025. The bonds have a maturity date of October 3, 2033.

Estimated debt service requirements on the revenue bonds, assuming the full \$1,500,000 of the bonds are borrowed, are as follows:

Year ended December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 35,152	\$ 74,906	\$ 110,058
2026	44,360	79,460	123,820
2027	46,863	76,957	123,820
2028	49,506	74,314	123,820
2029	55,249	68,571	123,820
2030–2033	<u>1,268,870</u>	<u>248,292</u>	<u>1,517,162</u>
	<u>\$ 1,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 622,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,122,500</u>

(8) Tax Abatement

As of December 31, 2024, the District is subject to tax abatement agreements which were entered into by the State of Louisiana through the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP). The agreements allows localities to abate property taxes for a variety of economic development purposes, including job creation, as well as business relocation, retention, and expansion. The District has not made any commitments as part of the agreements other than to reduce taxes.

Industrial Tax Exemption (ITEP):

The Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) is an original state incentive program which offers an attractive tax incentive for manufacturers within the state. The program abates, up to ten years, local property taxes (Ad Valorem) on a manufacturer's new investment and annual capitalized additions related to the manufacturing site with the approval of the Governor. The legal authority is Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution.

Gross Dollar Amount by Which the District's Tax Revenues Were Reduced: The District estimates property tax revenues have been reduced by \$8,889 for the year.

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(9) Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses at December 31, 2024 consisted of the following:

Accounts payable	\$ 290,031
Payroll liabilities	103,985
Compensated absences	<u>37,547</u>
Total	<u>\$ 431,563</u>

(10) Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources recorded at December 31, 2024 consist of the following:

Unavailable revenue:	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 2,720,657
Assessment – service charges	<u>478,615</u>
Total fund statements	3,199,272
Pension related	<u>357,797</u>
Total government-wide statements	<u>\$ 3,557,069</u>

(11) Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through May 29, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(12) On-behalf Payments

Public safety employees of the District received a total of \$163,350 in supplemental pay from the State of Louisiana. The District recognizes this supplemental pay received by the employees as revenues and expenditures of the District.

(13) Commitments

The District has ordered equipment totaling approximately \$388,091. The delivery date for the equipment is estimated to be during 2025.

The District entered into contracts for architectural services and construction totaling approximately \$3,255,528 for a new fire station. Amounts incurred under these contracts at December 31, 2024 totaled \$2,993,084.

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
Greenwood, Louisiana
Required Supplementary Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 2,481,500	\$ 2,613,330	\$ 2,613,333	\$ 3
Service charge - assessment	465,905	470,500	470,504	4
Charges for services - transport fees	310,000	528,610	517,402	(11,208)
Sales tax	2,250,000	1,925,000	1,917,693	(7,307)
State revenue sharing	27,200	27,735	27,810	75
State grants		14,890	14,890	
Fire insurance rebate	27,200	43,685	43,689	4
Interest income	6,000	84,120	83,233	(887)
Miscellaneous	600	16,050	16,054	4
Total revenues	5,568,405	5,723,920	5,704,608	(19,312)
Expenditures				
Current - fire protection	4,307,364	4,217,175	4,409,040	(191,865)
Debt service	103,075	20,735	20,734	1
Capital outlay	4,040,102	4,422,265	4,297,813	124,452
Total expenditures	8,450,541	8,660,175	8,727,587	(67,412)
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	(2,882,136)	(2,936,255)	(3,022,979)	(86,724)
Other financing sources				
Debt proceeds	1,468,550	1,037,428	1,037,427	(1)
Total other financing sources	1,468,550	1,037,428	1,037,427	(1)
Net change in fund balance	(1,413,586)	(1,898,827)	(1,985,552)	(86,725)
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,413,586	1,898,827	4,673,146	2,774,319
Fund balance at end of year	\$	\$	\$ 2,687,594	\$ 2,687,594

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
Greenwood, Louisiana
Notes to Required Supplementary Information
December 31, 2024

The District's budget is adopted on a cash basis for all funds. There was one amendment to the 2024 budget. The budget comparison schedule included in the accompanying financial statements includes the original and amended budget. The schedule below reconciles excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses on the budget basis with GAAP basis:

	<u>General Fund</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses (budget basis)	\$ (1,985,552)
Adjustments:	
Revenue accruals – net	391,590
Expenditure accruals – net	<u>(296,967)</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses (GAAP basis)	<u>\$ (1,890,929)</u>

