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**South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2
Elm Grove, Louisiana**

General Purpose Financial Statements

As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 1998

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Commissioners
South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2 (the District), a component unit of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2, as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The year 2000 supplementary information on page 14 is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Government Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted of principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and do not express an opinion on it. In addition, we do not provide assurance that the District is or will become year 2000 compliant, that the District's year 2000 remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with which the District does business are or will become year 2000 compliant.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 11, 1999 on our consideration of South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants.

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Cook & Morehart
Certified Public Accountants
March 11, 1999

South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2
 Elm Grove, Louisiana
 Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
 December 31, 1998

	Governmental Fund Types		Account Groups		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Debt Service	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	
Assets and Other Debits					
Cash	\$ 199,398	\$ 69,062	\$	\$	\$ 268,460
Receivables - ad valorem taxes	127,398	140,137			267,535
Property and equipment			1,947,643		1,947,643
Amount available in debt service funds				205,037	205,037
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt				804,963	804,963
Total assets	\$ 326,796	\$ 209,199	\$ 1,947,643	\$ 1,010,000	\$ 3,493,638
Liabilities and Fund Equity					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 4,642	\$ 4,162	\$	\$	\$ 8,804
General obligation bonds payable				1,010,000	1,010,000
Total liabilities	4,642	4,162		1,010,000	1,018,804
Fund equity:					
Investment in general fixed assets			1,947,643		1,947,643
Fund balances -					
Reserved for debt service		205,037			205,037
Unreserved, designated	322,154				322,154
Total fund equity	322,154	205,037	1,947,643		2,474,834
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 326,796	\$ 209,199	\$ 1,947,643	\$ 1,010,000	\$ 3,493,638

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2
Elm Grove, Louisiana
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	General	Debt Service	Total (Memorandum Only)
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 128,500	\$ 141,349	\$ 269,849
Intergovernmental-fire insurance rebate	9,094		9,094
Interest income	11,687	2,060	13,747
Miscellaneous income	5,875		5,875
Total revenues	155,156	143,409	298,565
Expenditures:			
Current -			
General government	3,784	4,162	7,946
Public Safety	118,387		118,387
Capital outlay	14,413		14,413
Debt service:			
Principal retirement		65,000	65,000
Interest and fiscal charges		64,848	64,848
Paying agent fee		600	600
Total expenditures	136,584	134,610	271,194
Excess of revenues over expenditures	18,572	8,799	27,371
Fund balances at beginning of year	303,582	196,238	499,820
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 322,154</u>	<u>\$ 205,037</u>	<u>\$ 527,191</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2
 Elm Grove, Louisiana
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
 Budget (Cash Basis) and Actual
 General Fund
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 117,760	\$ 123,882	\$ 6,122
Intergovernmental-fire insurance rebate	9,090	9,094	4
Interest income	8,200	11,687	3,487
Miscellaneous income	6,300	5,875	(425)
Total revenues	<u>141,350</u>	<u>150,538</u>	<u>9,188</u>
Expenditures:			
General government		3,663	(3,663)
Public Safety	131,937	118,329	13,608
Capital outlay	14,413	14,413	
Total expenditures	<u>146,350</u>	<u>136,405</u>	<u>9,945</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(5,000)	14,133	19,133
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>5,000</u>	<u>184,488</u>	<u>179,488</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 198,621</u>	<u>\$ 198,621</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2
Elm Grove, Louisiana
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 1998

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2 was created by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1492, on June 11, 1985 by ordinance number 1113. The district is governed by a five member board of commissioners appointed by the Bossier Parish Police Jury. The Board of Commissioners received no compensation during 1998. The district is responsible for maintaining and operating fire stations and equipment and providing fire protection within the boundaries of the district.

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2 have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. Reporting Entity

The district is a component unit of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The police jury is financially accountable for the district because it appoints or ratifies a voting majority of the board and has the ability to impose its will on them.

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

C. 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. On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

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Funds of the district are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the district's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term debt. Governmental funds and account groups used by the district include:

1. General Fund -- the general operating fund of the district and accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.
2. Debt Service Fund --accounts for transactions relating to resources retained and used for the payment of principal, interest, and other related costs on those long-term obligations recorded in the general long-term debt account group.
3. General Fixed Assets Account Group -- is used to account for fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations for control purposes.
4. General Long-Term Debt Account Group -- is used to account for long-term liabilities to be financed from government funds.

D. Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The governmental funds 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 funds. The district uses the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes are recorded in the year the taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and attach as an enforceable lien and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages. Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1993 requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. Ad valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31. The taxes are normally collected in December, January and February of the current year.

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Other intergovernmental revenues are recorded when the district is entitled to the funds. Interest income on demand and time deposits are recorded when the interest has been earned and the amount is determinable.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

E. Budgets

The district uses the following budget practices:

1. A preliminary budget for the ensuing year is prepared by the Fire Chief and Officers of the District prior to December 31 of each year and is made available for public inspection at least fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
2. After completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted by the Board of Commissioners.
3. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
4. The budget is established and controlled by the board of commissioners at the object level of expenditure. All changes in the budget must be approved by the board.
5. The budget is adopted on a cash basis for the general fund. There was one amendment to the 1998 budget, which is reflected in the accompanying budgetary financial statements.

