

CAMERON PARISH ASSESSOR
CAMERON, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Year Ended December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

June 26, 2024

Cameron Parish Assessor
Cameron, Louisiana

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Cameron Parish Assessor as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Assessor's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of Cameron Parish Assessor as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Cameron Parish Assessor and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Cameron Parish Assessor's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

Required Supplemental Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the required supplemental information on pages 36 through 39 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in

an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplemental information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual financial report. The other information comprises of The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Chief Executive Officer but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2024 on our consideration of Cameron Parish Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CAMERON PARISH ASSESSOR
Cameron, Louisiana

Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2023

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 69,125
Investments	1,356,153
Receivables, net	1,362,886
Prepaid expenses	2,112
Capital assets, net	7,526
Total assets	<u>2,797,802</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
	<u>779,407</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	2,875
Long-term Liabilities:	
Net pension liability	396,749
Net OPEB obligation	1,443,584
Total liabilities	<u>1,843,208</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
	<u>1,424,575</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets, net of related debt	7,526
Unrestricted	301,900
Total net position	<u>\$ 309,426</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CAMERON PARISH ASSESSOR
Cameron, Louisiana

Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2023

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net Revenues (Expenses) and</u>
		<u>Charges for</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u>	<u>Changes in Net Assets</u>
		<u>Services</u>	<u>and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
				<u>Activities</u>
Governmental Activities:				
General government	\$1,003,685	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,003,685)
			General Revenues	
			Property taxes, net	1,409,187
			State revenue sharing	8,007
			Other income	2,432
			Interest and investment earnings	82,381
			Total General Revenues	<u>1,502,007</u>
			Change in Net Position	498,322
			Net Position, beginning	<u>(188,896)</u>
			Net Position, ending	<u>\$ 309,426</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

December 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 69,125	\$ 166,991
Investments	1,356,153	903,122
Receivables, net:		
Taxes	1,362,886	1,085,745
Prepaid expenses	2,112	2,241
Total assets	<u>2,790,276</u>	<u>2,158,099</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
	<u>\$ 2,790,276</u>	<u>\$ 2,158,099</u>
LIABILITIES		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,875	\$ 3,583
Total liabilities	<u>2,875</u>	<u>3,583</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances:		
Unassigned	<u>2,787,401</u>	<u>2,154,516</u>
Total fund balances	<u>2,787,401</u>	<u>2,154,516</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES		
	<u>\$ 2,790,276</u>	<u>\$ 2,158,099</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 2023

Total fund balance for governmental funds at December 31, 2023:	\$ 2,787,401
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:	
Capital assets, net of \$73,616 accumulated depreciation	7,526
Deferred outflows and inflows are not financial resources or currently payable:	
Deferred outflows - Pensions	\$ 340,907
Deferred outflows - OPEB	438,500
Deferred inflows - Pensions	(164,296)
Deferred inflows - OPEB	<u>(1,260,279)</u> (645,168)
Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2023:	
Net pension liability	(396,749)
Net OPEB obligation	<u>(1,443,584)</u>
Total net position of governmental activities at December 31, 2023	<u><u>\$ 309,426</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CAMERON PARISH ASSESSOR
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
REVENUES:		
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,409,187	\$ 1,146,010
Intergovernmental	8,007	9,236
Other Income	2,432	-
Interest	82,381	18,078
Total revenues	1,502,007	1,173,324
EXPENDITURES:		
General government		
Personnel services	713,415	655,523
Supplies	6,745	6,871
Other operating services	148,962	126,009
Capital outlay	-	-
Total expenditures	869,122	788,403
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	632,885	384,921
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	2,154,516	1,769,595
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	\$ 2,787,401	\$ 2,154,516

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balances - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Total net changes in fund balances December 31, 2023 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$	632,885
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the
Statement of Activities is different because:

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 Statement of Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$	-	
Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2023		<u>(4,518)</u>	(4,518)

Net pension (expense) benefit is reported in the governmental fund as expenditures as they are paid, however, in the statement of activities the net position (expense) benefit is reported according to estimates required by GASB 68	(133,850)
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In the Statement of Activities, post employment benefits (OPEB) are measured by the amounts incurred during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for this item are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially the amounts actually paid).	<u>3,805</u>
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Total changes in net position at December 31, 2023 per Statement of Activities	\$	<u><u>498,322</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023

