

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE
PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA

REVIEWED FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
Fire Protection District No. 3 of
Acadia Parish, State of Louisiana
Evangeline, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Fire Protection District No. 3 of Acadia Parish, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of 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 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; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

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

We are required to be independent of Fire Protection District No. 3 of Acadia Parish and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountant's Conclusion

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

Required Supplementary Information

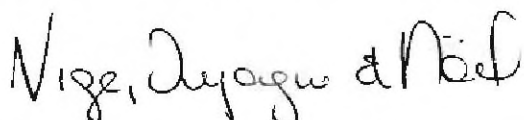
Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting and 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.

Management has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. The Management Discussion and Analysis, 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.

Other Supplementary Information

The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head has not been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, but it has been compiled from information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed this information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head.

In accordance with the Louisiana Government Audit Guide and the provisions of State law, we have issued a report, dated June 3, 2024, on the results of our agreed upon procedures.



Vige, Tujague & Noël
Eunice, Louisiana
June 3, 2024

Government Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE
PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 431,574
LAMP funds	317,863
Property tax receivable	294,678
Prepaid insurance	9,887
Total current assets	<u>1,054,002</u>
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets, net	<u>449,898</u>
Total non-current assets	<u>449,898</u>
Total assets	<u>1,503,900</u>

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	<u>4,632</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>4,632</u>

NET POSITION

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	449,898
Unrestricted	<u>1,049,370</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,499,268</u>

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE
PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

		Program Revenue		Net (Expenses) Revenues and Change in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Capital and Operating Grant	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
General Government				
Public safety	\$ 325,967	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (325,967)
 Total Governmental Activities	 \$ 325,967	 \$ -	 \$ -	 (325,967)
 General Revenues:				
				312,417
				2,215
				15,523
				330,155
 Change in net position				4,188
Net position - December 31, 2022				1,495,080
Net position - December 31, 2023				\$ 1,499,268

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE
PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA
BALANCE SHEET ALL - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	ASSETS	<u>General</u>
Cash		\$ 431,574
LAMP funds		317,863
Property tax receivable		294,678
Prepaid insurance		<u>9,887</u>
Total assets		<u>\$ 1,054,002</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Unavailable revenues - property taxes		<u>\$ 7,702</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources		<u>7,702</u>
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable		<u>4,632</u>
Total liabilities		<u>4,632</u>
Fund balances:		
Unassigned		<u>1,041,668</u>
Total fund balances		<u>1,041,668</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances		<u>\$ 1,054,002</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE
PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total fund balance for governmental funds at December 31, 2023	\$ 1,041,668
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
The statement of net position reports receivables at their net value. However, receivables not available to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in governmental funds	
	7,702
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:	
Buildings, vehicles and equipment, net of \$2,365,042 accumulated depreciation	<u>449,898</u>
Total net position of governmental activities at December 31, 2023	<u><u>\$ 1,499,268</u></u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>
Revenues:	
Property tax	\$ 309,953
Interest	15,523
Miscellaneous	2,215
Total revenues	<u>327,691</u>
 Expenditures:	
Current:	
Vehicle expense	8,013
Utilities	5,413
Supplies/Repairs	37,701
Insurance	43,414
Legal and Professional	7,500
Per diem	3,882
Contract labor	32,211
Miscellaneous	19,477
Capital Outlay	46,000
Total expenditures	<u>203,611</u>
 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	124,080
 Fund balance, beginning	<u>917,588</u>
 Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 1,041,668</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE
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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total net change in fund balance for the year ended December 31, 2023 per Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 124,080
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:

Governmental funds defer revenues that do not provide current financial resources. However, the Statement of Activities recognizes such revenues at their net realizable value when earned, regardless of when received.	2,464
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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 outlay which is considered expenditures on the Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 46,000	
Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2023	<u>(168,356)</u>	<u>(122,356)</u>

Total changes in net position for the year ended December 31, 2023 per Statement of Activities	<u>\$ 4,188</u>
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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting practices of the Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana conform to generally accepted accounting principles of the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

Reporting entity:

The basic criterion for determining whether a governmental department, agency, institution, commission, public authority, or other governmental organization should be included in a primary governmental unit's reporting entity is financial accountability. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the primary government to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government.

The Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Acadia is a component unit of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The Police Jury is financially accountable for the District because it appoints a voting majority of the board and has the ability to impose its will on the District. The District was established to provide fire protection for the residents of the District.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Police Jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Acadia as a whole. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods and services offered by the programs, and (b) requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statement:

The District uses funds 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 set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, or expenses as appropriate.

