

**LAFOURCHE PARISH**  
**Fire Protection District No. 2**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**WITH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**(WITH INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S**  
**REVIEW REPORT THEREON)**

**AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**LAFOURCHE PARISH**  
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*As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2022*

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**LAFOURCHE PARISH Fire Protection District No. 2**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2022*

This discussion and analysis of Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2's (the District) financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

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

- Net position of our governmental activities decreased by \$470,185 or approximately 21% as a result of this year's operations.
- Total expenses for program activities were \$925,434. General revenues from ad valorem taxes collected; insurance proceeds and investment earnings of \$355,729 resulted in a decrease in net position of \$569,705.
- The cost of all of the programs increased by \$581,393, or approximately 63%.
- The governmental funds reported a total ending fund balance of \$1,133,792 a decrease of \$458,451 from the prior year – mainly from insurance proceeds from the prior year spent in the current year.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS) - The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the financial activities as a whole and present a longer-term view of the finances. Fund Financial Statements (FFS) – The Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund Financial Statements also report the operations in more detail than the Government-Wide Statements by providing information about the most significant funds.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)**

These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the net position and changes in them. You can think of the net position—the difference between assets and liabilities—as one way to measure the financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

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The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report governmental activities. Most of the basic fire protection services are reported as this type.

**Fund Financial Statements (FFS)**

The Fund Financial Statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds—not the operations as a whole.

The District utilizes the governmental type of fund with the following accounting approach. Most of the basic fire protection services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance programs.

We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliations at the bottom and following the fund financial statements.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (GWFS)**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities reports all governmental activities. All of the governmental activities are reported as this type. Our analysis below focuses on the net assets of the governmental-type activities:

	Condensed Statement of Net Position		Increase
	2021	2022	(Decrease)
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,852,605	\$ 1,500,812	\$ (351,793)
Capital Assets	1,228,380	1,117,126	(111,254)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,080,985</b>	<b>2,617,938</b>	<b>(463,047)</b>
Current Liabilities	99,520	-	(99,520)
Deferred Inflows of Resources	260,362	367,020	106,658
Net Invested in Capital Assets	1,228,380	1,117,126	(111,254)
Unrestricted	1,492,723	1,133,792	(358,931)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 2,721,103</b>	<b>\$ 2,250,918</b>	<b>\$ (470,185)</b>

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As a result of this year's operations, net position decreased by \$470,185. Current assets – mainly cash and investments decreased by over \$450,000 or 23% - mainly due to repairs and expenditures made for Hurricane Ida repairs. Capital assets and the respective net invested in capital assets decreased by 10% due to the disposal of impaired assets and depreciation in excess of assets purchased and capitalized in the current year. The balance in net position of \$2,250,918 represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations and includes a prior period adjustment of \$99,522 for the adjustment to the beginning balance of Net Assets was necessary for the change in accounting for ad valorem tax income from cash to accrual as was reflected in the budget and as noted in Note 6 to the financial statements.

	Condensed Statement of Activities		Increase
	2021	2022	(Decrease)
<b>Program Expenses:</b>			
Current	\$ 198,575	\$ 784,039	\$ 585,464
Depreciation - unallocated	145,466	141,395	(4,071)
<b>Total program expenses</b>	<b>344,041</b>	<b>925,434</b>	<b>581,393</b>
General revenues	737,491	355,729	(381,762)
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>393,450</b>	<b>(569,705)</b>	<b>(963,155)</b>
<b>Net Position:</b>			
Beginning of the year restated	2,327,653	2,820,623	492,970
End of the year	<b>\$ 2,721,103</b>	<b>\$ 2,250,918</b>	<b>\$ (470,185)</b>

The total revenues for the year in governmental activities were \$355,729 (all in general revenues), a decrease of over \$380,000 - mostly consisted of insurance proceeds received in the prior year. The total cost of all fire protection services was \$925,434, an increase from the prior year by over \$580,000 – most of the insurance proceeds received in the prior year were transferred to the Lockport Volunteer Fire Department for repairs and maintenance needed from Hurricane Ida repairs.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS (FFS)**

Funds are used to control and manage money for particular purposes. Reviewing individual funds provides the information to determine if an entity is being accountable for the resources provided and may also give you more insight into the overall financial health.

