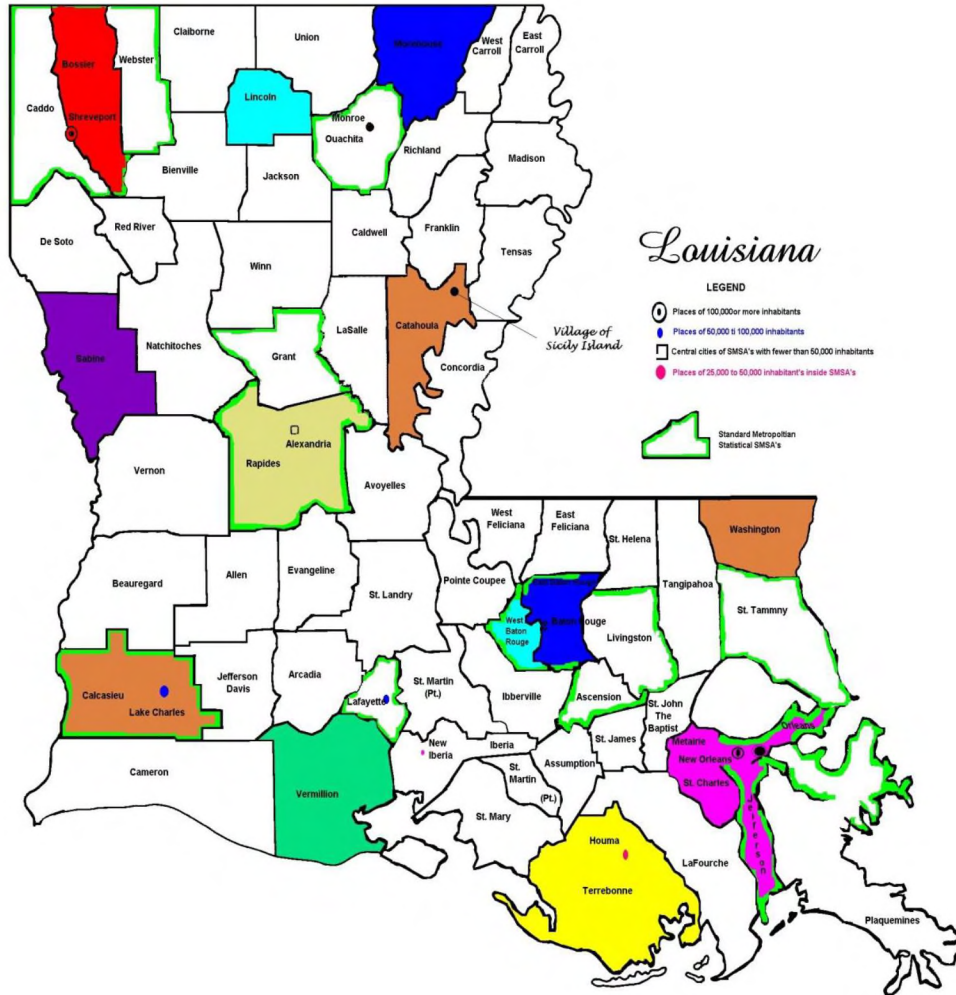


VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA

Annual Financial Statements

JUNE 30, 2023

VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA



The Village of Sicily Island was incorporated August 21, 1955, under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Village operates under the Mayor-Board of Alderman form of government. The Village provides the following significant services to its residents as provided by its charter: public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, utilities (water, gas and sewer services) and general administrative functions, including coordination of related services with parish, state and federal governing bodies.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Village of Sicily Island
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the business-type activities of the Village of Sicily Island, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village of Sicily Island's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the business-type activities of the Village of Sicily Island, as of June 30, 2023, 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.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Village of Sicily Island and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Village of Sicily Island's ability

to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Village of Sicily Island's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer and the Justice System Funding Schedule are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer and the Justice System Funding Schedule are 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 December 18, 2023, on our consideration of the Village of Sicily Island's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village of Sicily Island's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Village of Sicily Island's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, we have issued a report, dated December 18, 2023, on the results of our statewide agreed-upon procedures performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those controls and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's statewide agreed-upon procedures, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance.

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December 18, 2023

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Village, we offer readers of the Village of Sicily Island's financial statements, this narrative overview, and analysis of the financial activities of the Village for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Village's financial statements.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments issued June 1999.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Governmental Funds

- The assets of the Village exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$585,666 (*net position*). This is a \$72,977 decrease from last year.
- The Village had total revenue of \$411,649. This is a \$33,532 increase from last year's revenues, mainly due to an increase in grants in the amount of \$31,256.
- The Village had total expenditures of \$398,543, which is a \$27,243 decrease from last year, mainly due to a decrease in operating expenditures in the amount of \$11,555.

Enterprise Funds

- The assets of the Village exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$1,788,491 (*net position*). This is a \$108,284 decrease from last year.
- The Village had total revenue of \$299,055, including operating revenues of \$298,941 and non-operating revenues of \$114. This is a \$2,387 decrease from last year, mainly due to a decrease in gas sales in the amount of \$34,654.
- The Village had total expenses of \$429,586, including operating expenses. This is a \$75,946 increase from last year, mainly due to an increase in cost of administration expense in the amount of \$214,548.

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Village's basic financial statements. The Village's basic financial statements consist of two components: 1) fund financial statements, and 2) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves. The Village is a special-purpose entity engaged only in governmental activities. Accordingly, only fund financial statements are presented as the basic financial statements.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Village, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The Village's annual report consists of financial statements that show information about the Village's funds, enterprise funds and governmental funds.

Our auditor has provided assurance in his independent auditor's report, located immediately preceding this Management's Discussion and Analysis, that the basic financial statements are fairly stated. Varying degrees of assurance are being provided by the auditor regarding the other information included in this report. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts of this report.

REPORTING THE DISTRICT'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

The Village's financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds. The Village may establish other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using grants and other money. The Village's enterprise fund uses the following accounting approach:

All of the Village's services are reported in an enterprise fund. They are reported using the full accrual method of accounting in which all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. The focus of proprietary funds is on income measurement, which, together with the maintenance of equity, is an important financial indication.

