

**LAFOURCHE PARISH SEWER  
DISTRICT NO. 1**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**LAFOURCHE PARISH SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

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**LAFOURCHE PARISH SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

This discussion and analysis of the Lafourche Parish Sewer District No. 1's financial performance provides a narrative overview of the financial activities as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Our financial statements provide these insights into the results of this year's operations:

- Total assets decreased by approximately \$87,000 or 12% while total liabilities also decreased resulting in total net position increasing by \$10,000 or 9% from the prior year.
- Operating revenues increased slightly while operating expenses decreased by approximately 6% from the prior year.

**USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

This annual financial report consists of these parts: Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Financial Section, and Other Supplemental Schedules. The Financial Section also includes notes that explain in more detail some of the information in the financial statements.

**The *Basic Financial Statements*** - Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Net Position and the Statement of Cash Flows provide both long-term and short-term information about the overall financial status. The Statement of Net Position includes all assets, liabilities, and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to creditors (liabilities). This financial statement reports net position and how it has changed. Net position – the difference between assets and liabilities– is one way to measure financial health, or position.

All of the current year's revenue and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. This statement measures the success of operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether operations have successfully recovered all its costs through user fees and other charges, profitability, and credit worthiness.

The final required financial statement is the Statement of Cash Flows. The primary purpose of this statement is to provide information about cash receipts and cash payments during the reporting period. This statement reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting for operations, investing and financing activities and provides answers to such questions as where did the cash come from, what was the cash used for, and what was the change in cash balance during the reporting period.

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

To begin our analysis, a condensed summary of the Statement of Net Position is presented in the following table:

Condensed Statement of Net Position	2022	2023	Increase (Decrease)
Current and Other Assets	\$ 108,909	\$ 131,788	\$ 22,879
Restricted Assets	297,879	299,262	1,383
Capital Assets	317,154	205,625	(111,529)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>723,942</b>	<b>636,675</b>	<b>(87,267)</b>
Current Liabilities	3,118	3,453	335
Non-Current Liabilities	609,692	511,692	(98,000)
<b>Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 111,132</b>	<b>\$ 121,530</b>	<b>\$ 10,398</b>

The explanations for some of the major changes between fiscal years, as shown in the previous table:

- Current assets increased by 21% primarily due to an increase in cash generated by the current year sewer charge increase from operations.
- Capital assets decreased by 35% primarily due to more depreciation than assets purchased.
- Long term debt outstanding decreased due to payments made reducing the outstanding balances at the end of the year.

A condensed summary of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position is presented in the following table:

Condensed Statement of Changes in Net Position	2022	2023	Increase (Decrease)
Operating Revenue	\$ 243,165	\$ 246,013	\$ 2,848
Operating Expenses	(212,487)	(225,576)	(13,089)
<b>Operating income (expense)</b>	<b>30,678</b>	<b>20,437</b>	<b>(10,241)</b>
Non-operating income	10,279	3,698	(6,581)
Interest paid on bonds	(16,114)	(13,737)	(2,377)
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>24,843</b>	<b>10,398</b>	<b>(17,656)</b>
<b>Net Position:</b>			
Beginning of the year	86,289	111,132	24,843
End of the year	<b>\$ 111,132</b>	<b>\$ 121,530</b>	<b>\$ 10,398</b>

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Operating revenues increased by approximately \$3,000 and non-operating revenues decreased by \$6,500. Operating expenses, including depreciation expense, increased by about 6%.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

The District reported a net of \$205,625 of capital assets at the end of the year. Depreciation expense for the year was \$126,526 recorded in operating expenses.

Additional detailed information about capital assets is presented in Note 3 to the financial statements.

**SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2006**

Long-term debt activity for the year follows:

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Retirements</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Sewer Revenue Bonds	\$609,692	\$-	\$(98,000)	\$511,692

Bonds currently outstanding include Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2006 issued on March 4, 2007 with an authorized amount of \$1,750,000. The total amount issued totaled \$1,727,971 for which repayment began in 2009 for a period not to exceed 22 years at an interest rate of 2.45%.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

The District is not required to but does adopt a budget to use as a management tool. Highlights of next year's operating budget include:

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

	<u>2024</u>
<b>Anticipated revenues</b>	\$241,250
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Operating	108,988
Capital	-
Debt service	11,299
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>120,287</u>
Excess revenues over expenses	<u>\$120,963</u>

**CONTACTING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the finances and to show accountability for the money it received. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact our accountants:

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners  
Lafourche Parish Sewerage District No. 1  
Thibodaux, LA

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities, a component unit of the Lafourche Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprises the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to managements' financial data and making inquiries of the management. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to managements' financial data and making inquiries of the management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

### **Management's Responsibility on 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; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

### **Accountant's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

To the Board of Commissioners  
Lafourche Parish Sewerage District No. 1  
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We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

### **Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report, dated April 18, 2024, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

### **Other Information**

The other information included in the accompanying Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. The supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in our review of the basic financial statements. We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information. We have not audited the information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

*Stagni & Company*

April 18, 2024  
Thibodaux, LA



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# LAFOURCHE PARISH SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

Statement of Net Position  
Proprietary Fund  
December 31, 2023

## ASSETS

	Enterprise Fund
<i>CURRENT ASSETS</i>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 102,985
Prepaid insurance	8,226
Fees receivable	20,517
Meter deposits	60
<i>RESTRICTED ASSETS</i>	
Cash and cash equivalents	299,262
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>431,050</u>
<i>CAPITAL ASSETS</i>	
Land	4,000
Sewerage plants	2,453,594
Accumulated depreciation	(2,251,969)
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	<u>205,625</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>636,675</u>

## LIABILITIES

<i>CURRENT LIABILITIES</i>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,453
Bonds payable - current portion	101,000
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u>104,453</u>
<i>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</i>	
Bonds payable	410,692
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>515,145</u>

## NET POSITION

Net Investment in capital assets	(6,805)
Unrestricted	128,335
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ 121,530</u>

See Notes and Independent Accountants' Review Report

**LAFOURCHE PARISH SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position  
Proprietary Fund  
For the year ended December 31, 2023

**OPERATING REVENUES:**

Charges for services - Maintenance fees	\$	246,013
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**OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Collection expense		6,947
Insurance		12,070
Loan fees to DEQ		2,803
Professional fees		15,068
Repairs & maintenance of system		33,397
Board members per diems		3,430
Taxes/licenses		262
Utilities		23,012
License, Fees & Permits		2,059
Miscellaneous		2
Depreciation		126,526
		225,576
Operating Income (Loss)		20,437

**NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)**

Investment income		5,583
Miscellaneous		(1,885)
Interest on bonds		(13,737)
Total non-operating Revenue (Expense)		(10,039)
Change in net position		10,398

**Net Position:**

Beginning of year		111,132
End of year	\$	121,530

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Statement of Cash Flows

Proprietary Fund

For the year ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Cash received from customers	\$ 246,013
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(96,827)
Cash payments made to employees for services	(3,692)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>145,494</u>
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>	
Interest paid on long-term obligations	(13,737)
Principal payments on long-term obligations	(98,000)
Net cash provided (used) for capital and related financing activities	<u>(111,737)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>	
Purchase of plant and equipment	(16,882)
Interest received	5,583
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>(11,299)</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>22,458</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year	379,789
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year</b>	<b><u>\$ 402,247</u></b>
Cash and cash equivalents are composed of:	
Unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 102,985
Cash and cash equivalents from restricted cash	299,262
	<b><u>\$ 402,247</u></b>
<b>Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>	
Operating income (loss)	\$20,437
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	126,526
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in receivables	228
(Increase) decrease in prepaid insurance	(2,032)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	335
Total adjustments	125,057
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 145,494</u>

See notes and Independent Accountants' Review Report.

## **LAFOURCHE PARISH SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1**

Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

The Lafourche Parish Sewer District No. 1 (the District) was created by the Lafourche Parish Council as authorized by LA Revised Statute 33:3883. The Board is composed of 5 members appointed by the Lafourche Parish Council.

