

North Bienville Fire Protection District
A Component Unit of the Bienville Parish Police Jury
Arcadia, Louisiana

Annual Financial Statements
with Independent Auditor's Report

As of and For the Year Ended
December 31, 2020
with Supplemental Information Schedules

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Independent Auditor's Report

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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the North Bienville Fire Protection District, a component unit of the Bienville Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the North Bienville Fire Protection District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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.

Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the North Bienville Fire Protection District, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such 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. 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 the 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 the 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the North Bienville Fire Protection District's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head 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. Such 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 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 September 30, 2021 on our consideration of the North Bienville Fire Protection District'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 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 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 the North Bienville Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kenneth D. Felder & Co., CPAs

Jonesboro, Louisiana
September 30, 2021

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

North Bienville Fire Protection District
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Statement of Net Position
As of December 31, 2020

		Governmental Activities
Assets		
Cash and equivalents	\$	1,747,997
Accounts receivable		631,123
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)		<u>1,093,836</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>3,472,956</u></u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable		19,683
Payroll liabilities		<u>1,653</u>
Total Liabilities		<u><u>21,336</u></u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets		1,093,836
Unrestricted		<u>2,357,784</u>
Total Net Position	\$	<u><u>3,451,620</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Major Funds			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
<u>Functions/Programs</u>					
Primary government					
Governmental activities					
Fire	\$ 615,639	\$ 15	\$ -	\$ -	(615,624)
Total governmental activities	\$ 615,639	\$ 15	\$ -	\$ -	(615,624)
<u>General Revenues</u>					
Taxes:					
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					598,404
Intergovernmental					11,822
Investment earnings					28,413
Interest earnings					1,652
Other revenue					215
Total general revenues and transfers					640,506
Change in net position					24,882
Net position - December 31, 2019					3,426,738
Net position - December 31, 2020					\$ 3,451,620

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
As of December 31, 2020

	Governmental Funds
Assets	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 1,747,997
Accounts receivable	631,123
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,379,120</u>
Liabilities & Fund Balances	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 19,683
Payroll liabilities	1,653
Total Liabilities	<u>21,336</u>
Fund balances:	
Unassigned, reported in:	
General revenue fund	2,357,784
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,357,784</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 2,379,120</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
As of December 31, 2020

Total Fund Balances at December 31, 2020 - Governmental Funds (Statement C) \$ 2,357,784

Total Net Position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (Statement A) are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds, net of depreciation. 1,093,836

Net Position at December 31, 2020 \$ 3,451,620

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

		Governmental Funds
Revenues		
Taxes:		
Ad valorem tax	\$	598,404
Intergovernmental		11,822
Charges for services		15
Total revenues		610,241
Expenditures		
Current:		
Public safety		
Personnel services		207,121
Supplies		28,453
Utilities		20,667
Repairs and maintenance		46,297
Contractual services		11,530
Miscellaneous		5,378
Insurance		38,077
Office		6,651
Training, education, and travel		1,081
Capital outlay		35,773
Total expenditures		401,028
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		209,213
Other financing sources (uses)		
Interest earnings		1,652
Investment earnings		28,413
Miscellaneous		215
Total other financing sources (uses)		30,280
Net changes in fund balances		239,493
Fund balances - December 31, 2019		2,118,291
Fund balances - December 31, 2020	\$	2,357,784

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Funds Balances to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Total net change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Statement E)	\$	239,493
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets capitalized over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay differs from depreciation for the period.

Depreciation		(250,385)
Capital outlay		<u>35,773</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	\$	<u><u>24,881</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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INTRODUCTION

The North Bienville Fire Protection District of Bienville Parish, a component unit of the Bienville Parish Police Jury, is located in northeast Louisiana. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:7721, the District is governed by a Board of Commissioners consisting of five members appointed by the Bienville Parish Police Jury. The members of the Board of Commissioners do not receive compensation. The District is responsible for maintaining and operating fire stations and equipment and providing fire protection within boundaries of the District.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District applies all relevant GASB pronouncements, and GAAP, as applicable to governmental entities. Also, the District's financial statements are prepared in accordance with the requirements of Louisiana R.S. 24:513 and Audits of State and Local Government Units, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

B. Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Bienville Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Bienville Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

GASB Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units, establishes criteria for determining which, if any, component units should be considered part of the Bienville Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. GASB Statement No. 61 provides additional criteria for classifying entities as component units. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability, which includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
 - i. The ability of the government to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - ii. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the government.
2. Organizations for which the government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the government and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, the government regardless of whether the organization has a separately elected governing board, a governing board appointed by a higher level of government, or a jointly appointed board.