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
Greenwood, Louisiana
Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

State of Louisiana Firefighters' Retirement System

<u>Year Ended December 31</u>	<u>Proportion of the net pension liability</u>	<u>Proportionate share of the net pension liability</u>	<u>Covered-employee payroll</u>	<u>Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll</u>	<u>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability</u>
2024	0.541115%	\$ 3,046,789	\$ 1,540,229	197.81%	81.68%
2023	0.394785%	2,576,685	1,059,775	243.14%	77.69%
2022	0.354166%	2,497,328	904,648	276.06%	74.68%
2021	0.419254%	1,485,774	1,051,610	141.29%	86.78%
2020	0.438936%	3,042,507	1,096,711	277.42%	72.61%
2019	0.451883%	2,829,651	1,092,143	259.09%	73.96%
2018	0.478845%	2,754,354	1,140,048	241.60%	74.76%
2017	0.491326%	2,816,206	1,140,188	246.99%	73.55%
2016	0.471400%	3,083,382	1,062,903	290.69%	68.16%
2015	0.451482%	2,436,699	987,928	246.65%	72.45%

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
Greenwood, Louisiana
Schedule of Contributions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

State of Louisiana Firefighters' Retirement System

<u>Year Ended December 31</u>	<u>Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>Covered-employee payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll</u>
2024	\$ 619,912	\$ 619,912	\$	\$ 1,864,399	33.25%
2023	408,203	408,203		1,227,679	33.25%
2022	331,952	331,952		991,181	33.49%
2021	296,560	296,560		899,672	32.96%
2020	344,283	344,283		1,131,909	30.42%
2019	295,172	295,172		1,088,175	27.13%
2018	296,386	296,386		1,118,429	26.50%
2017	294,693	294,693		1,138,882	25.88%
2016	295,591	295,591		1,126,669	26.24%
2015	278,818	278,818		987,928	28.22%

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
Greenwood, Louisiana
A Component Unit of the Caddo Parish Commission
Other Supplementary Information
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Agency Head: Ernest Mitchell, Fire Chief

PURPOSE		AMOUNT
Salary	\$	126,883
Benefits - insurance		22,393
Benefits - retirement		37,920
State supplemental pay		7,200
Dues		275

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Commissioners
Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 29, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cook & Morehart", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cook & Morehart
Certified Public Accountants
May 29, 2025

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
Greenwood, Louisiana
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
December 31, 2024

Summary of Prior Audit Findings

There were no findings or management letter comments for the prior year audit for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Current Year Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plan
Schedule For Louisiana Legislative Auditor
December 31, 2024

Current Year Findings and Corrective Action Plan

There are no findings or management letter comments for the current year audit for the year ended December 31, 2024.

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Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board of Commissioners
Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three (the District) has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledges that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

2) Board or Finance Committee

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

3) Bank Reconciliations

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

Management provided the requested information, along with management's representation that the listing is complete.

- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

- i) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

The District does not utilize cash drawers.

- ii) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

Employees responsible for collecting cash are not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits. Also, another employee is responsible for reconciling collection documentation to the deposit.

- iii) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.

Employee(s) responsible for collecting cash are not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers. Another employee reviews and verifies postings and deposits.

- iv) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.

Employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash.

- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

All employees are covered by a blanket insurance policy for theft.

- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- i) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

The District does not write receipts for collections because the District does not collect any actual cash collections.

- ii) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

Procedures performed no exceptions noted.

- iii) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

Procedures performed no exceptions noted.

- iv) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe drawer).

Exception: It is the District's policy to make deposits weekly unless significant deposit amounts are received. Those deposits are made the same day received.

- v) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Procedures performed no exceptions noted.

5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

7) Travel and Expense Reimbursement (excluding card transactions)

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

8) Contracts

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

9) Payroll and Personnel

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

10) Ethics

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

11) Debt Service

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

12) Fraud Notice

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

No testing required in year 2.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

Testing not required for this area for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, due to no exceptions being noted in prior year.

We were engaged by Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three, to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of Government Auditing Standards. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.



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May 29, 2025

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May 29, 2025

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Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three submits the following responses to the exception identified in the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures Report for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Exception: It is the District's policy to make deposits weekly unless significant deposits are received. Those deposits are made the same day received.

Management's Response: The District will make significant deposits on the same day received.

Sincerely,


Ernest Mitchell
Fire Chief
Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three