

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 12  
OF RAPIDES PARISH**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

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June 26, 2023

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Board of Directors  
Fire Protection District No. 12  
Cheneyville, LA 71325

We have reviewed the accompanying basic financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

**Management's Responsibility 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; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

**Accountant's Responsibility**

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

We are required to be independent of the Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant requirement related to our review.

**Accountant's Conclusion**

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

**Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the information listed below to supplement the basic financial statements.

- Management's Discussion and Analysis
- Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (Budget and Actual)

Such information, although not a required 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. Such information is the responsibility of management. We have not audited, reviewed, or compiled the required supplementary information, and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on it.

**Other Supplemental Information**

Our review was made for the purpose of expressing limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the basic financial statements in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The accompanying Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is presented only for supplementary analysis purposes and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements and we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made thereto. Such information is the responsibility of management. We have not audited, reviewed, or compiled the other supplemental information and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on it.

In accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report dated June 26, 2023, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.



ROZIER, MCKAY, & WILLIS  
Certified Public Accountants

# **Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish**

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**December 31, 2022**

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This section of the annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Fire District's financial performance during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The basic financial statements include government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. These two types of financial statements present the Fire District's financial position and results of operations from differing perspectives which are described as follows:

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements report information about the Fire District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. These financial statements report all revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. Furthermore, the government-wide statements include all of the Fire District's assets and all of the Fire District's liabilities. All of the Fire District's activities are classified as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The governmental activities are financed primarily by property taxes, related revenue sharing, and fire insurance rebates.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements provide detailed information regarding the Fire District's most significant activities and are not intended to provide information for the Fire District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that are used to account for specific sources of funds. The Fire District only has one governmental fund. This fund is used to account for essentially the same functions that are reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund uses a modified accrual basis of accounting that provides a short-term view of the Fire District's finances. Assets reported by governmental funds are limited to amounts that are available for current needs. In addition, liabilities are limited to amounts that are expected to be paid from currently available assets.

### **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT**

A comparative analysis of the government-wide data for the current and previous year is presented as follows:

#### **Net Position**

A condensed version of the government-wide Statement of Net Position is presented as follows:

# ***Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish***

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**December 31, 2022**

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	December 31,	
	2022	2021
<b>Assets:</b>		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,138,726	\$ 1,705,683
Capital Assets, net	1,470,852	808,192
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,609,578</b>	<b>2,513,875</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Current and Other Liabilities	235,969	7,302
Long-term Liabilities	891,262	1,057,229
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,127,231</b>	<b>1,064,531</b>
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Invested in Capital Assets, net	579,590	808,192
Restricted	344,704	1,090,216
Unrestricted	558,053	(449,064)
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,482,347</b>	<b>\$ 1,449,344</b>

As the presentation appearing above demonstrates, the largest portion of the Fire District's net position is invested in restricted assets. The restricted assets are cash, net of related payables, to build a new fire station.

An additional portion of the net position is invested in capital assets, net of related debt. Net position invested in capital assets consist of land, construction in process for the new fire station, buildings, and equipment less any debt used to acquire the assets that remains outstanding. The Fire District uses these capital assets to provide fire protection and other services to local residents; consequently, these amounts are not available for future spending.

The remaining net assets are unrestricted and may be used to meet the Fire District's ongoing obligations.

### **Changes in Net Position**

A condensed version of the government-wide Statement of Changes in Net Position is presented as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31	
	2022	2021
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Program Revenues:		
Insurance Rebate	\$ 11,130	\$ 6,171
Operating Grants and Contributions	----	----
Capital Grants and Contributions	----	----
General Revenue:		
Ad valorem Taxes	271,752	296,881
Other	2,509	3,056
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>285,391</b>	<b>306,108</b>

**Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**December 31, 2022**

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<b><u>Program Expenses:</u></b>		
Fire Protection	252,388	237,679
Total Program Expenses	252,388	237,679
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Change in Net Position	33,003	68,429
Net Position Beginning	1,449,344	1,380,915
Net Position Ending	\$ 1,482,347	\$ 1,449,344

As the accompanying presentation demonstrates, the Fire District's net position increased \$33,003. This increase is due to prudent use of the District's resources.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT'S FUND**

For the year ended December 31, 2022, differences between the government-wide presentation and the fund financial statements were limited to the reporting of capital assets and related depreciation and related debt.

**BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

For the year ended December 31, 2022, revenues and expenditures conformed to expectations.

**CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION**

For the year ended December 31, 2022, capital outlay activity only consisted the continuation of the construction on the new fire station.

**DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

The District paid required debt payments on certificates of indebtedness.

**FACTORS EXPECTED TO EFFECT FUTURE OPERATIONS**

At the present time, no known issues are expected to have a significant impact on future operations.

**Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**December 31, 2022**

	Governmental Activities
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	
Cash	\$ 865,723
Receivables (net)	273,003
Capital Assets	
Non depreciable capital assets	
Construction in Process	855,296
Land	100,745
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>514,811</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>2,609,578</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>	
Accounts Payable	235,969
Long-term Liabilities	
Long-term Debt	
Due within one year	169,933
Due in more than one year	<u>721,329</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>1,127,231</u>
<b><u>NET POSITION</u></b>	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	579,590
Restricted for Capital Projects	344,704
Unrestricted	<u>558,053</u>
<b>Total Net Position (deficit)</b>	<u>\$ 1,482,347</u>

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

**Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish**

**Statement of Activities**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

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		<u>Program Revenues</u>			
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Service</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue</u>
<u>Governmental Activities</u>					
Fire Protection	\$ 252,388	\$ -	\$ 11,130	\$ -	\$ (241,258)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>252,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(241,258)</u>
			<u>General Revenues:</u>		
			Property Taxes		271,752
			Other		<u>2,509</u>
			Total General Revenues		<u>274,261</u>
			Change in Net Position		33,003
			Net Position - Beginning		<u>1,449,344</u>
			Net Position - Ending		<u>\$ 1,482,347</u>

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

# **Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish**

## **Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds**

**December 31, 2022**

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	<b>General</b>	<b>Capital</b>	
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Projects</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>Assets:</u></b>			
Cash	\$ 295,651	\$ 570,072	\$ 865,723
Receivables	<u>273,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>273,003</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 568,654</u>	 <u>\$ 570,072</u>	 <u>\$ 1,138,726</u>
 <b><u>Liabilities and Fund Balances:</u></b>			
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 10,601	\$ 225,368	\$ 235,969
Total Liabilities	<u>10,601</u>	<u>225,368</u>	<u>235,969</u>
 <b><u>Fund Balance:</u></b>			
Restricted	-	344,704	344,704
Unassigned	<u>558,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>558,053</u>
 Total Fund Balance	 <u>558,053</u>	 <u>344,704</u>	 <u>902,757</u>
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	 <u>\$ 568,654</u>	 <u>\$ 570,072</u>	 <u>\$ 1,138,726</u>

### **Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets**

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Total Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$ 902,757
 Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
 Capital Assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	 1,470,852
 Liabilities not due and payable in the current period are excluded from the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet	 <u>(891,262)</u>
 Net Position of Governmental Activities	 <u>\$ 1,482,347</u>

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

***Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish***

***Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in***

***Fund Balance - Governmental Funds***

***For the Year Ended December 31, 2022***

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Projects</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 271,752	\$ -	\$ 271,752
2% Insurance Rebate	11,130	-	11,130
Other	2,509	-	2,509
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>285,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>285,391</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Public Safety:			
Labor and related expenses	29,164	-	29,164
Fuel	12,944	-	12,944
Supplies	7,687	-	7,687
Insurance	23,909	-	23,909
Legal and accounting	19,733	-	19,733
Office expense	4,035	-	4,035
Repairs and maintenance	31,058	-	31,058
Other	15,739	-	15,739
Capital outlay	-	745,512	745,512
Debt Service	191,234	-	191,234
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>335,503</u>	<u>745,512</u>	<u>1,081,015</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<u>(50,112)</u>	<u>(745,512)</u>	<u>(795,624)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>			
Proceeds from Long-Term Debt	-	-	-
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	(50,112)	(745,512)	(795,624)
<b>Fund balance - beginning of year</b>	<u>608,165</u>	<u>1,090,216</u>	<u>1,698,381</u>
<b>Fund balance - end of year</b>	<u>\$ 558,053</u>	<u>\$ 344,704</u>	<u>\$ 902,757</u>

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

**Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish**

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in  
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

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Net change in fund balances of Governmental Funds \$ (795,624)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Capital expenditures reported by Governmental Funds	745,512	
Depreciation expense reported on a government-wide basis	<u>(82,851)</u>	662,661

Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

165,966

Change in net assets of governmental activities \$ 33,003

# **Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish**

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2022**

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### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish (the Fire District) was created to provide fire protection for portions of Rapides Parish. The Fire District was organized by joint action of the Police Jury of Parish of Rapides, and the Town of Cheneyville.