As provided by Article VII, Section 24 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the assessor is elected by the voters of the parish and serves a four-year term. The assessor assesses all real and movable property in the parish subject to ad valorem taxation and submits the rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission as prescribed by law. Once the assessment listing is approved, the assessor submits the assessment roll to the parish tax collector who is responsible for collecting and distributing taxes to the various taxing bodies. The assessor is authorized to appoint as many deputies as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the office and provides assistance to the taxpayers of the parish. As an independently elected official, the Assessor is solely responsible for the operations of his office, which includes the hiring or retention of employees, authority over budgeting, responsibility for deficits, and the receipt and disbursement of funds.

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Reporting Entity

The assessor is an independently elected official; however, the police jury maintains and operates the building in which the assessor's office is located.

GASB Standard No. 14 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Standard No. 14, the Cameron Parish Assessor includes all funds, account groups, et cetera, that are within the oversight responsibility of the Cameron Parish Assessor.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Cameron Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and
 - a. The ability of the Cameron Parish Police Jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Cameron Parish Police Jury.
2. Organizations for which the Cameron Parish Police Jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Cameron Parish Police Jury.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements could be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Based upon the application of these criteria, the Assessor is not a component unit of the Cameron Parish Police Jury's reporting entity.

2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of Cameron Parish Assessor 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. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, "Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments", issued in June 1999.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each of the functions of the Assessor'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 and charges paid by the recipients of services offered by the Assessor, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirement of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Fund Financial Statements

The Assessor uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain Assessor functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major funds, each displayed on a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Assessor or its total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of the individual governmental fund is at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds of that category or type; and total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds combined.

The major fund of the Assessor is described below:

Governmental Fund –

General Fund

The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:781, is the principal fund of the Assessor and is used to account for the operations of the Assessor's office. The various fees and charges due to the Assessor's office are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

3. 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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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery) and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate. 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 statement of activities, 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 reported using the current financial resources management focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

4. Cash

For reporting purposes, cash includes demand deposits, time deposits, and certificates of deposit. Under state law, the Cameron Parish Assessor may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

At December 31, 2023, the Assessor has cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$69,125 in interest-bearing demand deposit accounts. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting book 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 (GASB Category 3). At December 31, 2023, the Assessor has \$73,984 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$73,984 of federal deposit insurance and \$0 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank.

Investments

State statutes authorize the Assessor to invest in Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), U.S. Treasury notes and bonds, U.S. agency securities, and other governmental debt obligations with limited exceptions as noted in LA-R.S. 33.2955. Investments in time certificates of deposits can be placed with state banks, national banks or federal credit unions as permitted in state statute. Corporate bonds can be purchased with from companies incorporated in the United States, with a Standard and Poor's credit rating of AA- and have a maturity date of 5 years or less.

As of December 31, 2023, the District had its assets in LAMP. The below schedule identifies the investments by type:

Type of Debt Investment	Fair Value	Maturity			Credit Rating (Standards and Poor's)
		Less than 1 Year	1 to 5 Years	6 to 10 Years	
Investments measured at the net asset value (NAV)					
External Investment Pool (LAMP)	\$1,356,153	\$1,356,153	\$ -	\$ -	AAAm
Total Investments	<u>\$1,356,153</u>	<u>\$1,356,153</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

The \$1,356,153 in money market investments is invested in LAMP. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA-R.S. 33.2955. LAMP is a governmental investment pool that reports at fair value. The following facts are relevant for investment pools:

Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.

Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.

Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.

Interest rate risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments.

5. Budgets

The Cameron Parish Assessor follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- i. A proposed budget is prepared and submitted to the Assessor for the fiscal year no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
- ii. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
- iii. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for a hearing.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

- iv. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- v. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- vi. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the Assessor.

6. Accounts Receivable

Cameron Parish Assessor utilizes the allowance method to recognize doubtful accounts for ad valorem taxes. The allowance for doubtful accounts at December 31, 2023 was \$14,185.