The general fund, a governmental fund type, is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources of the District except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

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Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as described below.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

- a. All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statements of activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental fund financial statements are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Fees and non tax revenues are recognized when received. Grants from other governments are recognized when qualifying expenditures are incurred. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities, usually 60 days.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are ad valorem taxes.

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.

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Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred except that accumulated unpaid vacation and sick pay are not accrued and principal and interest on general long-term debt are recognized when due. Purchases of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased.

Uncollectible ad valorem taxes are estimated based on the prior year's history.

Program Revenues

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the District's taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the District's revenues.

Allocation of indirect expenses

The District reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to these functions, but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense is specifically identified by function and is included in the direct expense of each function. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

Use of estimates in the preparation of financial statements:

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 revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Concentration of Risks

Concentration of risks with respect to the District is subject to the conditions of the limited geographical area of the District.

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Budgets:

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to January 1, the Chairman submits to the Board a proposed operating budget for the ensuing year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. The budget is legally enacted through the passage of a resolution; amendments are also legally enacted through the passage of a resolution.
4. The budget for the general fund is adopted on a fund financial statement basis.
5. The budget for the general fund is employed as a management control device during the year.

All budget appropriations lapse at year end. Revenues may not legally fall short of budgeted amounts by more than five percent and expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations by more than five percent at the individual fund level. The District does not use encumbrance accounting.

The budget amounts disclosed in this report are as originally adopted and amended by the Board.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposit, interest – bearing demand, and time deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less when purchased. Under state law, the municipality may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest – bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

Interest-bearing Deposits

Interest-bearing deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Allowances for Uncollectibles

All receivables that historically represent uncollectible accounts are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible. The allowance for uncollectible accounts in the general fund is estimated at \$0.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activity column in the government-wide financial statements. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost or estimated historical cost. The amounts of estimated costs are immaterial to these financial statements. Donated fixed assets are stated at their fair market value on the date donated.

The District maintains a threshold level of \$300 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net position. Depreciation is provided over the assets estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of assets is as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	40
Vehicles	7
Equipment	5

Net Position and Fund Equity

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balance of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowing that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

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- b. Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the 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.
- c. Unrestricted net position – All other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted: or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt.”

When both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available for use, it is the District’s policy to use restricted resources first.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

Restricted fund balance. This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance. These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the fire district’s board – the government’s highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the district board removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned fund balance. This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the district’s “intent” to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The fire district’s board has the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

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Unassigned fund balance. This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted sources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance) are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses

Program Revenues

Program revenues consist of taxes, fees, fines, and charges for services related to governmental fund activities.

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities.

Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses (continued)

In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds – By Character

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources.

Note 2. Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

The cash and cash equivalents of the Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Acadia are subject to the following risk:

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District 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

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insurance must at all times equal or exceed 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 District that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited 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 District's name.

At December 31, 2023 the District has cash and interest bearing deposits totaling \$751,563, and of this amount \$500,000 was secured by FDIC Insurance. The remaining amount of \$251,563 was secured with pledged securities from LAMP, Inc and JD Bank.

Note 3. Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the District on September 1 and are actually billed to the taxpayers in the latter part of the fiscal year. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year and January and February of the ensuing year. The following is a summary of the levied ad valorem taxes:

General corporate purpose	
Operations and maintenance	<u>6.24</u>

There is also an assessed fee of \$25 per household that is collected along with the ad valorem taxes.

All accounts and property tax receivables are shown net of any allowance for uncollectible accounts. Property taxes receivable for the governmental fund types, which have been remitted within 60 days subsequent to year-end, are considered measurable and available and recognized as revenues. All other property taxes are offset by deferred property tax inflows of resources and, accordingly, have not been recorded as revenue.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 is as follows:

	Balance 12/31/2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2023
Governmental Activities				
Buildings	\$ 282,424	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 282,424
Vehicles	1,608,166	-	(4,086)	1,604,080
Equipment	1,046,706	46,000	(420,862)	671,844
Totals	<u>2,937,296</u>	<u>46,000</u>	<u>(424,948)</u>	<u>2,558,348</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	104,593	7,026	-	111,619
Vehicles	1,366,806	109,581	(4,086)	1,472,301
Equipment	893,643	51,749	(420,862)	524,530
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,365,042</u>	<u>168,356</u>	<u>(424,948)</u>	<u>2,108,450</u>
Governmental Activities				
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 572,254</u>	<u>\$ (122,356)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 449,898</u>

Note 5. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB required a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively.