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Governmental Funds

Comparative Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2023:

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Current Assets | \$ 46,460 | \$ 40,130 | -13.6 |
| Noncurrent Assets | 649,309 | 568,475 | -12.5 |
| Total Assets | <u>695,769</u> | <u>608,605</u> | -12.5 |
| Current Liabilities | 20,129 | 22,939 | 14.0 |
| Long-term Liabilities | 16,997 | -0- | -100.0 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>37,126</u> | <u>22,939</u> | -38.2 |
| Net Position | | | |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | 632,312 | 568,475 | -10.0 |
| Restricted | -0- | -0- | 0.0 |
| Unrestricted | 26,331 | 17,191 | -34.7 |
| Total Net Position | <u>\$ 658,643</u> | <u>\$ 585,666</u> | -11.1 |

Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the year ended June 30, 2023:

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Revenues | | | |
| Program Revenues | \$ 35,994 | \$ 12,066 | -66.5 |
| General Revenues | 221,601 | 247,805 | 11.8 |
| Capital Grants | 120,522 | 151,778 | 25.9 |
| Total Revenues | <u>378,117</u> | <u>411,649</u> | 8.9 |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Operating Expenditures | 390,604 | 379,049 | -3.0 |
| Capital Outlay | 11,790 | 14,700 | 24.7 |
| Debt Service | 23,392 | 19,494 | -16.7 |
| Total Expenditures | <u>425,786</u> | <u>398,543</u> | -6.4 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | (47,669) | 13,106 | 127.5 |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses) | | | |
| Transfers In/(Out) | 44,990 | (22,246) | -149.4 |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | <u>44,990</u> | <u>(22,246)</u> | -149.4 |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | (2,679) | (9,140) | -241.2 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning | 29,010 | 26,331 | -9.2 |
| Fund Balance - Ending | <u>\$ 26,331</u> | <u>\$ 17,191</u> | -34.7 |

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Enterprise Funds

Comparative Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2023:

| Assets | 2022 | 2023 | % Change |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Cash | \$ 9,499 | \$ 10,879 | 14.5 |
| Receivables (Net) | 19,919 | 19,055 | -4.3 |
| Restricted Assets | 22,496 | 27,012 | 20.1 |
| Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation | 1,987,205 | 1,878,779 | -5.5 |
| Total Assets | 2,039,119 | 1,935,725 | -5.1 |
| Liabilities & Net Position | | | |
| Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables | 70,506 | 102,158 | 44.9 |
| Customer Deposits | 47,037 | 36,800 | -21.8 |
| Current Bonds & Interest Payable | -0- | -0- | 0.0 |
| Bonds Payable | 24,800 | 8,276 | -66.6 |
| Total Liabilities | 142,343 | 147,234 | 3.4 |
| Net Position | | | |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | 1,962,405 | 1,878,779 | -4.3 |
| Restricted | -0- | -0- | 0.0 |
| Unrestricted | (65,629) | (90,288) | -37.6 |
| Total Net Position | \$ 1,896,776 | \$ 1,788,491 | -5.7 |

Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses & Changes in Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2023:

| Operating Revenues | 2022 | 2023 | % Change |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Water Sales | \$ 144,752 | \$ 176,765 | 22.1 |
| Sewer Charges | 39,098 | 39,336 | 0.6 |
| Gas Sales | 117,494 | 82,840 | -29.5 |
| Total Operating Revenues | 301,344 | 298,941 | -0.8 |
| Operating Expenses | | | |
| Cost of Sales & Services | 180,912 | 40,856 | -77.4 |
| Administration | 64,280 | 278,828 | 333.8 |
| Depreciation | 108,448 | 108,426 | -0.2 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 353,640 | 428,110 | 21.1 |
| Operating Income (Loss) | (52,296) | (129,169) | -147.0 |
| Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) | | | |
| Interest Earnings | 98 | 114 | 16.3 |
| Interest Expense | -0- | (1,476) | -100.0 |
| Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) | 98 | (1,362) | -129.0 |
| Income Before Contributions & Transfers | (52,198) | (130,531) | -147.2 |
| Transfers In/(Out) | (45,090) | 22,246 | 149.3 |
| Capital Contributions | -0- | -0- | 0.0 |
| Change in Net Position | (97,288) | (108,285) | -11.3 |
| Total Net Position - Beginning | 1,994,063 | 1,896,776 | -4.9 |
| Total Net Position - Ending | \$ 1,896,776 | \$ 1,788,491 | -5.7 |

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CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Assets – Governmental Funds

At June 30, 2023, the Village had \$568,475 invested in capital assets, including the following:

| | Capital Assets at Year-End | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
| Land* | \$ 13,000 | \$ 13,000 |
| Capital Assets | 2,153,285 | 2,180,985 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(1,516,976)</u> | <u>(1,612,510)</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 649,309</u> | <u>\$ 568,475</u> |

*Land in the amount of \$13,000 is not being depreciated

Capital Assets – Enterprise Funds

At June 30, 2023, the Village had \$1,878,779 invested in capital assets, including the following:

| | Capital Assets at Year-End | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
| Gas System | \$ 470,381 | \$ 470,381 |
| Water System* | 1,823,871 | 1,823,871 |
| Sewer System* | 2,442,285 | 2,442,285 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(2,749,332)</u> | <u>(2,857,758)</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 1,987,205</u> | <u>\$ 1,878,779</u> |

*Land in the amount of \$38,280 in the Sewer System is not being depreciated.

*Land in the amount of \$1,000 in the Water System is not being depreciated.

CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term Debt

The following is a summary of revenue bond transactions of the Village of Sicily Island for the year ended June 30, 2023.

| | <u>Governmental Fund</u> | <u>Enterprise Fund</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | <u>Notes Payable</u> | <u>Sewer Revenue Bonds</u> |
| Bonds & Notes Payable - Beginning | \$ 16,997 | \$ 24,405 |
| Additions | -0- | -0- |
| Principal Retirements | <u>(16,997)</u> | <u>(16,129)</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ -0-</u> | <u>\$ 8,276</u> |

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Bonds payable at June 30, 2023, are comprised of the following issues:

Notes Payable

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| March 2018 the Village purchased 3 police vehicles due in 60 monthly payments of \$1,919 at an interest rate of 3.893%. | \$ ----- -0- |
| Total | \$ ----- -0- |

Sewer Revenue Bonds

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Original: \$393,800 Sewer Revenue Bond dated September 2, 1981, due in annual installments of \$9,000 to \$23,000 through September 2, 2021, with an interest rate of 5%. | |
| Modified: Lender waived \$50,000 in principal and all accrued interest. New principal due of \$125,000 due in monthly installments of \$1,500 through December 2, 2023, with an interest rate of 3%. | \$ ----- 8,276 |
| Total | \$ ----- 8,276 |

CONTACTING THE VILLAGE'S FINANCIAL MANGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Village's finances and to show the Village's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Mayor Walter Krause at the Village Hall, phone number (318) 389-4472.