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3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the Bienville Parish Police Jury approves the organization's governing body, and the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Bienville Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. Government-Wide Financial Statements

The District's government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These statements present summaries of the governmental activities for the District. Fiduciary activities of the District are not included in these statements.

These statements are presented on an "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, including capital assets and long-term liabilities, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in Net Position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the North Bienville Fire Protection District's governmental activities.

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) derive directly from parties outside the District's taxpayers or citizenry, including (a) fees and charges paid by the recipient for goods or services offered by the program, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the District's general revenues.

Direct Expenses - The District reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities (Statement B). Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Depreciation expense, which can be specifically identified by function, is included in the direct expenses of each function.

Indirect Expenses - The District reports all indirect expenses separately on the Statement of Activities (Statement B). Indirect expenses are those expenses that are not clearly identifiable with a function. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense.

General revenues are taxes and other items that are not properly included among program revenues.

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D. Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the North Bienville Fire Protection District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues, expenditures or expenses, as appropriate, additions, and deductions. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds maintained is consistent with legal and managerial requirements. Funds of the District are classified into one category: governmental.

Governmental Funds

Governmental fund financial statements include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for all major governmental funds. An accompanying schedule is presented to reconcile and explain the differences in fund balances and changes in fund balances as presented in these statements to the net position and changes in net position presented in the Government-Wide financial statements. The District has presented all major funds.

All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or "current financial resources" measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, only current assets, deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources are included on the Balance Sheets. Amounts recorded as assets exclude capital assets and the acquisition of capital assets is treated as an expenditure. Long-term debts are reported as an other financing source, and repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances presents increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in fund balance.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when received in cash and when collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, which are recognized when due.

The North Bienville Fire Protection District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The primary operating fund of the District, the General Fund accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to District policy.

Revenues

The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues:

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes and charges for services.

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Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded as unrestricted grants-in-aid at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible-to-accrual criteria are met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred, all other grant requirements have been met, and the susceptible-to-accrual criteria have been met.

Interest earnings are recorded when the investments have matured and the interest is available.

Expenditures

The governmental funds use the following practices in recording expenditures:

Purchases of various operating supplies, etc. are recorded as expenditures when the related fund liability is incurred.

Principal and interest on long-term debt are recognized when due.

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

The governmental funds use the following practices in recording other financing sources (uses):

Sales of fixed assets and long-term debt proceeds and payments are accounted for as other financing sources (uses). These other financing sources (uses) are recognized at the time the underlying events occur.

E. Equity Classifications

The North Bienville Fire Protection District has implemented GASB Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position.

In the Government-Wide Financial Statements, the difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is classified as net position and reported in three components:

Net investment in capital assets: This classification 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 these assets.

Restricted net position: This classification consists of net position with constraints placed on its use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position: Any other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

When an expense is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, management applies unrestricted net position first, unless a determination is made to use restricted net position. The policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. This decision is typically made by management at the incurrence of the expense.

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The Governmental Fund Financial Statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

Nonspendable: This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The District did not have any nonspendable funds for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Restricted: This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District did not have any restricted funds for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Committed: This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Commissioners. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Commissioners removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The Board typically establishes commitments through the adoption and amendment of the budget. The District did not have any committed funds for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Assigned: This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Commissioners or through the Board delegating this responsibility to a body or official (Fire Chief) for specific purposes. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for all governmental funds except for the General Fund. The District has no assigned funds for year ended December 31, 2020.

Unassigned: This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The Unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts. All funds of the District are designated as unassigned.

The District would typically use Restricted fund balances first, followed by Committed resources, and then Assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend Unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

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F. Budgets

The Fire Chief prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the Board of Commissioners. The budget is adopted through passage of a formal motion and vote by the Board prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted. The Board of Commissioners may revise or amend the budget at its discretion during legally convened sessions. The District utilizes formal budgetary integration as a management control device for all funds.

The 2020 General Fund budget was published in the official journal and made available for public inspection. The budget was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on October 9, 2019. The budget had one amendment that was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on December 14, 2020.

G. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, 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 North Bienville Fire Protection District may deposit funds in demand deposits in stock-owned federally insured depository institutions organized under the laws of the state of Louisiana or of any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States. The District may invest in certificates and time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with a maturity date of 90 days or less when purchased.

Under state law, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. Those with maturities of 90 days or less would be classified as cash equivalents and all other reported as investments.