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Budget comparison statements included in the accompanying financial statements include the original and adopted budgets and all subsequent amendments. The schedule below reconciles excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses on page 4 (budget basis) with the amounts shown on page 3 (GAAP basis):

	General Fund
Excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses (budget basis)	\$ 14,133
Adjustments:	
Revenue accruals – net	4,618
Expenditure accruals – net	(179)
Excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses (GAAP basis)	\$ 18,572

F. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is employed as an extension of the formal budgetary process. Under this method, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation. Any encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balances since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities. There were no encumbrances outstanding at December 31, 1998.

G. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. 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 or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

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H. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased or constructed, and the related assets are capitalized (reported) in the general fixed assets account group. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available.

I. Compensated Absences

The district has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

Full-time employees of the district earn 10 days of vacation leave each year. Vacation and sick leave do not accumulate; therefore, there were no employee leave benefits requiring recognition at December 31, 1998. The cost of leave privileges, computed in accordance with the above policy, is recognized as a current-year expenditure within the various funds when leave is actually taken.

J. Long-Term Obligations

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from governmental funds are reported in the general long-term debt account group. Expenditures for principal and interest payments for long-term obligations are recognized in the governmental funds when due.

K. Total Columns on Statements

Total columns on the statements are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in those columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

L. Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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(2) Levied Taxes

The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

	<u>Authorized Millage</u>	<u>Levied Millage</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Operating	10.00	10.00	2007
Debt Service	variable	11.00	2008

(3) Cash and Cash Equivalents

At December 31, 1998, the district has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$268,460 in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and time deposits.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. 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. At December 31, 1998, the district had \$279,760 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$117,480 of federal deposit insurance and \$162,280 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 3, 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 has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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(4) Changes in General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	<u>Balance 12-31-97</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance 12-31-98</u>
Land	\$ 35,130	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,130
Buildings	533,586	-	(13,696)	519,890
Equipment	1,586,580	14,413	(208,370)	1,392,623
	<u>2,155,296</u>	<u>14,413</u>	<u>(222,066)</u>	<u>1,947,643</u>
Total general fixed assets	<u>\$ 2,155,296</u>	<u>\$ 14,413</u>	<u>\$ (222,066)</u>	<u>\$ 1,947,643</u>

(5) Pension Plan

The employees of the district are members of the Social Security System. There are no other retirement plans available to the employees of the district.

(6) Changes in General Long-Term Debt Obligations

The following is a summary of general obligation bond transactions of the South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2 for the year ended December 31, 1998:

	<u>Balance 12-31-97</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance 12-31-98</u>
General Obligation Bonds	<u>\$1,075,000</u>	<u>\$ 65,000</u>	<u>\$1,010,000</u>

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Bonds payable at December 31, 1998 are comprised of the following individual issues:

General obligation bonds –

\$1,300,000 – 1992 bonds for acquisition of buildings machinery, and equipment due in annual installments of \$50,000 to \$140,000 through March 1, 2008; interest rates of 6.40 to 10.00 percent. The debt redemption is paid from the Debt Service Fund. At December 31, 1998 the amount of funds available to service the General Obligation bonds is \$205,037.

\$1,010,000

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of December 31, 1998, including interest payments of \$361,225 for the General Obligations Bonds are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	
1999	\$ 131,065
2000	131,895
2001	132,320
2002	137,153
2003	136,392
2004 - 2005	273,680
2006 - 2008	<u>428,720</u>
	<u>\$ 1,371,225</u>

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Supplementary Information Schedule
Year 2000 Disclosure
(Unaudited)
December 31, 1998

The year 2000 issue is the result of shortcomings in many electronic data processing systems and other electronic equipment that may adversely affect the government's operations as early as fiscal year 1999. The District has completed an inventory of computer systems that may be affected by the year 2000 issue that are critical to conducting operations of the fire district's office. Management of the District has identified the following system requiring 2000 remediation; the emergency response system. Management of the fire district has contacted outside vendors for remediation, testing and validation. The approximate cost for updating the emergency response system is an insignificant amount. The anticipated installation date is before December 31, 1999.

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Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial
Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements
Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Members of the
Board of Commissioners
South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2

We have audited the financial statements of South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2 as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated March 11, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

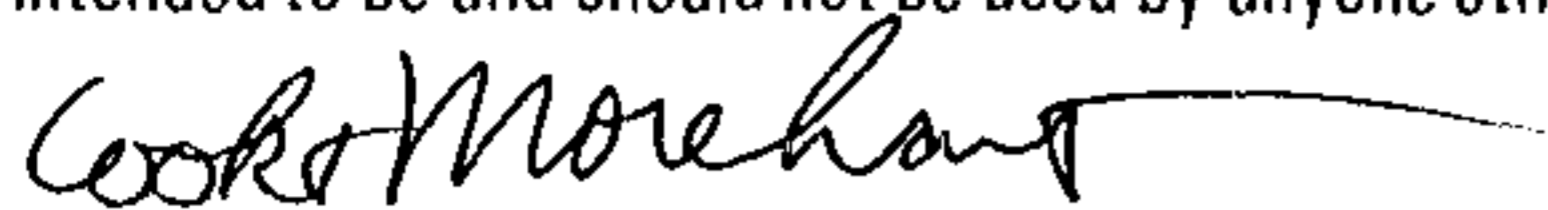
Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the organization and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cook & Morehart". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cook & Morehart
Certified Public Accountants
March 11, 1999

South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2
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Summary Schedule of Audit Findings
December 31, 1998

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

There were no findings or management letter comments for the prior year audit for the year ended December 31, 1997.

Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Audit Findings

There were no findings or management letter comments for the current year audit for the year ended December 31, 1998.