Basic Financial Statements

Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

| | PRIMARY GOVERNMENT | | |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| | GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES | BUSINESS- TYPE ACTIVITIES | TOTAL |
| Assets | | | |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$ 21,604 | \$ 10,879 | \$ 32,483 |
| Receivables (Net of Allowances) | 18,526 | 19,055 | 37,581 |
| Restricted Assets | -0- | 27,012 | 27,012 |
| Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation) | 568,475 | 1,878,779 | 2,447,254 |
| Total Assets | <u>608,605</u> | <u>1,935,725</u> | <u>2,544,330</u> |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables | 22,939 | 102,158 | 125,097 |
| Customer Deposits | -0- | 36,800 | 36,800 |
| Revenue Bonds Payable | -0- | 8,276 | 8,276 |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>22,939</u> | <u>147,234</u> | <u>170,173</u> |
| Non Current Liabilities | | | |
| Revenue Bonds Payable | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Total Non Current Liabilities | <u>-0-</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>-0-</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>22,939</u> | <u>147,234</u> | <u>170,173</u> |
| Net Position | | | |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | 568,475 | 1,878,779 | 2,447,254 |
| Unrestricted | 17,191 | (90,288) | (73,097) |
| Total Net Position | <u>\$ 585,666</u> | <u>\$ 1,788,491</u> | <u>\$ 2,374,157</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | PROGRAM REVENUES | | | | | NET REVENUES (EXPENSES) & CHANGES OF PRIMARY GOVERNMENT | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Expenses | Charges for Services | Operating Grants | Capital Grants | Net (Expenses) Revenue | Governmental Activities | Business Type Activities | |
| | | | | | | | Total | |
| Governmental Activities | | | | | | | | |
| General Government | \$ (214,218) | \$ 29,259 | \$ -0- | \$ 151,778 | \$ (33,181) | \$ (33,181) | | \$ (33,181) |
| Fire | (5,800) | -0- | -0- | -0- | (5,800) | (5,800) | | (5,800) |
| Police | (82,704) | -0- | -0- | -0- | (82,704) | (82,704) | | (82,704) |
| Sanitation | (38,594) | -0- | -0- | -0- | (38,594) | (38,594) | | (38,594) |
| Street Repair | (118,567) | -0- | -0- | -0- | (118,567) | (118,567) | | (118,567) |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | (2,497) | -0- | -0- | -0- | (2,497) | (2,497) | | (2,497) |
| Total Governmental Activities | <u>(462,380)</u> | <u>29,259</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>151,778</u> | <u>(281,343)</u> | <u>(281,343)</u> | | <u>(281,343)</u> |
| Business Type Activities | | | | | | | | |
| Water | (303,605) | 176,765 | -0- | -0- | (126,840) | | \$ (126,840) | (126,840) |
| Sewer | (65,985) | 39,336 | -0- | -0- | (26,649) | | (26,649) | (26,649) |
| Gas | (58,520) | 82,840 | -0- | -0- | 24,320 | | 24,320 | 24,320 |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | (1,476) | -0- | -0- | -0- | (1,476) | | (1,476) | (1,476) |
| Total Business Type Activities | <u>(429,586)</u> | <u>298,941</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>(130,645)</u> | | <u>(130,645)</u> | <u>(130,645)</u> |
| Total Primary Government | \$ <u>(891,966)</u> | \$ <u>328,200</u> | \$ <u>-0-</u> | \$ <u>151,778</u> | \$ <u>(411,988)</u> | | | <u>(411,988)</u> |
| | | | | General Revenues | | | | |
| | | | | Taxes: | | | | |
| | | | | Ad Valorem Taxes | | 11,539 | -0- | 11,539 |
| | | | | Franchise Taxes | | 6,603 | -0- | 6,603 |
| | | | | Garbage Taxes | | 58,757 | -0- | 58,757 |
| | | | | Road Taxes | | 24,144 | -0- | 24,144 |
| | | | | Other Taxes | | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| | | | | Fines | | 117,503 | -0- | 117,503 |
| | | | | Other | | 12,066 | 114 | 12,180 |
| | | | | Transfers In (Out) | | (22,246) | 22,246 | -0- |
| | | | | Total General Revenues | | <u>208,366</u> | <u>22,360</u> | <u>230,726</u> |
| | | | | Change in Net Position | | (72,977) | (108,285) | (181,262) |
| | | | | Net Position – Beginning | | <u>658,643</u> | \$ <u>1,896,776</u> | \$ <u>2,555,419</u> |
| | | | | Net Position – Ending | | \$ <u>585,666</u> | \$ <u>1,788,491</u> | \$ <u>2,374,157</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana
Balance Sheet, Governmental Funds
June 30, 2023

| | | <u>GENERAL</u> |
|--|----|----------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$ | 21,604 |
| Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectables) | | 18,526 |
| Total Assets | | <u>40,130</u> |
| Liabilities | | |
| Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables | | 22,939 |
| Total Liabilities | | <u>22,939</u> |
| Fund Balance | | |
| Unassigned | | 17,191 |
| Total Fund Balance | | <u>17,191</u> |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Balance | \$ | <u><u>40,130</u></u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana
Reconciliation of the Government Funds Balance Sheet
to the Government-Wide Financial Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Fund Balance, Total Governmental Funds (Statement C) | \$ 17,191 |
| Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. | 568,475 |
| Long-term liabilities including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. | -----0- |
| Net Position of Governmental Activities (Statement A) | <u>\$ 585,666</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures &
Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | GENERAL |
|--|----------------|
| Revenues | |
| Fees & Charges | \$ 29,259 |
| Taxes: | |
| Ad Valorem Taxes | 11,539 |
| Franchise Taxes | 6,603 |
| Garbage Taxes | 58,757 |
| Road Taxes | 24,144 |
| Fines | 117,503 |
| Capital Grants | 151,778 |
| Miscellaneous | 12,066 |
| Total Revenues | 411,649 |
| Expenditures | |
| General Government | 155,578 |
| Public Safety: | |
| Fire | 5,716 |
| Police | 83,405 |
| Sanitation | 38,594 |
| Street Repair | 81,056 |
| Debt Service | 19,494 |
| Capital Outlay | 14,700 |
| Total Expenditures | 398,543 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 13,106 |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses) | |
| Transfers In/(Out) | (22,246) |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | (22,246) |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | (9,140) |
| Fund Balances - Beginning | 26,331 |
| Fund Balances - Ending | \$ 17,191 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
& Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
To the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

| | | |
|--|----|---------|
| Net Change in Fund Balances, Total Governmental Funds, Statement E | \$ | (9,140) |
|--|----|---------|