H. Investments

The North Bienville Fire Protection District's investments comply with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2955. Under state law, the District may deposit funds with a fiscal agent organized under the laws of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes and bills, or government-backed agency securities or certificates, and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. These deposits are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days. Investments are stated at fair value except for the following, which are permitted under GASB Statement No. 31:

Investments in non-participating interest earning contracts, such as non-negotiable certificates of deposit with redemption terms that do not consider market rates, are reported using a cost-based measure.

The District reports at amortized cost money market investments and participating interest-bearing investment contracts that have a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less. Interest-earning investment contracts include time deposits with financial institutions (such as certificates of deposit), repurchase agreements, and guaranteed investment contracts. Money market investments are short-term, highly liquid debt instruments that include U.S. Treasury obligations.

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I. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are recorded in the governmental column of the government-wide financial statements, but are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Acquisitions of property and equipment are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Improvements and replacements of property and equipment are capitalized. Maintenance and repairs that do not improve or extend the lives of property and equipment are charged to expense as incurred. When assets are sold or retired, their cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is reported in the Statement of Activities.

Buildings and improvements	10-25 years
Equipment and vehicles	3-10 years

J. Deferred Outflows of Resources

The District reports decreases in net position that relate to future periods as deferred outflows of resources in a separate section of its government-wide and proprietary funds statements of net position. The District did not report any deferred outflows of resources, and no deferred outflows of resources affect the governmental funds financial statements.

K. Deferred Inflows of Resources

The District reports increases in net position that relate to future periods as deferred inflows of resources in a separate section of its government-wide and proprietary funds statements of net position. The District will not recognize the related revenues until a future event occurs. The District did not report any deferred inflows of resources in the government-wide and proprietary fund statements, and no deferred inflows of resources affect the governmental funds financial statements.

L. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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2. Ad Valorem Tax

Ad Valorem taxes are collected by the Bienville Parish Tax Collector (Bienville Parish Sheriff) and remitted to the North Bienville Fire Protection District. Ad Valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis by the Bienville Parish Tax Assessor. Billed taxes become delinquent on December 31 of the current year. Ad Valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on December 31 of each year. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year. The following is a summary of the authorized and levied Ad Valorem taxes.

This millage was approved by the Board of Commissioners on August 26, 2020. This millage is the maximum millage that can be assessed without the approval of the voters of the District.

	Authorized Millage	Levied Millage
Maintenance	6.81	6.81

3. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

At December 31, 2020, the District had cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$1,747,997. 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.

At December 31, 2020, the District had \$1,762,474 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 federal deposit insurance, and \$1,600,116 of pledged securities held in a Federal Reserve pledge account. Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 40, Louisiana Revised Statute 30:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Louisiana R.S. 39:1224 requires bonds, or other such instruments furnished as security, to be deposited with the depositing authority or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company, Federal Reserve Bank, or any Federal Home Loan Bank or its successor. This security is deemed to be under the control and in the possession of the public entity and deemed to be held in its name. The North Bienville Fire Protection District has complied with these requirements of state law.

Cash and investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at December 31, 2020. Deposits are considered to be exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are (a) uncollateralized, (b) collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or (c) collateralized with securities held by the the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the depositor-government's name. The North Bienville Fire Protection District has cash and cash equivalents that are covered by \$250,000 of federal depository insurance. The remaining balance is exposed to custodial credit risk because it is uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution. The District does not have a policy on custodial credit risk.

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4. Investments

The North Bienville Fire Protection District maintains investment accounts as authorized by the Louisiana Revised Statutes. Under state law, the District may invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, or certificates of deposit. Investments are carried at fair market value as of the balance sheet date.

There are three fair valuation techniques that are prescribed in GASB Statement No. 72: the market approach, the cost approach, or the income approach. The District values all investments other than certificates of deposit whose maturities are one year or less using the market approach which uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving similar assets or groups of assets. Certificates of deposit whose maturities are one year or less are measured at amortized cost.

The fair value hierarchy categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date. Level 2 inputs are inputs-other than quoted prices included within Level 1-that are observable for an asset, either directly or indirectly. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for an asset, and the government should measure fair value using another valuation technique that maximizes the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. Below are the fair value measurements of the investments held by the North Bienville Fire Protection District at December 31, 2020.