The Fire District is governed by a board of directors consisting of five members, each of which is a resident property taxpayer of the Fire District. Two members are appointed by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, two members by the Town of Cheneyville, and one member is selected by the preceding four members. The Fire District is a component unit of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, the primary governing body of the Parish and the governmental body with oversight responsibility. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the fund maintained by the Fire District and do not present financial information on the primary government, the general government services provided by that entity, or the other governmental units that are accountable to the primary government.

The accompanying policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles for governmental units.

#### **Financial Reporting Entity**

The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. Criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability are described as follows:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
  - a. The ability of the reporting entity 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 reporting entity.
2. Organizations for which the reporting entity does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the reporting entity.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Based on the criteria presented above, the Fire District is a component unit of the Rapides Parish Police Jury. The accompanying component unit financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Fire Protection District No. 12 and do not present information on the police jury, the general government service provided by that governmental unit, or other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

#### **Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements. Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize all of the Fire District's operations as governmental activities. Governmental activities involve government services that are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The government-wide and fund financial statements present the Fire District's financial position and results of operations from differing perspectives which are described as follows:

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Fire District as a whole. The government-wide financial statements exclude any fiduciary activities which are reported in the fund financial statements.

# **Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish**

## **Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2022**

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Program revenues reported in the Statement of Activities consist of amounts that are directly associated with a governmental service. Program revenues include any charges for services and any grants.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

Funds are separate accounting entities that are designed to assist with demonstrating legal compliance and segregating transactions by activity. Major individual funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The Fire District’s major funds are described as follows:

- General Fund: This fund is the primary operating fund of the Fire District and is used to account for all resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.
- Capital Projects Fund: This fund is used to account for construction activity that is financed from the proceeds of issuing certificates of indebtedness.

### **Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The basis of accounting and measurement focus used for various financial statement presentations are described as follows:

<b><u>Financial Statement Presentation</u></b>	<b><u>Basis of Accounting</u></b>	<b><u>Measurement Focus</u></b>
Government-Wide Financial Statements	Accrual Basis	Economic Resources
Fund Financial Statements	Modified Accrual Basis	Current Financial Resources

Under the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting and the current financial resources measurement focus revenue is recognized when it is considered measurable and available. Revenue is considered available if it is collected within 60 days of year end. In addition, expenses are generally recorded when a liability has been incurred. Furthermore, when the current financial resources measurement focus is used, amounts recorded as assets exclude capital assets and the acquisition of capital assets is treated as an expenditure. In addition, long-term debts are excluded from amounts reported as liabilities. Proceeds from issuing long-term debt are reported as other financing sources and repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure.

### **Use of Estimates before**

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

### **Restricted Assets**

Any amounts reported as restricted assets, represent resources that must be expended in a specific manner. Restrictions of this nature can be imposed by tax propositions and various contractual obligations including grant agreements and bond covenants. Whenever restricted assets can be used to satisfy an obligation, the restricted assets are typically consumed before utilizing any unrestricted resources.

# **Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish**

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2022**

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### **Budget Practices**

Budgets of the general fund are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Unexpended appropriations of this fund lapse at the end of each fiscal year. Budgets of the general fund and all changes and amendments to these budgets are approved by the Board of Directors as a whole.

### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets include significant acquisitions of equipment that are expected to remain in service for a period of years. Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements but are excluded from the fund financial statements. Instead, the funds report the acquisition of capital assets as expenditures rather than asset acquisitions.

All capital assets are reported at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method and estimated useful lives that are based on the expected durability of the particular asset. Useful lives typically range from five to forty years.

### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Amounts reported as cash and cash equivalents (restricted and unrestricted) include all cash on hand, cash in bank accounts, certificates of deposit, and highly liquid investments. Credit risk associated with bank deposits is limited by requiring fiscal agent banks to pledge securities as required by State Law. Furthermore, interest rate risk associated with certificates of deposits is typically mitigated by purchasing instruments that mature in one year or less.

### **NOTE 2-CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market value. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At December 31, 2022 the Fire District has \$868,921 in deposits (collected bank balance). These deposits are secured from risk by \$444,884 of federal deposit insurance and \$806,398 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank. State law imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

### **NOTE 3 - AD VALOREM TAXES**

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are collected by the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office and remitted to the Fire District the month subsequent to collection.

Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted in the year billed. For the year ended December 31, 2022, 11.87 mills were assessed. The tax expires in 2027.

### **NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at December 31, 2022, consisted entirely of amounts due from the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office of \$273,003 for ad valorem taxes.

### **NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of the Fire District's capital assets is provided as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>Non Depreciable Capital Assets</u>				

# **Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish**

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2022**

Construction in Process	\$	109,784	\$	745,512	\$	855,296
Land		100,745		----	----	100,745
<u>Depreciable Capital Assets</u>						
Trucks	\$	1,556,317	\$	----	\$	1,556,317
Building		289,120		----	----	289,120
Equipment		278,354		----	----	278,354
Furniture & Fixtures		9,507		----	----	9,507
Accumulated Depreciation		(1,535,636)		(82,851)	----	(1,618,487)
<u>Total Net of Depreciation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>597,662</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>(82,851)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>514,811</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2022 is \$82,851.

### **NOTE 6 – ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Accounts payable at December 31, 2022 consist of the following:

Trade Payables	\$	10,601
Construction Payable		190,818
Retainage Payable		34,550
<u>Total Accounts Payable</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>235,969</u>

### **NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Fire District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The Fire District insures against these risks by participating in a public entity risk pool that operates as a common insurance program and by purchasing commercial insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

### **NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

Changes in the District's long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2022, are presented as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b><u>Business-Type Activities</u></b>				
Certificates of Indebtedness	\$ 1,057,229	\$ ----	\$ 165,967	\$ 891,262

### **Revenue Bonds**

The District has issued revenue bonds that are secured by and payable solely from a pledge of funds generated by a specific revenue source. Revenue bonds outstanding at December 31, 2022, are described as follows:

#### **Revenue Bonds**

\$1,225,200 Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2021, bearing interest at a rate of 2.39%, payable in annual installments of \$191,234 with the final installment due in 2027. The Bonds are callable after 2023.	\$ 891,262
Portion due within one year	(169,933)
<u>Portion due in more than one year</u>	<u>\$ 721,329</u>

### **Maturity of Long-term Debt**

A schedule of maturities of long-term debt is presented as follows:

**Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish**

**Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2022**

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<u>Year Ended June 30<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023	\$ 169,933	\$ 21,301	\$ 191,234
2024	173,995	17,239	191,234
2025	178,153	13,081	191,234
2026	182,411	8,823	191,234
2027	186,770	4,464	191,234
Total Business-Type	<u>\$ 891,262</u>	<u>\$ 64,909</u>	<u>\$ 956,172</u>

Interest expense for the current year totaled \$25,267.

***Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish***  
***Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in***  
***Fund Balance - General Fund Budget and Actual***  
***For the Year Ended December 31, 2022***

	Budget Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 286,000	\$ 285,083	\$ 271,752	\$ (13,331)
State Revenue Sharing	1,430	1,079	-	(1,079)
2% Insurance Rebate	6,200	11,130	11,130	-
Miscellaneous	1,090	1,355	2,509	1,154
Total revenues	<u>294,720</u>	<u>298,647</u>	<u>285,391</u>	<u>(13,256)</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Public Safety:				
Fuel	12,000	12,581	12,944	(363)
Labor	29,272	29,164	29,164	-
Supplies	4,300	6,050	7,687	(1,637)
Insurance	22,500	23,909	23,909	-
Legal and accounting	10,900	19,733	19,733	-
Office expense	6,000	4,310	4,035	275
Repairs and maintenance	8,000	31,420	31,058	362
Other	7,486	16,000	15,739	261
Capital outlay	2,105	-	-	-
Debt Service	192,157	191,234	191,234	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>294,720</u>	<u>334,401</u>	<u>335,503</u>	<u>(1,102)</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>(35,754)</u>	<u>(50,112)</u>	<u>(14,358)</u>

***Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish***  
***Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments***  
***to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer***  
***For the Year Ended December 31, 2022***

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AGENCY HEAD - Edward Beaver, III, President of the Board

Conference Fees	\$	-
Lodging		<u>-</u>
	\$	<u><u>-</u></u>

Per review of the general ledger no payments were made to the agency head Edward Beaver III during the year.