The District is authorized to construct, operate and maintain a sewerage system for users within its boundaries. This is accomplished through fees charged to property owners. It currently serves approximately 400 customers.

### **NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies.

#### **A. Reporting Entity**

As the governing authority, the Lafourche Parish Government (the Parish) is the financial reporting entity for Lafourche Parish. Because the Parish could by definition in statute be financially burdened by the Lafourche Parish Sewer District No. 1, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Parish. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Lafourche Parish Government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or any other governmental reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements will be included in the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) of the Lafourche Parish Government for the year ending December 31, 2023.

#### **B. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the District are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting for proprietary funds. The statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. Private sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed to the extent they have been made authoritative under Governmental Accounting Standards Statement 625, Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA pronouncements.

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## **NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)**

### **B. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting (continued)**

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The operating revenues of the District come from charges from services – maintenance fees. Operating expenses include the cost of sales and services, collection expenses, repairs and maintenance of the sewer system, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

### **C. Operating Budgets**

The annual budget is a management tool that assists users in analyzing financial activity for the ensuing fiscal year. State law does not require a budget be adopted or reported for Enterprise Funds and accordingly; no budget and actual comparisons are presented in this report.

Compliance with bond resolutions and covenants, authorizing and securing the currently outstanding revenue bonds does require the adoption of a budget. Prior to the close of each fiscal year the Board adopts a proposed budget.

### **D. Cash and Investments**

Cash includes amounts in demand deposit and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of ninety days or less. Under state law, the court may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money markets, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

Louisiana state law allows all political subdivisions to invest excess funds in obligations of the United States or any other federally insured investments, certificates of deposit of any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the state of Louisiana, guaranteed investment contracts and investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic corporations. Investments consist of certificates of deposit which are stated at cost and approximate market value.

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## **NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)**

### **E. Receivables**

In the opinion of management all trade receivables are fully collectible. The opinion is based upon historical experience and a review of receivable balances. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided.

### **F. Restricted Assets**

Certain proceeds of sewer revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

### **G. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined as assets with an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets. Capital assets in service are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Type of Asset	Service Life
Sewerage Plant	45 years
Equipment	10 years

### **H. Long term Obligations**

In the proprietary fund types financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method that approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premiums or discounts.

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
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### **NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)**

#### **I. Compensated Absences**

The District has no full-time employees. There is no accumulated compensated absences at year-end.

#### **J. Net Position**

For government-wide financial statements net position is classified and displayed in three components:

- Net invested in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets, if any.
- Restricted – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributions or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net invested in capital assets.”

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District’s policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

#### **K. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**NOTE 2 DEPOSITS**

A summary of deposits are listed as follows:

	<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>Reported Amount</b>
<b>Interest –bearing demand deposits</b>	\$103,251	\$102,985
<b>Money Market Savings</b>	299,262	299,262
<b>Total Deposits</b>	\$402,513	\$402,247

State law requires that deposits (cash and certificates of deposit) of all political subdivisions to be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and the securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished, as security must be held by the political subdivision or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of the political subdivision. Under the provision of GASB, pledged securities, which are not in the name of the governmental unit, are considered uncollateralized.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, deposits may not be returned to it. The District has a written policy for custodial credit risk. As of year-end \$152,513 of the bank balance of deposits was exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits were uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name. Deposits in excess of FDIC insurance were adequately collateralized, under state law, by securities held by unaffiliated banks for the account of the District.

Even though the pledged securities are considered subject to custodial credit risk under the provisions of GASB Statement 40, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the depositor that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.



**LAFOURCHE PARISH SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1**

Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**NOTE 3 CAPITAL ASSETS**

A schedule of changes in capital assets follows:

<b>Governmental activities</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/22</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Donations/ Adjustments/ Deletions</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/23</b>
Land	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000
Sewerage Plant & Improvements	2,440,140	16,881	-	2,457,021
<b>Total Cost of Assets</b>	<b>\$2,444,140</b>	<b>16,881</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$2,453,594</b>

Less accumulated depreciation:

Sewerage Plant & Improvements	(2,126,986)	(126,868)	-	(2,251,969)
<b>Net Capital Assets-depreciable</b>	<b>313,154</b>			<b>201,625</b>
<b>Net Capital Assets</b>	<b>\$317,154</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>\$205,625</b>

Depreciation expense for the year was \$126,526 recorded in operating expenses.