The General Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,133,792 all considered unassigned and available for future use. This reflects a decrease of \$458,451 from the prior year – including an adjustment to the beginning balance of Fund Balance necessary for the change in accounting for ad valorem tax income from cash to accrual as was reflected in the budget.

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The General Fund received \$261,567 in ad valorem taxes – a decrease of 20% from the prior year due to property reevaluated from Hurricane Ida, and \$79,341 in intergovernmental revenues – an increase from the prior year, \$14,321 in interest and \$500 in other income. The District spent \$784,039 in current expenditures such as operating services and materials and supplies and a transfer to the Lockport Volunteer Fire Department of \$600,000 as described above. Capital outlay of \$30,141 added to the current expenditures resulted in total expenditures of \$814,180 in the General Fund.

The District began the year with \$1,834,795 in available fund balance and it was adjusted by \$(242,552) as described above for a prior period adjustment and ended the year with \$1,133,792 in unassigned available fund balance reflecting a net decrease in fund balance of \$458,451.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The original budget for the General Fund was revised during the year as follows:

Original Budgeted Revenues	\$282,309
<b>Amendments were made for:</b>	
Increased Intergovernmental revenue	43,411
Increased interest and other	5,480
<b>Total revenue amendments</b>	<b>48,891</b>
Amended Budgeted Revenues	\$331,200
Original Budgeted Expenditures	\$1,439,280
<b>Amendments were made for:</b>	
Decreased current expenditures	(221,780)
Decreased capital expenditures	(399,000)
<b>Total expenditure amendments</b>	<b>(620,780)</b>
Amended Budgeted Expenditures	\$818,500

The total revenue and expenditure variances were both favorable and in compliance with the Louisiana Local Budget Act.

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**CAPITAL ASSETS**

The summary of investment in capital assets and depreciation, for governmental activities follows:

	2021	2022
Land	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600
Buildings	53,200	53,200
Trucks	1,710,644	1,733,630
Equipment	704,231	661,500
Total Cost	2,470,675	2,450,970
Accumulated Depreciation	1,242,295	1,333,844
Net Capital Assets	\$ 1,228,380	\$ 1,117,126
Depreciation Expense	\$ 145,466	\$ 141,395

This year there was \$30,141 in additions and \$49,846 of deletions to the capital asset list. More detailed information about the capital assets is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

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

Among the factors considered in compiling the 2023 budget were:

1. projects and purchases anticipated
2. new laws and regulations enacted that would apply to the upcoming year
3. new revenue sources or expenditures not previously encountered.

Highlights of next year's adopted budget for the general fund include:

Projected Revenue	\$335,000
Projected Expenditures	(393,006)
	\$ (58,004)

**CONTACTING THE DISTRICT 'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

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

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Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2,  
P.O. Box 337  
Lockport, LA 70374



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners  
Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2  
Lockport, LA

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2, a component unit of the Lafourche Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprises the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to managements' financial data and making inquiries of the management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

### **Management's Responsibility on the Financial Statements**

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

### **Accountants Responsibility**

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



**Accountants Conclusion**

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

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report dated May 7, 2023 on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

**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, 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. The information is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed such required supplementary information, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on it.

**Other Information**

The other information included in the accompanying Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the representation of management. We have reviewed the information and, based on my review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have not audited the information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

*Stagni & Company*

May 7, 2023  
Thibodaux, LA



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**LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**

Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2022

**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	211,661
Investments-LAMP		922,131
Taxes Receivable		162,964
Due from other government - ad valorem taxes		204,056
Capital assets, net of depreciation		<u>1,117,126</u>
Total assets		<u><u>2,617,938</u></u>

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable		<u>-</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>-</u>

**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Subsequent year - property taxes		367,020
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**NET POSITION**

Net Investment in capital assets		1,117,126
Unrestricted		<u>1,133,792</u>
Total net position	\$	<u><u>2,250,918</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements and independent accountant's review report.

**LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**

Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

<b>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</b>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		Net (Expense) Revenue
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	
General government - current	\$ 11,158	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (11,158)
Public Safety - Fire Protection				
Maintenance	61,145	-	-	(61,145)
Supplies & Training	2,141	-	-	(2,141)
Utilities	13,542	-	-	(13,542)
Fuel	8,294	-	-	(8,294)
General & Administration	62,962	-	-	(62,962)
Depreciation	141,395	-	-	(141,395)
Other	624,797	-	-	(624,797)
Total governmental activities:	<u>\$ 925,434</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(925,434)</u>
<b>General revenues:</b>				
				261,567
Ad Valorem Taxes, net adjusted				
Intergovernmental revenues				
State revenue sharing				10,209
State fire insurance rebate				69,132
Interest				14,321
Other				500
			<b>Total general revenues</b>	<u>355,729</u>
			<b>Change in net position</b>	<u>(569,705)</u>
<b>Net Position :</b>				
			Beginning, restated	<u>2,820,623</u>
			Ending	<u><u>\$ 2,250,918</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements and independent accountant's review report.

**LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

December 31, 2022

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$	211,661
Investments-LAMP		922,131
Taxes receivable		162,964
Due from other governments		
Ad Valorem Tax		204,056
Total assets	\$	<u>1,500,812</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$	-
Total liabilities		<u>-</u>

**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Subsequent year - property taxes		367,020
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**FUND BALANCES**

Unassigned		<u>1,133,792</u>
Total fund balances		<u>1,133,792</u>

**RECONCILIATION TO STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS:**

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		1,117,126
	\$	<u>2,250,918</u>

See notes to the financial statements and independent accountant's review report.

**LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	<u>General</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Property Taxes	\$ 261,567
Intergovernmental - State	
Revenue Sharing	10,209
Insurance Rebate	69,132
Interest earned	14,321
Other Income	500
Total Revenues	<u>355,729</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
General government - current	
Ad Valorem tax deductions	11,158
Public Safety - current:	
Operating Services	762,446
Materials and Supplies	10,435
Total current expenditures	<u>784,039</u>
Capital outlay	30,141
Total expenditures	<u>814,180</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	(458,451)
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>	
Beginning of year, restated	1,592,243
Ending of year	<u>\$ 1,133,792</u>
<b>Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds</b>	\$ (458,451)
<b>RECONCILIATION TO STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:</b>	
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.	
Capital Asset purchases	\$ 30,141
Depreciation	<u>(141,395)</u>
	<u>(111,254)</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ (569,705)</u>

See notes to the financial statements and independent accountant's review report.

**LAFOURCHE PARISH**  
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*NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*  
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The Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 (the District) operates under provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and local ordinances established by the Lafourche Parish Council. The District has all the rights and powers and privileges granted by and conferred by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Louisiana, including the right to incur debt, issue bonds and levy taxes.

**Note 1**                      **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

*A. Reporting Entity*

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Lafourche Parish Council is the financial reporting entity for Lafourche Parish. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Lafourche Parish Council for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. Based on criterion applied, the District is a component unit of the Lafourche Parish Council. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Lafourche Parish Council, the general government services provided by the Council, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

*B. Basis of Presentation*

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the District's major funds).

The accounting system is organized and operated on a fund basis whereby a separate self-balancing set of accounts is maintained for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations. The various funds in the financial statements in this report are as follows:

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**Note 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*B.      Basis of Presentation (continued)*

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)**

In the government-wide Statement of Net Positions, the governmental activities are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The net assets are reported in three parts—net investment in capital assets; restricted net assets; and unrestricted net assets.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the governmental activities. These functions are also supported by general government revenues (ad valorem taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest earned). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants. This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability as an entity and the change in the net assets resulting from the current year's activities.