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------|--|----------|
| Capital Purchases | 14,700 | | |
| Depr. Expense | (95,534) | | (80,834) |

The issuance of long-term debt (bonds, leases, etc.) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

| | | | |
|----------------|--------|--|--------|
| Debt Issued | -0- | | |
| Principal Paid | 16,997 | | 16,997 |

| | | |
|---|----|-----------------|
| Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities, statement B | \$ | <u>(72,977)</u> |
|---|----|-----------------|

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2023

| | Business-Type Activities-Enterprise Fund | | | Totals |
|---|---|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | Water | Sewer | Gas | |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$ 6,344 | \$ 3,004 | \$ 1,531 | \$ 10,879 |
| Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles) | 12,764 | 3,291 | 3,000 | 19,055 |
| Total Current Assets | <u>19,108</u> | <u>6,295</u> | <u>4,531</u> | <u>29,934</u> |
| Non-Current Assets | | | | |
| Restricted Assets | 27,012 | -0- | -0- | 27,012 |
| Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation) | 571,953 | 1,260,716 | 46,110 | 1,878,779 |
| Total Non-Current Assets | <u>598,965</u> | <u>1,260,716</u> | <u>46,110</u> | <u>1,905,691</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>618,073</u> | <u>1,267,011</u> | <u>50,641</u> | <u>1,935,725</u> |
| Current Liabilities | | | | |
| Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables | 9,602 | 1,389 | 91,167 | 102,158 |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>9,602</u> | <u>1,389</u> | <u>91,167</u> | <u>102,158</u> |
| Current Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets | | | | |
| Customer Deposits | 36,800 | -0- | -0- | 36,800 |
| Current Bonds Payable | -0- | 8,276 | -0- | 8,276 |
| Total Current Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets | <u>36,800</u> | <u>8,276</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>45,076</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>46,402</u> | <u>9,665</u> | <u>91,167</u> | <u>147,234</u> |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | | | |
| Revenue Bonds & Notes Payable | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Total Non-Current Liabilities | <u>-0-</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>-0-</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>46,402</u> | <u>9,665</u> | <u>91,167</u> | <u>147,234</u> |
| Net Position | | | | |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | 571,953 | 1,260,716 | 46,110 | 1,878,779 |
| Unrestricted | (282) | (3,370) | (86,636) | (90,288) |
| Total Net Position | <u>\$ 571,671</u> | <u>\$ 1,257,346</u> | <u>\$ (40,526)</u> | <u>\$ 1,788,491</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana
Statement of Revenues, Expenses & Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2023

| | Business-Type Activities-Enterprise Fund | | | |
|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>Water</u> | <u>Sewer</u> | <u>Gas</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Operating Revenues | | | | |
| Charges for Services: | | | | |
| Water Sales | \$ 176,765 | \$ -0- | \$ -0- | \$ 176,765 |
| Sewer Charges | -0- | 39,336 | -0- | 39,336 |
| Gas Sales | -0- | -0- | 82,840 | 82,840 |
| Total Operating Revenues | <u>176,765</u> | <u>39,336</u> | <u>82,840</u> | <u>298,941</u> |
| Operating Expenses | | | | |
| Cost of Sales & Services | -0- | -0- | 40,856 | 40,856 |
| Administration | 258,796 | 9,887 | 10,145 | 278,828 |
| Depreciation | 44,809 | 56,098 | 7,519 | 108,426 |
| Total Operating Expenses | <u>303,605</u> | <u>65,985</u> | <u>58,520</u> | <u>428,110</u> |
| Operating Income (Loss) | (126,840) | (26,649) | 24,320 | (129,169) |
| Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) | | | | |
| Interest Earnings | 114 | -0- | -0- | 114 |
| Interest Expense | -0- | (1,476) | -0- | (1,476) |
| Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) | <u>114</u> | <u>(1,476)</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>(1,362)</u> |
| Income Before Contributions & Transfers | <u>(126,726)</u> | <u>(28,125)</u> | <u>24,320</u> | <u>(130,531)</u> |
| Transfers In/(Out) | 92,108 | (9,673) | (60,189) | 22,246 |
| Capital Contributions | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Change in Net Position | (34,618) | (37,798) | (35,869) | (108,285) |
| Total Net Position - Beginning | <u>606,289</u> | <u>\$ 1,295,144</u> | <u>\$ (4,657)</u> | <u>\$ 1,896,776</u> |
| Total Net Position - Ending | <u>\$ 571,671</u> | <u>\$ 1,257,346</u> | <u>\$ (40,526)</u> | <u>\$ 1,788,491</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2023

| | Business-Type Activities-Enterprise Fund | | | |
|---|---|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | Water | Sewer | Gas | Total |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | | | | |
| Receipts from Customers & Users | \$ 166,475 | \$ 39,229 | \$ 83,864 | \$ 289,568 |
| Payments to Suppliers | (256,723) | (8,618) | (22,691) | (288,032) |
| Payments to Employees | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities | <u>(90,248)</u> | <u>30,611</u> | <u>61,173</u> | <u>1,536</u> |
| Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities | | | | |
| Transfers (to)/from Other Funds | 92,108 | (9,673) | (60,189) | 22,246 |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities | <u>92,108</u> | <u>(9,673)</u> | <u>(60,189)</u> | <u>22,246</u> |
| Cash Flows from Capital & Related Financing Activities | | | | |
| Capital Contributions | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Principal on Capital Debt | -0- | (16,524) | -0- | (16,524) |
| Interest Paid on Capital Debt | -0- | (1,476) | -0- | (1,476) |
| Purchase of Capital Assets | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital & Related Financing Activities | <u>-0-</u> | <u>(18,000)</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>(18,000)</u> |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities | | | | |
| Interest and Dividends Received | 114 | -0- | -0- | 114 |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities | <u>114</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>114</u> |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents | 1,974 | 2,938 | 984 | 5,896 |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year | <u>31,382</u> | <u>66</u> | <u>547</u> | <u>31,995</u> |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents, End of Year | <u><u>33,356</u></u> | <u><u>3,004</u></u> | <u><u>1,531</u></u> | <u><u>37,891</u></u> |
| Reconciliation to Balance Sheet | | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 6,344 | 3,004 | 1,531 | 10,879 |
| Restricted Cash | 27,012 | -0- | -0- | 27,012 |
| Total Cash and Cash Equivalents | <u>\$ 33,356</u> | <u>\$ 3,004</u> | <u>\$ 1,531</u> | <u>\$ 37,891</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Reconciliation

| RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES | Business-Type Activities-Enterprise Fund | | | |
|--|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Water | Sewer | Gas | Total |
| Operating Income (Loss) | \$ (126,840) | (26,649) | 24,320 | (129,169) |
| Depreciation Expense | 44,809 | 56,098 | 7,519 | 108,426 |
| (Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable | (53) | (107) | 1,024 | 864 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable | 2,073 | 1,269 | 28,310 | 31,652 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Customer Deposits | (10,237) | -0- | -0- | (10,237) |
| TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS | 36,592 | 57,260 | 36,853 | 130,705 |
| NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES | (90,248) | 30,611 | 61,173 | 1,536 |
| LISTING OF NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, & FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Contributions of Capital Assets From Government | \$ -0- | \$ -0- | \$ -0- | \$ -0- |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Notes To the Basic
Financial Statements**

VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2023

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Village of Sicily Island was incorporated August 21, 1955, under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Village operates under the Mayor-Board of Alderman form of government. The Village provides the following significant services to its residents as provided by its charter: public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, utilities (water, gas and sewer services) and general administrative functions, including coordination of related services with parish, state and federal governing bodies.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Village of Sicily Island conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

A. GOVERNMENT-WIDE & FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Net Position) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meetings the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023**

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B. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, & FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The municipality reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the municipality's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The municipality reports the following major proprietary fund:

- Enterprise Fund:
 - Water Activities
 - Sewer Activities
 - Gas Activities

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the government's enterprise operations. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including

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JUNE 30, 2023

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special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

The proprietary fund distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating 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. Principal operating revenues are utility billings. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

C. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is classified as Net Position and displayed in three components as applicable. The components are as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets - Capital assets including restricted capital assets, when applicable, net of accumulated depreciation.

Restricted Net Position - Net position with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position - All 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 is available, management applies restricted resources first. The policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. The decision is typically made by management at the incurrence of the expense.

In the Fund Financial Statements, governmental fund equity is classified as a fund balance. The District has implemented GASB Statement 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

Nonspendable fund balance – amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact;

Restricted fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation;

VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA

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Committed fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint;

Assigned fund balance – amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;

Unassigned fund balance – amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

D. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, & INVESTMENTS – (C.D.'S IN EXCESS OF 90 DAYS)

The Village's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of six months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the municipality's investments policy allow the municipality to invest in collateralized certificate of deposits, government-backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government-backed securities.

E. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The Village considers all highly liquid investment with a maturity of three months or less at the date of acquisition to be cash equivalents.

F. INVENTORIES

Inventories of materials and supplies are considered to be expenditures at the time purchased. Amounts on hand at the financial statement date are considered immaterial and therefore not included on the statements of assets and liabilities.

G. RECEIVABLES & PAYABLES

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the noncurrent portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds". Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA

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H. FIXED ASSETS

Capital assets are capitalized at historical costs. The Village maintains a threshold level of \$1,500 or more for capitalizing capital assets. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by the proprietary funds is charged as an expense against its operations. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Vehicles and Equipment | 5-10 years |
| Gas, Water, & Sewer Systems | 15-40 years |
| Parking Lot | 20 years |

I. FUND EQUITY

In the fund equity statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balances for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plan that are subject to change.

2. CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the government will not be able to recover its deposits. 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.

These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

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 Entity that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposit funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the Entity's name.

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Deposits

It is the Village’s policy for deposits (demand checking accounts, savings accounts, and certificate of deposits) to be 100% secured by collateral at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance. The Village’s deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Village at year end. The categories are describes as follows:

- ***Category 1*** – Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Village or by its agent in the Village’s name.
- ***Category 2*** – Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution’s trust department or agent in the Village’s name.
- ***Category 3*** – Uncollateralized.

| | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| | Sicily Island State Bank |
| Bank Balances | \$ <u>60,104</u> |
| <i>Secured As Follows</i> | |
| FDIC (<i>Category 1</i>) | 60,104 |
| Securities (<i>Category 2</i>) | -0- |
| Uncollateralized (<i>Category 3</i>) | -0- |
| Total | \$ <u>60,104</u> |

All deposits were fully secured as of June 30, 2023.

For purposes of the Statement of Net Position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit of the Village of Sicily Island. For the purpose of the proprietary fund Statement of Cash Flows, “Cash and Cash Equivalents” include all demand savings accounts and certificates of deposit under 90 days.

3. AD VALOREM TAXES

The entity levies taxes on real and business personal property located within its boundaries. The entity utilizes the services of the Catahoula Parish Tax Assessor to assess the property values and prepare the entity's property tax roll. The entity bills and collects its own property taxes.

Property Tax Calendar

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Assessment Date | January 1 |
| Levy Date | No Later Than June 1 |
| Tax Bills Mailed | On or About October 15 |
| Total Taxes Are Due | December 31 |
| Penalties and Interest are Added | January 1 |
| Lien Date | January 1 |

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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For the year ended June 30, 2023, taxes of 7.73 mills were levied against property having a valuation of some \$1,492,795 which produced some \$11,539 in revenue.

Ad Valorem Taxes are broken down as follows:

| | Mills |
|-----------------|--------------|
| General Alimony | 7.73 |
| Total | 7.73 |

4. RESTRICTED ASSETS – PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES

Restricted assets were applicable to the following at June 30, 2023:

| | Sewer | Water | Gas | Total |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Customer Deposits | \$ -0- | \$ 27,012 | \$ -0- | \$ 27,012 |
| Bond Reserve Account | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Depreciation Reserve Account | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Revenue Sinking | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Total | \$ -0- | \$ 27,012 | \$ -0- | \$ 27,012 |

5. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE & ALLOWANCE FOR BAD DEBTS

Uncollectable amounts due for customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectables of the receivable. Below is a summary of accounts receivable and allowance for bad debts by funds:

| | General Fund | Enterprise Funds | Total |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Accounts Receivable | \$ 18,526 | \$ 19,709 | \$ 138,235 |
| Allowances for Bad Debt | -0- | (654) | (654) |
| Total | \$ 18,526 | \$ 19,055 | \$ 37,581 |

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023**

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6. CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS – PROPRIETARY FUND

A summary of enterprise fund plant and equipment at June 30, 2023, follows:

| | <u>Beginning Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deletions</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Gas System | \$ 470,381 | \$ -0- | \$ -0- | \$ 470,381 |
| Water System* | 1,823,871 | -0- | -0- | 1,823,871 |
| Sewer System* | 2,442,285 | -0- | -0- | 2,442,285 |
| Total | <u>4,736,537</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>4,736,537</u> |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(2,749,331)</u> | <u>(108,427)</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>(2,857,758)</u> |
| Net | <u>\$ 1,987,206</u> | <u>\$ (108,427)</u> | <u>\$ -0-</u> | <u>\$ 1,878,779</u> |

*Land in the amount of \$38,280 in the Sewer System is not being depreciated.