Uncollectible amounts due for other receivables of governmental funds are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate that the particular receivable is not collectible.

7. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Cameron Parish Assessor maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

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. 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 assets. 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 asset is as follows:

Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5-10 years
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In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

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December 31, 2023

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

8. Compensated Absences

Vacation and sick leave are accrued annually for the current year only. Employees earn from five to twenty-five days of vacation and two to four weeks of sick leave each year depending on their length of service. Unused vacation leave at the end of each calendar year is forfeited. At December 31, 2023, the Assessor has no accrued compensated absences.

9. Long-term Debt

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental resources are reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists primarily of net OPEB obligations.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest reported as expenditures.

10. Equity Classification

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

- a. Net investment in capital assets, net of related debt – 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.
- 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 do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets, net of related debt”.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as restricted, assigned and unassigned.

- a. Restricted fund balance – Includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes based on generally outside actions.
- b. Assigned fund balance – Includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes based on internal (Board) actions.
- c. Unassigned fund balance – Includes positive fund balance within the general fund which has not been classified within the above mentioned categories.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) amounts are available, it shall be the policy of the District to consider restricted amounts to have been reduced first. When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used, it shall be the policy of the Assessor the committed amounts would be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

11. Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

12. Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses

Program Revenues

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

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded in the year taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December, January and February of the fiscal year. Interest

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

on interest-bearing deposits is recorded or accrued as revenues when earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

The Assessor's primary expenditures include salaries and insurance, which are recorded when the liability is incurred. Capital expenditures and purchases of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased.

13. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 26, 2024, the date the financial statements were available for issue.

14. Comparative Data

Comparative totals for the prior year have been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the government's financial position and operation.

NOTE B - AD VALOREM TAXES

For the year ended December 31, 2023, taxes were levied on property with taxable assessed valuations as follows:

	<u>Approximate Valuations</u>	<u>Taxes</u>
General corporate purposes	\$ 497,708,229	2.85 mills

Total taxes levied during 2023 were \$1,418,475.

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NOTE C - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2023 follows:

	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
Governmental activities:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	\$ 81,142	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,142
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	<u>69,098</u>	<u>4,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,616</u>
Governmental activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 12,044</u>	<u>\$ (4,518)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,526</u>

NOTE D - PENSION PLAN

Plan Description. Substantially all employees of the Cameron Parish Assessor's office are members of the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund (Fund), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

All full-time employees who are under the age of 60 at the time of original employment and are not drawing retirement benefits from any other public retirement system in Louisiana are required to participate in the System.

Employees who were hired before October 1, 2013, will be eligible for pension benefits once they either reached the age of fifty-five and have at least twelve years of service or have at least thirty years of service, regardless of age. Employees who were hired on or after October 1, 2013, will be eligible for pension benefits once they have either reached the age of sixty and have at least twelve years of service or have reached the age of fifty-five and have at least thirty years of service.

Employees who became members prior to October 1, 2006, are entitled to annual pension benefits equal to three and one-third percent of their average final compensation based on the 36 consecutive months of highest pay, multiplied by their total years of service, not to exceed 100% of final compensation. Employees who become members on or after October 1, 2006 will have their benefit based on the highest 60 months of consecutive service. Employees may elect to receive their pension benefits in the form of a joint and survivor annuity.

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NOTE D - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

If employees terminate before rendering 12 years of service, they forfeit the right to receive the portion of their accumulated plan benefits attributable to the employer's contributions. Benefits are payable over the employees' lives in the form of a monthly annuity. Employees may elect a reduced benefit or any of four options at retirement.

Employees who terminate with at least 12 years of service and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at or after age 55 and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The Fund also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

A publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental financial information may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement Fund, P.O. Box 14699, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-4699.

Funding Policy. Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 8.0% of their annual covered salary and the Cameron Parish Assessor is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 11.5% of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the Fund also include revenue sharing funds appropriated by the legislature. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Cameron Parish Assessor are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by R.S. 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The Cameron Parish Assessor's contributions to the Fund for the year ending December 31, 2023 were \$15,735.