**Fund Accounting**

The District uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

**Governmental Funds**

Governmental Funds are those through which the governmental functions are financed. The acquisition, use, and balances of the expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through Governmental Funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in financial position, rather than upon net income determination. The Governmental Fund is the General Fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

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**Note 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*C.      Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting*

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. 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 in which they are assessed. Other revenue is recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider are met.

The governmental fund financial statements are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental fund financial statements. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

- Ad valorem taxes and the insurance rebate are considered "measurable" at the time of availability since the timing of their collection coincides with the timing of the expenditures to be paid.
- Interest income on investments is recorded when the investments have matured and the income is available.
- Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash by the District because they are generally not measurable until actually received.
- Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

*D.      Budgets*

The District complies with the "Louisiana Local Government Budget Act" and henceforth, budgets are adopted for its governmental funds on a modified accrual basis that is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.



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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**Note 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*D.      Budgets (continued)*

Annual budgets are prepared by the Chief Executive Officer of the Board along with a budget message and presented to the Board for adoption no later than 15 days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Budgets are adopted for the fiscal year and lapse at a year-end. The budget is amended by supplemental appropriations as needed to during the year to comply with state law.

*E.      Cash and Investments*

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing deposits, and money market accounts. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. Under state law, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. Investments are stated at cost.

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

*F.      Capital Assets*

Capital assets, which include land, improvements, stations and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are capitalized at historical cost. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>LIFE</b>
BUILDINGS	25-40 YEARS
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	5-7 YEARS
VEHICLES	10-20 YEARS

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*NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*  
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**Note 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*G.      Fund Equity*

For government-wide financial statements net assets are classified and displayed in three components:

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

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

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned.

- Non-spendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form.
- Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by creditors, grantors, or contributors or by enabling legislation or constitutional provisions.
- Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by the Board through approval in minutes.
- Assigned fund balances is a limitation imposed by a designee of the Board.
- Unassigned fund balance in the General Fund is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories.

Negative unassigned fund balance in other governmental funds represents excess expenditures incurred over the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

**LAFOURCHE PARISH**  
**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

**Note 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*H.      Estimates*

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

**Note 2      DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

*Deposits:*

A summary of deposits are listed as follows:

	<b>Reported Amount</b>	<b>Bank Balance</b>
<b>Cash</b>	\$211,661	\$215,131

State law requires that deposits of all political subdivisions be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes the FDIC insurance and the market value of securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished, as security must be held by the political subdivision or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of the political subdivision.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, deposits may not be returned to it. All of the District's deposits are adequately secured by FDIC insurance and the market value of securities pledged.

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, R.S. 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 has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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**Note 2      DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

*Investments:*

Investments of \$922,131 include amounts invested in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a state and local government investment pool. The investments in LAMP have an average maturity of 60 days or less. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., which is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer in 1993. A board of directors consisting of the State Treasurer, representatives from various organizations of local government, the Government Finance Officers Association of Louisiana, and the Society of Louisiana CPA's governs the corporation. These approved investments are carried at cost, which approximate market and may be liquidated as needed. This investment pool has not been assigned a risk category since the District is not issued securities, but rather owns an undivided beneficial interest in the assets of this pool.

**Note 3      AD VALOREM TAX REVENUE/RECEIVABLE/DUE FROM TAX COLLECTOR**

*Revenue:* Property taxes are levied each December 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real property, merchandise, and moveable property located in the Parish. Assessed values are established by the Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at the percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law.

A reevaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. The Lafourche Parish Assessor informed the District that as a result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida they would be conducting a revaluation as per RS 47:1978.1. The revaluation was completed in February 2022. Taxes are due and payable December 31 with interest being charged on payments after January 1. Taxes can be paid through the tax sale date, which is the last Wednesday in June. Properties for which the taxes have not been paid are sold for the amount of the taxes.