**NOTE 4 SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2006**

Long-term debt activity for the year follows:

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Adjustment to Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Retirements</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Sewer Revenue Bonds	\$609,692	-	\$(98,000)	\$511,692

Bonds currently outstanding include Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2006 issued on March 4, 2007 with an authorized amount of \$1,750,000. The total amount issued totaled \$1,727,971 for which repayment began in 2009 for a period not to exceed 22 years at an interest rate of 2.45%.

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**NOTE 4 SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2006 (continued)**

The annual requirements to amortize all bonds outstanding, including interest payments are as follows:

<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2024	\$112,299
2025	112,788
2026	113,203
2027	115,619
2028	89,779
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$543,688</b>

**NOTE 5 RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance. No settlements were made during the year that exceeded the insurance coverage.

**NOTE 6 COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Members were compensated as follows for the year:

Roland Cheramie	660
Kent P Lirette	900
Michael Ordogne	660
Kerry Lapeyrouse	660
Jeffery Barrilleaux	550
	<b>\$3,430</b>

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**NOTE 7      CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As of December 31, 2023 there is no pending litigation against the District.

The District is in compliance with the bond ordinance monitored by the LA Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requiring the debt service ratio be 1.25%. The ratio is determined by revenue received less expenses, not including depreciation, and must at least equal the highest principal and interest of any year of the loan. The debt service ratio for 2023 is 1.28%.

The District adjusted sewer user fees, effective in September 2021. The adjustment increased the fixed base rate by \$4.00 per month per customer. It is expected that the increase to customer's bills will put the District in a position to meet the minimum required ratio for the next six years, when the bonds are expected to be paid off.

**LAFOURCHE PARISH SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**Agency Head Schedule**

For the year ended December 31, 2023

**Agency Head Name: Kent P. Lirette, Chairman**

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$0
Benefits - insurance	\$0
Benefits - retirement	\$0
Benefits - life insurance, short-term and long-term disability	\$0
Benefits - Medicare tax	\$0
Car Allowance	\$0
Vehicle provided by government - reported on W-2	\$0
Per Diem	\$900
Reimbursements - office supplies	\$0
Travel	\$0
Registration fees	\$0
Conference travel	\$0
Continuing professional education fees	\$0
Housing	\$0
Unvouchered expenses	\$0
Special meals	\$0
Fuel	\$0
Dues	\$0
Cell Phone	\$0
	\$900

This form is used to satisfy the reporting requirement of R.S. 24:513(A)(3) on Supplemental Reporting



# STAGNI & COMPANY, LLC

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Commissioners  
Lafourche Parish Sewerage District No. 1  
Lockport, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Lafourche Parish Sewerage District No. 1, (the District) and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating the management's assertions about the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2023 included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*.

Management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Our applied procedures, together with any observation or findings, follow:

### ***Public Bid Law***

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$60,000, or public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law); and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

*There were no such purchases made during the year for materials and supplies nor any contracts that were entered into for public works.*

***Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees***

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

*Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.*

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

*The District did not have any employees during the period under examination.*

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

*The District did not have any employees during the period under examination.*

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interests of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

*Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.*

***Budgeting***

6. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

*The District operates as an enterprise fund and is not required to adopt a budget.*

7. Trace the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there are any exceptions.

*Although the District is not required to formally adopt a budget it does prepare and the Board reviews a budget that is submitted to the Lafourche Parish Government. The budget was approved to submit to the LPG on January 17, 2023.*

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues failed to meet budgeted by 5% or more, or if actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

*This procedure is not applicable.*

### **Accounting and Reporting**

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select 6 disbursements and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:

(a) Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and the payee in the supporting documentation.