Note 6. Accounting Pronouncements

The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued the following Statements which will become effective in futures years as shown below:

Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements – This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset-an intangible asset-and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and

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(4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. The reporting requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022.

Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences – This Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023.

Note 7. Evaluation of Subsequent Events

The district has evaluated subsequent events through June 3, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE
PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Property tax	\$ 227,000	\$ 245,676	\$ 309,953	\$ 64,277
Interest	-	-	15,523	15,523
Miscellaneous	3,000	-	2,215	2,215
Total revenues	<u>230,000</u>	<u>245,676</u>	<u>327,691</u>	<u>82,015</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Vehicle expense	13,000	9,800	8,013	1,787
Utilities	12,000	7,020	5,413	1,607
Supplies/Repairs	17,000	41,500	37,701	3,799
Insurance	36,500	45,000	43,414	1,586
Legal and Professional	4,000	7,600	7,500	100
Per Diem	2,000	6,500	3,882	2,618
Payroll expense	30,000	20,800	32,211	(11,411)
Miscellaneous	7,200	18,535	19,477	(942)
Capital Outlay	-	29,785	46,000	(16,215)
Total expenditures	<u>121,700</u>	<u>186,540</u>	<u>203,611</u>	<u>(17,071)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ 108,300</u>	<u>\$ 59,136</u>	124,080	<u>\$ 64,944</u>
Fund balance, beginning			<u>917,588</u>	
Fund balance, ending			<u>\$ 1,041,668</u>	

See notes to required supplementary information.

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

1. Basis of Accounting

The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

2. Budgetary Practices

The District prepares and adopts a budget in accordance with LSA-R.S. 39:1301 et seq. The annual budget for the General Fund is prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting used by that fund.

Neither encumbrance accounting nor formal integration of the budget into the accounting record is employed as a management control device. However, periodic comparisons of budget and actual amounts are performed.

3. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations in Individual Funds:

General Fund:

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$ 186,540	\$ 203,611	\$ (17,071)

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON
PROCEDURES

To the Board of Commissioners
Fire Protection District No. 3 of
Acadia Parish, State of Louisiana
Evangeline, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Fire Protection District No. 3 of Acadia Parish, State of Louisiana and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Fire Protection District No. 3 of Acadia Parish's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2023 included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. Management of the Fire Protection District No. 3 of Acadia Parish 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.

Public Bid Law

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$30,000, and public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1755 (the state procurement code) or R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

We examined documentation that indicated that applicable expenditures had been properly advertised and accepted in accordance with the provisions of the applicable statutes.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

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

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

3. Obtain a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

Management provided us with the requested information.

4. Report whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

None of the employees names included on the list provided by management appeared on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

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

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

Budgeting

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

We obtained a copy of the legally adopted budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Act, and all amendments.

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

We traced the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book and noted no exceptions.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 5% or more. (For agencies that must comply with the Licensing Agency Budget Act only, compare the expenditures of the final budget to actual expenditures, and report whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 10% or more per category or 5% or more in total).

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual expenditures for the year did exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

Accounting and Reporting

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

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

Each of the six selected disbursements agreed with the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

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

The payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

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

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six disbursements indicated approval from the Board.

Meetings

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

The District posted agendas for meetings as required by the open meetings law.

Debt

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

We scanned bank deposit slips and discussed deposits with management for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

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

We scanned payroll disbursements and read the meeting minutes of the District's board of directors for the fiscal year. We found no payments or approval for payments to employees that would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

State Audit Law

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

The District submitted the review report in a timely manner.

14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized

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

The District did not enter into any contracts in the current year.

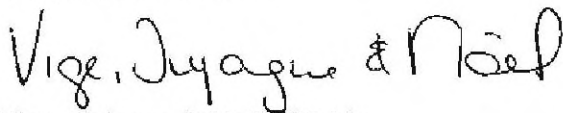
Prior-Year Comments

15. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

Our prior year report, dated June 14, 2023, included a budget variance exception that was repeated in the current fiscal year.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted 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*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the District's compliance with the foregoing matters. 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.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.



Vige, Tujague & Noël, CPA's
Eunice, Louisiana
June 3, 2024

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE
PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA
Schedule of Findings and Responses
Year Ended December 31, 2023

2023-001 Budget Variance

Condition: Total actual expenses exceeded total budgeted expenses by greater than 5%.

Criteria: The Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 396:1301-1314) states that total budgeted revenues should not exceed total actual revenues by greater than 5% and total actual expenditures should not exceed total budgeted expenditures by greater than 5%. When this occurs, the budget should be amended prior to year end.