The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2021 that the 2022 revenue was calculated was 5.24 mills assessed valuation on property within Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 for the purpose of public safety within the District. The assessed values of real property upon which 2021 property tax were based was \$65,302,269.

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**Note 3      AD VALOREM TAX REVENUE/RECEIVABLE/DUE FROM TAX COLLECTOR (continued)**

*Receivable/Due from Tax Collector* - The Lafourche Parish Sheriff collects and remits property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in their respective jurisdictions. Property taxes receivable represents real property taxes, and outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31, 2022 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In the governmental funds, the current portion receivable has been offset by deferred revenue since the current taxes were not levied to finance 2022 operations and the collection of delinquent taxes has been offset by a deferred inflow of resources since the collection of the taxes during the available period is not subject to reasonable estimation. On a modified accrual basis the revenue is reported as a deferred inflow of resources.

The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2022 – for revenue to be recognized in 2023 was 2.54 mills of assessed valuation on property within the District. The assessed values of real property upon which the 2022 property taxes are based on is \$70,042,216.

**Note 4      COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

No compensation was paid to Board Members during the year ended December 31, 2022.

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**Note 5 CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activity for the year is as follows:

Governmental Activities:	12/31/21 Balance	Additions	Decreases	12/31/22 Balance
<b>Capital assets, not being depreciated</b>				
Land	\$2,600	-	-	\$2,600
<b>Capital assets being depreciated</b>				
Buildings	53,200	-	-	53,200
Trucks	1,710,644	30,141	(7,155)	1,733,630
Equipment	704,231	-	(42,691)	661,540
<b>Total being depreciated</b>	<b>\$2,468,075</b>	<b>\$30,141</b>	<b>(\$49,846)</b>	<b>\$2,448,370</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,470,675</b>			<b>\$2,450,970</b>

**Less accumulated depreciation:**

Buildings	\$19,515	\$1,442	\$-	\$20,957
Trucks	977,246	114,413	(7,155)	1,084,504
Equipment	245,534	25,540	(42,691)	228,383
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,242,295</b>	<b>\$141,395</b>	<b>(\$49,846)</b>	<b>\$1,333,844</b>
<b>Capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$1,228,380</b>			<b>\$1,117,126</b>

Depreciation expense of \$141,395 for the year was charged to the governmental activities in the Statement of Activities.

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**Note 6      Prior Period Adjustment to Fund Balance**

An adjustment to the beginning balance of Fund Balance and Net Assets was necessary for the change in accounting for ad valorem tax income from cash to accrual as was reflected in the budget.

	Fund Balance	Net Assets
Beginning balance 12/31/2021	\$ 1,834,795	\$2,721,103
Prior period adjustment	<u>\$ (242,552)</u>	<u>\$ 99,522</u>
Beginning balance, restated	\$ 1,592,243	\$2,820,625
Adjusted on Reconciliation 12/31/2021		\$ 342,074
Prior period adjustment 2022		<u>\$(242,552)</u>
		\$ 99,522