At December 31, 2023, the District reported a liability (asset) of \$396,749 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to their pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2023, the District's proportion was .809758%.

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NOTE D - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the District recognized pension expense (benefit) of \$133,850 including employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, \$26,676. At December 31, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 12,776	\$ 43,622
Difference between expected and actual Investment	207,282	-
Change in assumption	104,385	-
Changes in proportion and differences between: Contributions and proportionate share of contributions	729	120,674
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	15,735	-
Total	\$ 340,907	\$ 164,296

\$15,735 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2023. Other accounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	Amount
2024	\$ 90,326
2025	109,885
2026	186,615
2027	(10,105)
2028	24,236
Thereafter	-

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NOTE D - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

Actuarial methods and assumption. The total pension liability in the September 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Valuation Date	September 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	5.50% (Net of investment expense, including inflation)
Inflation rate	2.10%
Projected Salary Increases	5.25% (including inflation and merit increases)
Disabled Lives Mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 120% with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale.
Annuitant and beneficiary mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Healthy Retirees multiplied by 120% with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale.
Active Member Mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 120% with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale.

Discount Rate. The long-term expected rate of return on pension investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.5%, and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting long-term expected arithmetic nominal return was 7.85% as of September 30, 2023.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for major asset class included in the Fund's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

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NOTE D - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	7.50%
International equity	8.50%
Domestic bonds	2.50%
International bonds	3.50%
Real estate	4.50%

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from the participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at actuarially determined contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on these assumptions and the other assumptions and methods as specified in this report, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. Thus, the discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 5.50%.

The effects of certain other changes in the net pension liability are required to be included in pension expense over the current and future periods. The effects on the total pension liability of (1) changes of economic and demographic assumptions or of other inputs and (2) differences between expected and actual experience are required to be included in pension expense in a systematic and rational manner over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with benefits through the pension plan (active employees and inactive employees), determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. The effect on net pension liability of differences between the projected earnings on pension plan investments and actual experience with regard to those earnings is required to be included in pension expense in a systematic and rational manner over a closed period of five years, beginning with the current period. The Expected Remaining Service Lives (ERSL) for 2023 is 6 years.

Sensitivity to changes in discount rate. The following presents the net pension liability of the District calculated using the discount rate of 5.50%, as well as what the District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (4.50%) or one percentage point higher (6.50%) than the current rate.

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NOTE D - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

	Changes in Discount Rate 2023		
	1% Decrease	Current	1% Increase
	4.50%	Discount Rate 5.50%	6.50%
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 891,238	\$ 396,749	\$ (23,716)

NOTE E – POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan Description. The Cameron Parish Assessor contributes to a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (“the Retiree Health Plan”). The plan provides lifetime healthcare insurance for eligible retirees and their spouses through the Assessor’s group health insurance plan, which covers both active and retired members. Benefit provisions are established by the Cameron Parish Assessor. The Retiree Health Plan does not issue a publicly available financial report.

Effective with the year ended December 31, 2009, the Cameron Parish Assessor implemented Government Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post Employment Benefits Other than Pensions* (GASB 45). This statement has been implemented prospectively. Using this method, the beginning OPEB liability is set at zero and the actuarially determined OPEB liability relative to past service (prior to January 1, 2009) will be amortized and recognized as an expense over thirty years.

Funding Policy. The Assessor pays 100% of retirees’ medical and life insurance premiums and 50% of the retirees’ dependent medical coverage. The eligibility requirement is that the former employee must have met the requirements of the retirement system. These requirements are at least twelve years of coverage service and at least fifty-five years of age or thirty years of service. The number of participants currently eligible to receive benefits is six. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Assessor contributed \$69,877 to the plan.

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NOTE E – POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS -
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Employees covered by benefit terms – At December 31, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	6
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	5
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Total OPEB Liability

The Assessor’s total OPEB liability of \$1,443,584 was measured as of December 31, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs – The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.3%
Salary increases	3.0%, including inflation
Discount rate	3.26% annually

The discount rate was based on the average of the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index as of December 31, 2023, the end of the applicable measurement period.