Cause: The budget was not properly amended to account for total expenses at year end.

Effect: Failure to properly amend the budget resulted in a variance greater than 5% of budgeted expenses and resulted in noncompliance with budget laws.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Fire District make the necessary amendments to the budget prior to year end.

Response: The Fire District will make the necessary amendments to the budget prior to the year end.

2023-002 - Segregation of Duties

Condition: In reviewing the internal control structure, we noted inadequate segregation of duties existed in all areas of the financial cycle.

Criteria: Segregation of duties is required in all areas of the financial cycle.

Cause: Inadequate segregation of duties exists due to the limited number of personnel performing the administrative functions. Due to the lack of resources, the District is unable to implement a segregated system of internal control.

Effect: Due to the cost-benefit analysis, there was improper segregation of functions within the accounting system.

Recommendation: Based upon the size of the operation and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it is not feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

Response: Management is aware of and has evaluated this inadequacy and concluded that the related cost versus benefits to be achieved does not justify the additional personnel it

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Schedule of Findings and Responses (Continued)
Year Ended December 31, 2023

would require to establish an adequate segregation. We are in agreement with the District that it would not be cost beneficial or possible with the limited resources available to create a segregated accounting environment.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE
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Schedule of Prior Year Findings
Year Ended December 31, 2023

2022-001 Budget Variance

Condition: Total actual expenses exceeded total budgeted expenses by greater than 5%.

Criteria: The Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 396:1301-1314) states that total budgeted revenues should not exceed total actual revenues by greater than 5% and total actual expenditures should not exceed total budgeted expenditures by greater than 5%. When this occurs, the budget should be amended prior to year end.

Cause: The budget was not properly amended to account for total expenses at year end.

Effect: Failure to properly amend the budget resulted in a variance greater than 5% of budgeted revenues and expenses and resulted in noncompliance with budget laws.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Fire District make the necessary amendments to the budget prior to year end.

Response: The Fire District will make the necessary amendments to the budget prior to the year end.

Status: This finding is repeated as 2023-001.

2022-002 - Segregation of Duties

Condition: In reviewing the internal control structure, we noted inadequate segregation of duties existed in all areas of the financial cycle.

Criteria: Segregation of duties is required in all areas of the financial cycle.

Cause: Inadequate segregation of duties exists due to the limited number of personnel performing the administrative functions. Due to the lack of resources, the District is unable to implement a segregated system of internal control.

Effect: Due to the cost-benefit analysis, there was improper segregation of functions within the accounting system.

Recommendation: Based upon the size of the operation and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it is not feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

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Schedule of Prior Year Findings (Continued)
Year Ended December 31, 2023

Response: Management is aware of and has evaluated this inadequacy and concluded that the related cost versus benefits to be achieved does not justify the additional personnel it would require to establish an adequate segregation. We are in agreement with the District that it would not be cost beneficial or possible with the limited resources available to create a segregated accounting environment.

Status: This finding is repeated as 2023-002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE
PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND
OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Agency Head Name: Melvin Clay, Fire Chief
Service Period: 12 months

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 18,000

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

_____ (Date Transmitted)

Vige, Tujaque & Noel

P.O. Box 1006

Eunice, LA 70535

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

Public Bid Law

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

Yes No N/A

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No N/A

Budgeting

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

Yes No N/A

Accounting and Reporting

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No N/A

Meetings

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

Yes No N/A

Debt

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

Yes No N/A

Advances and Bonuses

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

Yes No N/A

Prior-Year Comments

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

Yes No N/A

General

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No N/A

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

to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No N/A

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

<u>Kylerio Mitchell</u>	Secretary	<u>1/25/24</u>	Date
<u>Kylerio Mitchell</u>	Treasurer	<u>1/25/24</u>	Date
<u>Mal Clay</u>	President	<u>1-25-2024</u>	Date

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE
PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
DECEMBER 31, 2023

FINDING #2023-001 BUDGET VARIANCE

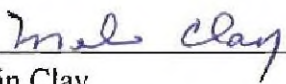
Recommendation: We recommend that the Fire District make the necessary amendments to the budget prior to year end.

Response: The Fire District will make the necessary amendments to the budget prior to the year end.

FINDING #2023-002 SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Recommendation: Based upon the size of the operation and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it is not feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

Response: Management is aware of and has evaluated this inadequacy and concluded that the related cost versus benefits to be achieved does not justify the additional personnel it would require to establish an adequate segregation. We are in agreement with the District that it would not be cost beneficial or possible with the limited resources available to create a segregated accounting environment.



Melvin Clay