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Budget Comparison Schedule - General Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final (Amended)		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes - Ad Valorem	\$ 246,000	\$ 246,000	\$ 261,567	\$ 15,567
Intergovernmental - State				
Revenue Sharing	8,414	10,200	10,209	9
Insurance Rebate	27,375	69,000	69,132	132.00
Use of money and property				
Interest earned	450	6,000	14,321	8,321
Other income	70	-	500	500
Total Revenues	<u>282,309</u>	<u>331,200</u>	<u>355,729</u>	<u>24,529</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
General government - current:				
Ad Valorem Tax Deductions	14,900	1,000	11,158	(10,158)
Public Safety - current:				
<b>Operating Services</b>				
Utilities	30,000	15,000	13,542	1,458
Telephone	9,000	6,000	6,384	(384)
Rentals	14,400	14,400	14,400	-
Maintenance Buildings	700,000	500	603	(103)
Maintenance Trucks	87,680	50,000	43,000	7,000
Maintenance Mach/Equip	30,000	18,000	14,078	3,922
Maintenance Radio Equip	11,000	5,000	4,067	933
Professional Services	8,000	10,000	10,370	(370)
Insurance	59,800	50,000	46,108	3,892
Payment to Lockport Volunteer Fire Dept	-	600,000	600,000	-
Education & Training	800	3,000	7,594	(4,594)
Convention Reg Fees	2,800	2,800	2,200	600
Fire Chief's Association	1,800	200	100	100
<b>Total Operating Services</b>	<u>955,280</u>	<u>774,900</u>	<u>762,446</u>	<u>12,454</u>
<b>Material and Supplies</b>				
Medical	2,000	1,000	-	1,000
Office Supplies/Postage	600	600	325	275
Publication Expense	4,000	1,000	1,333	(333)
Supplies Clothing Gear	20,000	1,000	483	517
Vehicle Fuel	12,000	8,000	8,294	(294)
Materials Other	500	-	-	-
<b>Total Material and Supplies</b>	<u>39,100</u>	<u>11,600</u>	<u>10,435</u>	<u>1,165</u>
Total current expenditures	<u>1,009,280</u>	<u>787,500</u>	<u>784,039</u>	<u>3,461</u>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
Acquisition Vehicles	400,000	31,000	30,141	859
Acquisition Equipment	30,000	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<u>430,000</u>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>30,141</u>	<u>859</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,439,280</u>	<u>818,500</u>	<u>814,180</u>	<u>4,320</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	(1,156,971)	(487,300)	(458,451)	28,849
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Beginning of year, restated	<u>1,592,243</u>	<u>1,592,243</u>	<u>1,592,243</u>	<u>-</u>
Ending of year	<u>\$ 435,272</u>	<u>\$ 1,104,943</u>	<u>\$ 1,133,792</u>	<u>\$ 28,849</u>



**LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**  
 Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

**Agency Head Name: Mr. Eric Benoit, Chairman**

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Salary	\$0
Benefits-insurance	\$0
Benefits-retirement	\$0
Deferred compensation (contributions made by the agency)	\$0
Benefits-other (describe)	\$0
Car allowance	\$0
Vehicle provided by government (enter amount reported on W-2 adjusted for various fiscal years)	\$0
Cell phone	\$0
Dues	\$0
Vehicle rental	\$0
Per diem	\$0
Reimbursements	\$0
Travel	\$0
Registration fees	\$0
Conference travel	\$0
Housing	\$0
Unvouchered expenses (expample: travel advances, etc.)	\$0
Special meals	\$0
Other (including payments made by other parties on behalf of the agency head)	\$0

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

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

To the Board of Commissioners  
Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2  
Lockport, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2, (the District) and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating the management's assertions about the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2022 included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*.

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

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

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

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$30,000, or public works exceeding \$250,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

*Expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$30,000 were in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251, and no contracts were entered into for public works exceeding \$250,000. We examined documentation which indicated that all of these expenditures had been properly advertised and accepted in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:2211-2296.*

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

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

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

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

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

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

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

***Budgeting***

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

*Management provided us with a copy of the legally adopted original and amended budget.*

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

*We traced the adoption of the original budget to the minutes held on December 13, 2021 which indicated that the budget had been adopted by the commissioners of the Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 by a unanimous vote. We traced the amended budget adoption to the minutes held on November 14, 2022.*

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

*We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget (amended) to actual revenues and expenditures. The revenue and expenditure variances were in compliance with the 5% variance.*

### **Accounting and Reporting**

8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:
  - (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee;

*We examined the supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.*

- (b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account, and

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

- (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

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

### **Meetings**

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

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

***Debt***

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

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

***Advances and Bonuses***

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees that may constitute bonuses, advance, or gifts.

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

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

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

*Stagni & Company*

Thibodaux, Louisiana  
May 7, 2023