*We examined the supporting documentation for six of the six selected disbursements and found that all payments were for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.*

(b) Report whether the six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

*Six of the payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.*

(c) Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

*Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated approvals from the Board of Commissioners. In addition, each of the disbursements was traced to the District's minutes where they were approved by the full Board.*

**Meetings**

10. Obtain evidence from management to support that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law) and report whether there are any exceptions.

*The District is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the District's office building. It was noted by inquiry during the year that agendas for meetings were posted or advertised on the door as required.*

**Debt**

11. Obtain bank deposit slips for the fiscal year and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness. If any such proceeds are identified, obtain from management evidence of approval by the State Bond Commission, and report any exceptions.

*We inspected all bank deposit slips for the period under examination and noted no deposits that appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness*

**Advances and Bonuses**

12. Obtain the list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

*The District did not have any employees during the period under examination.*

**State Audit Law**

13. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

*The District's prior year report was due on June 30, 2023 and was submitted timely on May 31, 2023.*



We were not engaged to, and did not; perform an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information of the management and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

*Stagni & Company*

Thibodaux, Louisiana  
April 18, 2024



**LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)**

**Stagni & Company, LLC**  
**207 Lafayette Ave**  
**Thibodaux, LA 70301**

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of **December 31, 2023** and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

**Public Bid Law**

It is true that we have complied with the state procurement code (R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211-2296), and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes  No  N/A

**Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees**

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes  No  N/A

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes  No  N/A

**Budgeting**

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes  No  N/A

**Accounting and Reporting**

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes  No  N/A

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes  No  N/A

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes  No  N/A

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes  No  N/A

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes  No  N/A

We have complied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained; the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A [x]

### Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes [x] No [ ] N/A [ ]

### Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [x] No [ ] N/A [ ]

### Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [x] No [ ] N/A [ ]

### Prior-Year Comments

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.

Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A [x]

### General

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the Agency's compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes [x] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We acknowledge that we are responsible for determining that that the procedures performed are appropriate for the purposes of this engagement.

Yes [x] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes [x] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We have provided you with all relevant information and access under the terms of our agreement.

Yes [x] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations.

Yes [x] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We are not aware of any material misstatements in the information we have provided to you.

Yes [x] No [ ] N/A [ ]

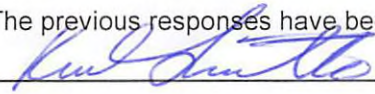
We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes [] No [  ] N/A [  ]

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies all known noncompliance and other events subsequent to the date of this representation and the date of your report that could have a material effect on our compliance with laws and regulations and the internal controls with such laws and regulations, or would require adjustment or modification to the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

Yes [] No [  ] N/A [  ]

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

 Chairman 2/19/24 Date

Adopted by the governing body by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting on 2/19/24

Please attach resolution.

OFFERED BY: Kerry Lapeyrouse  
SECONDED BY: Rick Louque

RESOLUTION

A resolution to review and approve the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire as a required part of the review and attestation engagement of Louisiana Governments

**WHEREAS**, Sewerage District No.1 of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, received the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire for review and approval by the Lafourche Parish Board of Commissioners of Sewerage District No. 1, Louisiana, and

**WHEREAS**, The Chairman presented the questionnaire to the Board at their regular meeting of February 19, 2024, where each portion was reviewed and a response recorded accordingly, and

**WHEREAS**, The completed questionnaire will be forwarded to the Sewerage District's CPA, Stagni & Co., for review during the course of their engagement of services for the fiscal year ending December, 31, 2023, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board Commissioners of Sewerage District No. 1 of Lafourche Parish Louisiana, has reviewed and approved all portions with a response of the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Sewerage District No.1, Lafourche Parish, does hereby authorize the Chairman, Kent Lirette, to execute said questionnaire and forward same to the District's CPA


THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: 4 (Kent Lirette, Mike Ordogne, Kerry Lapeyrouse, Rick Louque)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Roland Cheramie)

I, **Mike Ordogne**, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Sewerage District No. 1, Lafourche Parish, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners on February 19, 2024.

  
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Mike Ordogne, Secretary

Sewerage District No. 1, Lafourche Parish, LA