*Land in the amount of \$1,000 in the Water System is not being depreciated.

7. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

| | <u>Beginning Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deletions</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Fixed Assets* | \$ 2,166,285 | \$ 14,700 | \$ -0- | \$ 2,180,985 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(1,516,976)</u> | <u>(95,534)</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>(1,612,510)</u> |
| Net Fixed Assets | <u>\$ 649,309</u> | <u>\$ (80,834)</u> | <u>\$ -0-</u> | <u>\$ 568,475</u> |

*Land in the amount of \$13,000 is included in the fixed assets and is not being depreciated.

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| General | \$ 41,643 |
| Fire | 84 |
| Police | 16,296 |
| Street | 37,511 |
| Total Depreciation | <u>\$ 95,534</u> |

VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023
CONTINUED**

8. LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of revenue bond transactions and general obligation debt transactions of the Village of Sicily Island for the year ended June 30, 2023.

| | Governmental Fund | Enterprise Fund | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | Notes Payable | Sewer Revenue Bonds | |
| Bonds & Notes Payable - Beginning | \$ 16,997 | \$ 24,405 | |
| Additions | -0- | -0- | |
| Principal Retirements | (16,997) | (16,129) | |
| Total | \$ -0- | \$ 8,276 | |

Bonds payable at June 30, 2023, are comprised of the following issues:

Notes Payable

March 2018 the Village purchased 3 police vehicles due in 60 monthly payments of \$1,919 at an interest rate of 3.893%.

\$ -0-

Total \$ -0-

Sewer Revenue Bonds

Original: \$393,800 Sewer Revenue Bond dated September 2, 1981, due in annual installments of \$9,000 to \$23,000 through September 2, 2021, with interest rate of 5%.

Modified: Lender waived \$50,000 in principal and all accrued interest. New principal due of \$125,000 due in monthly installments of \$1,500 through December 2, 2023, with an interest rate of 3%.

\$ 8,276

Total \$ 8,276

Sewer Revenue Bonds

| Year Ending June 30 | Principal | Interest | Total |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2024 | 8,276 | 81 | 8,357 |
| 2025 | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| 2026 | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Total | \$ 8,276 | \$ 81 | \$ 8,357 |

VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

CONTINUED

9. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires 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 and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

10. LITIGATION

There is no current on-going litigation.

11. ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SALARIES

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Annualized Salary</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Walter Krause | Mayor | \$ 4,245 |
| Derrick Fraizer | Alderman | 4,245 |
| Emma Hilliard | Alderman | 4,245 |
| Mark Krause | Alderman | 4,245 |
| Paul Jackson | Chief of Police | \$ 23,677 |

12. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

| | <u>Governmental Funds</u> | <u>Enterprise Funds</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Transfers In (Out) | \$ <u>(22,246)</u> | \$ <u>22,246</u> |

Transfers were made for operational purposes.

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated events and transactions subsequent to the Statement of Net Position date through, December 18, 2023, of the independent auditor's report for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

Required Supplemental Information

Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund Balance
Budget & Actual
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | <u>Budget Amounts</u> | | <u>Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis</u> | <u>Differences Favorable (Unfavorable)</u> |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|---|--|
| | <u>Original</u> | <u>Final</u> | | |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Fees & Charges | \$ 30,050 | 30,050 | \$ 29,259 | \$ (791) |
| Taxes | 98,500 | 98,500 | 101,043 | 2,543 |
| Fines | 100,000 | 110,000 | 117,503 | 7,503 |
| Grants | 50,000 | 50,000 | 151,778 | 101,778 |
| Other | 27,050 | 17,050 | 12,066 | (4,984) |
| Total Revenues | <u>305,600</u> | <u>305,600</u> | <u>411,649</u> | <u>106,049</u> |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| General Government | 171,300 | 171,300 | 155,578 | 15,722 |
| Fire | 11,350 | 11,350 | 5,716 | 5,634 |
| Police | 124,500 | 124,500 | 83,405 | 41,095 |
| Sanitation | 35,660 | 35,660 | 38,594 | (2,934) |
| Street Repair | 81,680 | 81,680 | 81,056 | 624 |
| Capital Outlay | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Debt Service | -0- | -0- | 34,194 | (34,194) |
| Total Expenditures | <u>424,490</u> | <u>424,490</u> | <u>398,543</u> | <u>25,947</u> |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Under Expenditures | <u>(118,890)</u> | <u>(118,890)</u> | <u>13,106</u> | <u>131,996</u> |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses) | | | | |
| Transfers In/(Out) | <u>120,000</u> | <u>120,000</u> | <u>(22,246)</u> | <u>97,754</u> |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | <u>120,000</u> | <u>120,000</u> | <u>(22,246)</u> | <u>97,754</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | <u>\$ 1,110</u> | <u>\$ 1,110</u> | <u>(9,140)</u> | <u>\$ 229,750</u> |
| Fund Balances - Beginning | | | <u>26,331</u> | |
| Fund Balances - Ending | | | <u>\$ 17,191</u> | |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

See independent auditor's report.

Supplemental Information

Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana
Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments
to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Honorable Walter Krause, Mayor

| Purpose | Amount | |
|--|--------|-------|
| Salary | \$ | 4,245 |
| Benefits-Insurance | | -0- |
| Benefits-Retirement | | -0- |
| Benefits (Expense Allowance) | | -0- |
| Car Allowance | | -0- |
| Vehicle Provided by Government | | -0- |
| Per Diem | | -0- |
| Reimbursements | | -0- |
| Travel | | -0- |
| Registration Fees | | -0- |
| Conference Travel | | -0- |
| Continuing Professional Education Fees | | -0- |
| Housing | | -0- |
| Un-vouchered Expenses* | | -0- |
| Special Meals | \$ | -0- |

*An example of an un-vouchered expense would be a travel advance.

See independent auditor's report.