Type of Investment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Amortized Cost	Total
U.S. Government Securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

Investment earnings at December 31, 2020, are as follows:

	Amount
Interest	\$ -
Dividends	1,440
Capital gains (losses)	21,019
Unrealized gains (losses)	-
Total	<u>\$ 22,459</u>

5. Receivables

The receivables of \$631,123 at December 31, 2020, are as follows:

	Amount
Taxes	\$ 631,123
Total	<u>\$ 631,123</u>

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6. Capital Assets

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2020, is as follows:

	Balance, January 01, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Balance, December 31, 2020
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 2,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,600
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>2,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,600</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings	758,633	-	-	758,633
Vehicles	4,502,607	-	-	4,502,607
Equipment	595,302	35,773	-	631,075
Improvements	97,871	-	-	97,871
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>5,954,412</u>	<u>35,773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,990,186</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	399,477	21,475	-	420,952
Vehicles	3,606,019	211,030	-	3,817,049
Equipment	547,433	16,499	-	563,932
Improvements	95,636	1,381	-	97,017
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>4,648,565</u>	<u>250,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,898,950</u>
Net capital assets being depreciated	<u>1,305,847</u>	<u>(214,612)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,091,236</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,308,447</u>	<u>\$ (214,612)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,093,836</u>

Depreciation expense of \$250,385 was charged to the public safety function.

7. Payables

The payables of \$21,336, at December 31, 2020, are as follows:

	Amount
Accounts	\$ 19,683
Payroll liabilities	<u>1,653</u>
Total	<u>\$ 21,336</u>

8. Retirement Plans

The District does not participate in any pension or retirement plans.

9. Grants

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the North Bienville Fire Protection District received no grants.

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10. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, and injuries to employees. To handle such risk of loss, the District maintains commercial insurance policies covering each of these risks of loss. The District believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District. During the past three years, no claims were paid on any of the policies which exceeded the policies' coverage amount.

11. Litigation and Claims

At December 31, 2020, the District was not involved in any lawsuits nor is aware of any outstanding claims, which are not covered by insurance.

12. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, September 30, 2021, and determined that no events occurred that require disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.



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**Independent Auditor's 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**

North Bienville Fire Protection District
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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the North Bienville Fire Protection District, a component unit of the Bienville Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the North Bienville Fire Protection District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2021. We conducted our audit 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the North Bienville Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 North Bienville Fire Protection District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the North Bienville Fire Protection District'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 a 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 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 internal control over financial reporting 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. 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 may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the North Bienville Fire Protection District's financial statements are free of 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 result 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 North Bienville Fire Protection District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Kenneth D. Felder & Co., CPAs

Jonesboro, Louisiana
September 30, 2021

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION**

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Budget - Original	Budget - Final	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem tax	\$ 577,316	\$ 540,361	\$ 598,404	\$ 58,043
Intergovernmental	22,539	11,822	11,822	-
Charges for services	5	15	15	-
Total revenues	<u>599,860</u>	<u>552,198</u>	<u>610,241</u>	<u>58,043</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Public safety				
Personnel services	180,568	179,953	207,121	(27,168)
Supplies	25,802	21,241	28,453	(7,212)
Utilities	17,104	20,300	20,667	(367)
Repairs and maintenance	28,791	70,401	46,297	24,104
Contractual services	14,079	11,530	11,530	-
Miscellaneous	1,637	3,145	5,378	(2,233)
Insurance	40,929	39,603	38,077	1,526
Office	13,743	5,494	6,651	(1,157)
Training, education, and travel	-	451	1,081	(630)
Capital outlay	200,000	-	35,773	(35,773)
Total expenditures	<u>522,653</u>	<u>352,118</u>	<u>401,028</u>	<u>(48,910)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>77,207</u>	<u>200,080</u>	<u>209,213</u>	<u>9,133</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Interest earnings	13,900	1,333	1,652	319
Investment earnings	-	5,954	28,413	22,459
Capital lease principal expenditures	(31,500)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	215	215
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(17,600)</u>	<u>7,287</u>	<u>30,280</u>	<u>22,993</u>
Net changes in fund balances	59,607	207,367	239,493	32,126
Fund balances - December 31, 2019	2,118,291	2,118,291	2,118,291	-
Fund balances - December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 2,177,898</u>	<u>\$ 2,325,658</u>	<u>\$ 2,357,784</u>	<u>\$ 32,126</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the year ended December 31, 2020

We have audited the basic financial statements of the North Bienville Fire Protection District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2021. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Governmental Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2020 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

A. Summary of Auditor's Report

Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weakness Yes No Significant Deficiencies Yes No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes No

B. Findings - Financial Statements Audit

Current Year

No current year findings.

Prior Year

No prior year findings.

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Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head
For the year ended December 31, 2020

Gary Hathorn Fire Chief	
Salary	\$ 103,192
Telephone	<u>2,400</u>
	<u>\$ 105,592</u>