June 26, 2023

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON  
APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors  
Fire Protection District No. 12  
of Rapides Parish

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Fire Protection District No. 12 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Fire District's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2022, included in the *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

**PUBLIC BID LAW:**

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$30,000, or public works exceeding \$150,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

*Reviewed the general ledger for any expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$30,000. No such transactions were found.*

**CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

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

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

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

*Management provided us with a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.*

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

*We examined the list the members of immediate family members and compared it to the list of employees provided from management. We determined none of the people listed as immediate family members were included on the list of employees.*

# **Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish**

## **BUDGETING**

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

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

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

*We traced the adoption of the original budget by the Board of Fire Protection District No. 12 to minutes of the December 31, 2021 meeting.*

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

*We compared revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. There were no unfavorable variances.*

## **ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING**

8. Randomly select six disbursements made during the period under examination and:

**(a)** trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee.

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

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

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

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

*Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated that each disbursement was approved by the proper officials.*

## **MEETINGS**

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

*The Fire District is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the meeting facility. Although management has asserted that such documents were properly posted, we could find no evidence supporting such assertion.*

## **DEBT**

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

*We inspected the cash receipts journal for the period under examination and no proceeds from debt were detected.*

# **Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish**

## **ADVANCES AND BONUSES**

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

*We inspected payroll records and the minutes for the year to determine if there were payments to employees that may be considered a bonus, advance, or gift. We found no payments constituting a bonus, advance or gifts being paid during the year.*

## **Prior Comments and Recommendations**

12. Review any prior year suggestions, recommendations, and/or comments to determine the extent to which such matters have been resolved.

*There were no prior year findings.*

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively. 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.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of Fire Protection District No. 12 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



ROZIER, MCKAY & WILLIS  
Certified Public Accountants

***Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish***  
***Managements Corrective Action Plan***  
***For the Year Ended December 31, 2022***

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<b>SECTION I - Review Report</b>	
No findings were reported	Response – N/A
<b>SECTION II - Attestation Report</b>	
No findings were reported.	Response – N/A
<b>SECTION III - Management Letter</b>	
No findings were reported.	Response – N/A

**Fire Protection District 12 of Rapides Parish**

***Schedule of Prior Year Findings***

***For the Year Ended December 31, 2022***

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<b>SECTION I</b> <b>Internal Control and Compliance Material</b> <b>To The Financial Statements</b>	
No findings were reported.	Response – N/A
<b>SECTION II</b> <b>Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards</b>	
No findings were reported.	Response – N/A
<b>SECTION III - Management Letter</b>	
No findings were reported.	Response – N/A

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

**LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)**

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

Attached is the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire that is to be completed by you or your staff. This questionnaire is a required part of the review/attestation engagement of Louisiana governmental agencies. The completed and signed questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the governing body, if any, of your organization by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting. Independently elected government officials should sign the document, in lieu of such a resolution.

The completed and signed attestation questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument, if appropriate, **must be given to the independent certified public accountant at the beginning of the engagement.** The CPA will, during the course of his/her engagement, perform certain agreed-upon procedures to the responses in the questionnaire. It is not necessary to return the questionnaire to the Legislative Auditor's office.

Certain portions of the questionnaire may not be applicable to your organization. In such cases, it is appropriate to mark the representation "not applicable." However, you must respond to each applicable representation. A 'yes' answer indicates that you have complied with the applicable law or regulation. A 'no' answer to any representation indicates a possible violation of law or regulation and, as such, should be fully explained. These matters will be reviewed by the CPA during the course of his/her engagement. Please feel free to attach a further explanation of any representation.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Waguespack, CPA  
Louisiana Legislative Auditor

**LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)**

Rozier, McKay, & Willis  
1407 Peterman Drive  
Alexandria, LA 71301

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of December 31, 2022 and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

**Public Bid Law**

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

Yes  No  N/A

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

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

Yes  No  N/A

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

Yes  No  N/A

**Budgeting**

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

Yes  No  N/A

**Accounting and Reporting**

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

Yes  No  N/A

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

Yes  No  N/A

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

Yes  No  N/A

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

Yes  No  N/A

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

Yes  No  N/A

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

Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A [X]

### **Meetings**

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

Yes [X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

### **Debt**

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

Yes [X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

### **Advances and Bonuses**

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

Yes [X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

### **Prior-Year Comments**

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

Yes [X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

### **General**

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

Yes [X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

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

Yes [X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

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

Yes [X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

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

Yes [X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

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

Yes [X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

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

Yes [X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

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

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

Yes  No  N/A

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

Yes  No  N/A

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

*Paula Polzella*  
*Eden A. Polzella III*

Treasurer 5/30/2023 Date

President 6/30/2023 Date