Mortality rates for Healthy Retirement were based on sex-distinct Pub-2010 General Mortality with separate employee and healthy annuitant rates, projected generationally using scale MP-2020.

Mortality rates for Beneficiaries were based on sex-distinct Pub-2010 General Contingent Survivors Mortality, projected generationally using scale MP-2020.

Mortality rates for Disability Retirement were based on sex-distinct Pub-2010 General Disabled Retirees Mortality, projected generationally using scale MP-2020.

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NOTE E – POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS -
CONTINUED

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at December 31, 2022	\$ 1,373,994
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	54,909
Interest	51,868
Effect of plan changes	-
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	-
Effect of assumption changes or inputs	32,690
Benefit payments and net transfers	(69,877)
Net changes	69,590
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ 1,443,584

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Assessor, as well as what the Assessor’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.72%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.72%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease (2.26%)	Current Discount Rate (3.26%)	1.0% Increase (4.26%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 1,728,398	\$ 1,443,584	\$ 1,219,745

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Assessor, as well as what the Assessor’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1.0% Decrease	Current Trend	1.0% Increase
Total OPEB liability	\$ 1,170,116	\$ 1,443,584	\$ 1,808,580

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NOTE E – POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS - CONTINUED

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Assessor recognized OPEB expense of \$66,072. At December 31, 2023, the Assessor reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 124,996	\$ -
Changes in assumptions	313,504	(1,260,279)
Total	\$ 438,500	\$ (1,260,279)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Years ending December 31:	
2024	\$ (103,740)
2025	(195,000)
2026	(195,000)
2027	(195,000)
2028	(135,783)
Thereafter	2,744

NOTE F - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Assessor is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of auto and property liability and surety bonds. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There has been no significant reduction in the insurance coverage during the year.

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NOTE G – EXPENSES PAID BY OTHERS

The Assessor's office is located in the Annex of the Police Jury building. The Cameron Parish Police Jury pays for the expenses related to the building, such as utilities, insurance, repair and maintenance, etc. on the building. These expenditures are not recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE H – TAX ABATEMENTS

Louisiana's State Constitution Chapter VII Section 21 authorizes the State Board of Commerce and Industry to create a ten (10) year ad valorem tax abatement program for new manufacturing establishments in the State. Under the terms of this program, qualified businesses may apply for an exemption of local ad valorem taxes on capital improvements and equipment related to manufacturing for the first ten years of its operation; after which the property will be added to the local tax roll and taxed at the value and millages in force at the time. The future value of this exempt property could be subject to significant fluctuation from today's value; however, the Assessor could receive a substantial increase in ad valorem tax revenues once the exemption on this property expires. All applicable agreements have been entered into by the Cameron Parish Police Jury and directly affect the Assessor's ad valorem assessments. Because these taxes are not assessed or due, no adjustments have been made to the Assessor's financial statements to record a receivable. As of December 31, 2023, \$5,003,030,160 of assessed property in the District's taxing jurisdiction is receiving this exemption, which amounts to \$14,258,636 in ad valorem taxes.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

CAMERON PARISH ASSESSOR
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Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget		Actual	Variance
	Original	Amended		Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,145,572	\$ 1,145,572	\$ 1,409,187	\$ 263,615
Intergovernmental	7,412	5,472	8,007	2,535
Charges for services	2,500	2,500	-	(2,500)
Other Income	-	-	2,432	2,432
Interest	24,000	79,844	82,381	2,537
Total revenues	<u>1,179,484</u>	<u>1,233,388</u>	<u>1,502,007</u>	<u>268,619</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
General government				
Personnel services	618,411	706,122	713,415	(7,293)
Supplies	7,089	-	6,745	(6,745)
Other operating services	149,806	158,785	148,962	9,823
Capital outlay	41,750	5,795	-	5,795
Total expenditures	<u>817,056</u>	<u>870,702</u>	<u>869,122</u>	<u>1,580</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	362,428	362,686	632,885	270,199
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	<u>2,154,516</u>	<u>2,154,516</u>	<u>2,154,516</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u><u>\$ 2,516,944</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,517,202</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,787,401</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 270,199</u></u>

CAMERON PARISH ASSESSOR
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Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability

Year Ended December 31, 2023*

Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund:

<u>Date</u>	Employer's portion of the net pension liability (asset)	Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	Employer's covered payroll	Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
December 31, 2015	0.7526%	\$ 393,863	\$ 394,196	99.92%	85.57%
December 31, 2016	0.8198%	\$ 289,293	\$ 349,874	82.68%	90.68%
December 31, 2017	0.8075%	\$ 141,694	\$ 354,505	39.97%	95.61%
December 31, 2018	0.8179%	\$ 158,995	\$ 364,577	43.61%	95.46%
December 31, 2019	0.85403%	\$ 225,279	\$ 375,724	60.00%	94.12%
December 31, 2020	0.84097%	\$ 128,480	\$ 390,636	32.89%	96.79%
December 31, 2021	.0657834%	\$ (216,270)	\$ 376,484	(57.44)%	106.48%
December 31, 2022	.8119194%	\$ 537,842	\$ 296,614	55.15%	87.25%
December 31, 2023	0.809758%	\$ 396,749	\$ 444,185	111.96%	90.91%

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

*The amounts presented have a measurement date of September 30, 2023.

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Schedule of Employer Contributions

Year Ended December 31, 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>Employer's Covered Employee Payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll</u>
2014	\$ 39,835	\$ 39,835	\$ -	\$ 301,641	13.21%
2015	\$ 53,501	\$ 53,501	\$ -	\$ 394,196	13.57%
2016	\$ 43,614	\$ 43,614	\$ -	\$ 349,874	12.47%
2017	\$ 35,450	\$ 35,450	\$ -	\$ 354,505	10.00%
2018	\$ 28,840	\$ 28,840	\$ -	\$ 364,577	7.91%
2019	\$ 51,415	\$ 51,415	\$ -	\$ 375,724	13.68%
2020	\$ 26,403	\$ 26,403	\$ -	\$ 390,636	6.76%
2021	\$ 32,758	\$ 32,758	\$ -	\$ 376,484	8.70%
2022	\$ 10,989	\$ 10,989	\$ -	\$ 296,614	3.68%
2023	\$ 15,735	\$ 15,735	\$ -	\$ 444,185	3.54%

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios for the
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability						
Service cost	\$ 54,909	\$ 94,088	\$ 88,708	\$ 75,093	\$ 58,578	\$ 47,766
Interest on total OPEB liability	51,868	63,743	62,825	65,639	70,526	45,485
Effect of plan changes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	-	65,290	-	159,286	-	382,782
Effect of assumption changes or inputs	32,690	(1,814,249)	48,672	328,250	598,245	(36,019)
Benefit payments	(69,877)	(69,877)	(79,409)	(68,631)	(67,971)	(38,289)
Net change in total OPEB liability	<u>69,590</u>	<u>(1,661,005)</u>	<u>120,796</u>	<u>559,637</u>	<u>659,378</u>	<u>401,725</u>
Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>1,373,994</u>	<u>3,034,999</u>	<u>2,914,203</u>	<u>2,354,566</u>	<u>1,695,188</u>	<u>1,293,463</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending (a)	<u>\$ 1,443,584</u>	<u>\$ 1,373,994</u>	<u>\$ 3,034,999</u>	<u>\$ 2,914,203</u>	<u>\$ 2,354,566</u>	<u>\$ 1,695,188</u>

Covered-employee payroll	\$ 447,438	\$ 377,177	\$ 377,177	\$ 424,117	\$ 400,689	\$ 362,545
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	322.63%	364.28%	804.66%	687.12%	587.63%	467.58%

Notes to Schedule:

Discount rate

Discount rate	3.26%	3.72%	2.06%	2.12%	2.74%	4.10%
20 Year Tax-Exempt Municipal Bond Yield	3.26%	3.72%	2.06%	2.12%	2.74%	4.10%

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Index

Other Key Actuarial Assumptions

The plan has not had a formal actuarial experience study performed.