**Village of Sicily Island
Sicily Island, Louisiana
Justice System Funding Schedule – Collecting/Disbursing Entity
Year Ended June 30, 2023**

| | First Six Months Ended 12/31/2022 | Second Six Months Ended 06/30/2023 |
|--|--|---|
| Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected | \$ -0- | \$ -0- |
| Add: Collections | | |
| Criminal Court Costs/Fees | 59,258 | 58,244 |
| Criminal Fines – Other | -0- | -0- |
| Service/Collection Fees | -0- | -0- |
| Subtotal Collections | 59,258 | 58,244 |
| Less: Disbursements to Governments & Nonprofits | | |
| LA Commission on Law Enforcement | 952 | 542 |
| LA Supreme Court Education Fund | 217 | 98 |
| Central LA Juvenile Fund | -0- | -0- |
| LA Chiefs of Police | -0- | -0- |
| Northeast Crime Lab | -0- | -0- |
| Less: Amounts Retained By Collections | | |
| Criminal Court Costs/Fees | -0- | -0- |
| American Municipal Service-Collection Agency | 2,066 | 2,081 |
| Service/Collection Fees | 105 | -0- |
| Subtotal Retained | 55,918 | 55,523 |
| Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained | -0- | -0- |
| Ending Balance of “Partial Payments” Collected but not Disbursed | -0- | -0- |
| Other Information: | | |
| Ending Balance of Total Amounts Assessed but not yet Collected | -0- | -0- |
| Total Waivers During the Fiscal Period | \$ -0- | \$ -0- |

See independent auditor’s report.

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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*

Village of Sicily Island
101 Sicily Ave.
Sicily Island, LA. 71368

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the business-type activities of the Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village of Sicily Island’s basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Village of Sicily Island’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 Village of Sicily Island’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village of Sicily Island’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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charges with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for 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. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items [2023-3 Small Size of Entity] that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village of Sicily Island's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 test disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items: **2023-1 Restricted Cash and Customer Deposits Liability, 2023-2 Unremitted Traffic Ticket Fees, 2023-4 Past Due Amount to Vendor, and 2023-5 Personal use of Village equipment.**

The Village of Sicily Island's Response to Findings

The Village of Sicily Island's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The Village of Sicily Island's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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

The Vercher Group

Jena, Louisiana
December 18, 2023

**VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND
SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2023. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards in the United States of America applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Our audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 2023, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

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

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses Yes

Significant Deficiencies Yes

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes

b. Federal Awards (Not Applicable)

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses Yes

Other Conditions Yes

Type of Opinion on Compliance Unmodified

Qualified

For Major Programs Disclaimer

Adverse

Are the findings required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance?

Yes

c. Identification of Major Programs:

CFDA Number (s)

Name of Federal Program (or Cluster)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs:

\$

Is the auditee a 'low-risk' auditee, as defined by OMB Uniform Guidance?

Yes No

**VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND
SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST – (CONT.)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

2023-1 Restricted Cash and Customer Deposit Liability (Compliance)

Condition: The Village has a customer liability of \$36,800 and cash set aside, or restricted, for the liability in the amount of \$27,012.

Criteria: The Village should have enough restricted cash in an amount equal to the customer liability.

Cause of Condition: Spending the restricted cash in past years or depositing customers deposit into wrong accounts.

Effect of Condition: Not having sufficient cash to cover customer liability.

Recommendation: The Village should continue setting aside restricted cash from future operations of the water fund to cover and meet the customer deposit liability.

Client Response: The Village will continue setting aside restricted cash from future operations of the water fund to cover and meet the customer deposit liability.

2023-2 Unremitted Traffic Ticket Fees (Compliance)

Condition: The Village has not remitted certain fees collected for traffic tickets on behalf of different state agencies for several months.

Criteria: The Louisiana Legislature imposes additional fees on traffic violations which are collected by municipalities and then remitted to the appropriate State agencies.

Cause of Condition: Nonpayment of fees collected on behalf of various State agencies.

Effect of Condition: Compliance violation.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Village report and remit traffic fees in a timely manner.

Client Response: Management will work on this for the fiscal year 2024.

2023-3 Small Size of Entity (Internal Control)

Condition: Because of the small size of the Village and lack of separation of duties of employees, many of the important elements of good internal controls cannot always be achieved to ensure adequate protection of the Village's cash.

**VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND
SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST – (CONT.)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Section II - Financial Statement Findings (Continued)

Criteria: Important elements of good internal controls often require that the same employee does not handle the functions of accounting, collections, billing, receiving, and check writing.

Cause of Condition: Small size of entity and lack of employees.

Effect of Condition: Significant deficiency in internal controls.

Recommendation: We recommend that management continue to provide the necessary oversight in its current internal control procedures, specifically in the areas of cash receipts, collection receipt activities, recordation of those receipts, depositing of funds collected, and review of checks written.

Client Response: Management will continue to provide the necessary oversight in its current internal control procedures, specifically in the areas of cash receipts, collection receipt activities, recordation of those receipts, depositing of funds collected, and review of checks written.

2023-4 Past Due Amount to Vendor (Compliance)

Condition: The Village past due on amounts owed the Louisiana Municipal Gas Association (LMGA) in the amount of \$91,167.

Criteria: Being current on accounts payable prevents delinquent penalties and negative equity balances on the entity's financial statements.

Cause of Condition: Not charging village customers sufficient gas rates.

Effect of Condition: Delinquent penalties and poor financial condition.

Recommendation: The Village should institute a policy or plan to bring the amount owed LMGA to current status.

Client Response: The Village will institute a policy or plan to bring the amount owed LMGA to current status.

2023-5 Personal use of Village equipment (Compliance)

Condition: An employee of the Village used equipment to assist an elderly person residing outside the Village limits to remove trash.

SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST – (CONT.)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section II - Financial Statement Findings (Continued)

Criteria: Village equipment must be used for Village business purposes inside the Village limits.

Cause of Condition: Using the Village equipment outside the Village limits.

Effect of Condition: Compliance violation.

Recommendation: The Village should use Village equipment only in Village limits for Village business purposes.

Client Response: This incident happened one time and the employee was reprimanded.

Section III – Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

Not applicable.

VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA

**MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION
FOR CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS**

FINDINGS:

2023-1 Restricted Cash and Customer Deposit Liability

Finding: The Village has a customer liability of \$36,800 and cash set aside, or restricted, for the liability in the amount of \$27,012. The Village should have enough restricted cash in an amount equal to the customer liability.

Corrective Action: Management will work on this for the fiscal year 2024.

Contact Person: Walter Krause

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2024

2023-2 Unremitted Traffic Ticket Fees

Finding: The Village has not remitted certain fees collected for traffic tickets on behalf of different state agencies for several months. The Louisiana Legislature imposes additional fees on traffic violations which are collected by municipalities and then remitted to the appropriate State agencies.

Corrective Action: Management will work on this for the fiscal year 2024.

Contact Person: Walter Krause

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2024

2023-3 Small Size of Entity

Finding: Because of the small size of the Village and lack of separation of duties of employees, many of the important elements of good internal controls cannot always be achieved to ensure adequate protection of the Village's cash. Important elements of good internal controls often require that the same employee does not handle the functions of accounting, collections, billing, receiving, and check writing.

Corrective Action: Management will continue to provide the necessary oversight in its current internal control procedures, specifically in the areas of cash receipts, collection receipt activities, recordation of those receipts, depositing of funds collected, and review of checks written.

Contact Person: Walter Krause

Anticipated Completion Date: N/A

VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA

**MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION
FOR CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS**

FINDINGS (CONTINUED):

2023-4 Past Due Amount to Vendor

Finding: The Village past due on amounts owed the Louisiana Municipal Gas Association (LMGA) in the amount of \$91,167. Being current on accounts payable prevents delinquent penalties and negative equity balances on the entity's financial statements.

Corrective Action: The Village will institute a policy or plan to bring the amount owed LMGA to current status.

Contact Person: Walter Krause

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2024

2023-5 Personal use of Village equipment

Finding: An employee of the Village used equipment to assist an elderly person residing outside the Village limits to remove trash. Village equipment must be used for Village business purposes inside the Village limits.

Corrective Action: The Village will use Village equipment only in Village limits for Village business purposes.

Contact Person: Walter Krause

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2024

VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA

MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS

During the course of our audit, we observed conditions and circumstances that may be improved. Below are situations that may be improved (if any) and recommendations for improvements.

CURRENT YEAR MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS

No items reported.

**VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND
SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA
JUNE 30, 2023**

MANAGEMENT’S SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

Legislative Auditor
State of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9397

The management of the Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana has provided the following action summaries relating to audit findings brought to their attention as a result of their financial audit for the year ended June 30, 2022.

FINDINGS:

2022-1 Unremitted Traffic Ticket Fees (Unresolved)

Findings: The Village has not remitted certain fees collected for traffic tickets on behalf of different state agencies for several months. The Louisiana Legislature imposes additional fees on traffic violations which are collected by municipalities and then remitted to the appropriate State agencies.

Corrective Action: Management will work on this for fiscal year 2023.

Contact Person: Walter Krause

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2023

2022-2 Restricted Cash and Customer Deposits Liability (Unresolved)

Finding: The Village currently has customer liability of \$47,037 and cash set aside, or restricted, for the liability in the amount of \$22,496. The Village should have enough restricted cash in an amount equal to the customer liability.

Corrective Action: The Village will continue setting aside restricted cash from future operations of the water fund to cover and meet the customer deposit liability.

Contact Person: Walter Krause

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2023

2022-3 Utility Billing Rates (Resolved)

Finding: The Village has not updated the gas utility rates on the Village’s utility billing computer per Ordinance No. 148. Village Ordinance Number 148 states that the gas utility rate charged to customers will be \$1.25 per MCF above the rate the Village pays for gas (per MCF) from its supplier, changing on a monthly basis.

**VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND
SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA
JUNE 30, 2023**

MANAGEMENT’S SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

FINDINGS (CONTINUED):

Corrective Action: The Village will change the billing rates on the billing computer to match the Village’s ordinances.

Contact Person: Walter Krause

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2023

2022-4 Small Size of Entity (Unresolved)

Finding: Because of the small size of the Village and the lack of separation of duties of employees, many of the important elements of good internal controls cannot always be achieved to ensure adequate protection of the Village’s cash.

Corrective Action: Management will continue to provide the necessary oversight in its current internal control procedures, specifically in the areas of cash receipts, collection receipt activities, recordation of those receipts, depositing of funds collected, and review of checks written.

Contact Person: Walter Krause

Anticipated Completion Date: N/A

2022-5 Past Due Amount to Vendor (Unresolved)

Finding: The Village past due on amount owed the Louisiana Municipal Gas Association (LMGA) in the amount of \$62,887. Being current on accounts payable prevents delinquent penalties and negative equity balances on the entity’s financial statement.

Corrective Action: The Village should institute a policy or plan to bring the amount owed LMGA to current status.

Contact Person: Walter Krause

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Village of Sicily Island and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The Village of Sicily Island's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Village of Sicily Island has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- h) **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- l) **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

Board or Finance Committee

2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
 - c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance

in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

- d) Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
 - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Exception: A member of management who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks did not review each bank reconciliation.

Management's Response: They plan to have this procedure implemented in the subsequent period.

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

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

There was one location, the Village Hall.

5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
- d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

Exception: Employees that are responsible for collecting cash are sometimes responsible for preparing/making bank deposits.

Management’s Response: The entity is too small to implement this procedure.

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

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

- 7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under “Bank Reconciliations” above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - d) Observe the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Exception: Receipts are not prenumbered and deposits are not made within one business day of receipt.

Management’s Response: They plan to have these procedures implemented in the subsequent period.

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

- 8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

There is one location, the Village Hall.

9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.
 - e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:
 - a) Observe whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliation procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

12. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

Exception: There is no evidence that the monthly statement and supporting documentation is reviewed and approved by someone other than the cardholder.

Management's Response: They plan to have this procedure implemented in the subsequent period.

13. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
 - a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

15. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
 - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - c) Observe each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
 - d) Observe each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

Contracts

16. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
- a) Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
 - c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, was approval documented).
 - d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

Payroll and Personnel

17. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
- a) Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to a policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
 - b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
 - c) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

19. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

20. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

Ethics

21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a) Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
 - b) Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
22. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

Debt Service

23. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.
24. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

Fraud Notice

25. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.
26. Observe the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

27. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**

- a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.
- b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
- c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

We have performed the procedures and discussed the result with management.

28. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained from procedure #19. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed from or disabled from the network.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

Exception: Not all employees completed sexual harassment training during the year.

Management's Response: All employees will be required to complete sexual harassment training next year.

30. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
31. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 1. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 2. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 3. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 4. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 5. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

There were no exceptions performing these procedures.

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

We are required to be independent of The Village of Sicily Island and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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

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