Valuation date	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2020	January 1, 2019	January 1, 2018
Measurement date	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Inflation	2.30%	2.30%	2.20%	2.20%	2.30%	2.30%
Medical Trend Rate	See "Actuarial Assumptions" for details	See "Actuarial Assumptions" for details	See "Actuarial Assumptions" for details	See "Actuarial Assumptions" for details	See "Actuarial Assumptions" for details	See "Actuarial Assumptions" for details
Salary increases including inflation	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%

OTHER INFORMATION

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Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments
To Chief Executive Officer

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Chief Executive Officer: Howard S. Lavergne, Assessor

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 164,403
Benefits-insurance	27,184
Benefits-retirement	5,899
Benefits-cell phone	960
Car allowance	-
Vehicle provided by government	-
Per diem	-
Reimbursements	-
Travel	4,053
Conference travel	-
Continuing professional education fees	640
Housing	-
Unvouchered expenses	-
Special meals	-
Other – office parking	-

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT
AUDITING STANDARDS*

June 26, 2024

Cameron Parish Assessor
Cameron, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Cameron Parish Assessor 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, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2024.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Cameron Parish Assessor's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Assessor's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Assessor's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Assessor's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable of any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

CAMERON PARISH ASSESSOR
Cameron, Louisiana

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. Summary of Auditors' Results:

Type of auditors' opinion issued: unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified? ___yes x no

Control deficiency(ies) identified that are
not considered to be material weakness(es)? ___yes x none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements
noted? ___yes x no

2. Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Which Are Required to be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Governmental Auditing Standards

None

3. Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards

N/A

4. Prior Year Audit Findings

Finding 2022-001: Budgetary Authority and Control

Current status: This finding is considered resolved for 2023.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

June 26, 2024

Cameron Parish Assessor
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor
Cameron, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The Cameron Parish Assessor's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Cameron Parish Assessor has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:

- i. *Budgeting*, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

The Assessor's policies and procedures manual addresses budgeting.

- ii. *Purchasing*, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

The Assessor's policies and procedures manual addresses purchasing.

- iii. *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

The Assessor's policies and procedures manual addresses disbursements.

- iv. *Receipts/Collections*, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmations with outside parties,

reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

The Assessor's policies and procedures manual addresses receipt/collections.

- v. *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

The Assessor's policies and procedures manual addresses payroll/personnel, but does not include each of these items.

Management Response: The Assessor will update the Accounting Policies and Procedures manual to include these items.

- vi. *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

The Assessor's policies and procedures manual addresses contracting.

- vii. *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

The Assessor's policies and procedures manual addresses travel and expense reimbursement.

- viii. *Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)*, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).

The Assessor's policies and procedures manual addresses credit cards.

- ix. *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

The Assessor's policies and procedures manual does not address this area.

Management Response: The Assessor will update the Accounting Policies and Procedures manual to include this area.

- x. *Debt Service*, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

The Assessor's policies and procedures manual addresses debt service.

- xi. *Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity*, includes (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

The Assessor's policies and procedures manual addresses information technology disaster recovery/business continuity.

- xii. *Prevention of Sexual Harassment*, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

The Assessor's policies and procedures manual addresses prevention of sexual harassment.

2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and
 - i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unrestricted fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unrestricted fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unrestricted fund balance in the general fund.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

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

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- ii. Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared. (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iii. Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

4) Collections

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

The listing was provided by management.

- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe the job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

- i. Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit:

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

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

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Obtain supported documentation for each of the deposits and:

- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

5) *Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements and petty cash purchases)*

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

The listing was provided by management.

- B. For each location selected under #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that

- i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
 - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g. initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

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

The listing was provided by management.

- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and:
 - i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports

for excess fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing, (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder; and

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #6B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g. each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observed that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only).

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

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

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
 - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

8) Contracts

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and

- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

9) Payroll and Personnel

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

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and

- i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation sick, compensatory);

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

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

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

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

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

10) Ethics

A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and

- i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

11) Debt Service

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

The Assessor did not issue any debt.

- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

The Assessor has no debt outstanding.

12) Fraud Notice

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

The Assessor was not aware of any misappropriation of public funds or assets during the fiscal year.

- B. Observe the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures,

- i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management. No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management. No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management. No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management. No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

- Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management. No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

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

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- B. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

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

We are required to be independent of Cameron Parish Assessor and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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