VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY

Abbeville, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Police Jury Vermilion Parish Abbeville, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury (Police Jury), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Police Jury as listed in the table of contents.

Adverse Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Units

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the aggregate discretely presented component units of the Police Jury as of December 31, 2023, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions on the Governmental Activities, Each Major Fund, and the Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

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

Basis for Adverse Opinion and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. 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 Police Jury 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 adverse and unmodified audit opinion.

Matters giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Units

The financial statements referred to above do not include financial data for some of the Police Jury's legally separate discretely presented component units. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the financial data for those component units to be reported with the financial data of the Police Jury's primary government unless the Police Jury also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units. The Police Jury has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. The effects of not including the Police Jury's legally separate component units on the aggregate discretely presented component units and the aggregate remaining fund information has not been determined.

Change in Accounting Principal

As described in Note 9 to the financial statements, the Police Jury adopted new accounting guidance, GASB 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Agreements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities 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 Police Jury'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.

Auditor's 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 and *Government 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 the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment 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 Police Jury'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 judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Police Jury'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 Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents, 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 supplementary 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.

The Police Jury 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 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Police Jury's basic financial statements. The supplementary information as listed in the table of contents and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information as listed in the table of contents does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's 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 a report dated June 26, 2024 on our consideration of the Police Jury'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 solely 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 effectiveness of the Police Jury's 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 Police Jury's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Abbeville, Louisiana June 26, 2024

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

Statement of Net Position December 31, 2023

	Primary			
	Government Component U		ent Units	
	Governmental	Criminal	Tourist	
	Activities	Court Fund	Commission	
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 66,520,087	\$ 31,757	\$ 246,381	
Receivables, net	8,170,669	2,887	10,222	
Due from component unit	630	-	-	
Due from other governmental units	631,214	-	-	
Prepaid expenses	46,457	-	-	
Capital assets:				
Non-depreciable	8,641,348	-	-	
Depreciable, net	82,996,279	-	-	
Right-of-use assets, net	3,904,039	-	-	
Subscription assets, net	463,860			
Total assets	171,374,583	34,644	256,603	
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pension related	3,478,204	-	42,302	
OPEB Related	629,203			
Total deferred outflows of resources	4,107,407	-	42,302	

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

Statement of Net Position (continued) December 31, 2023

	Primary		
	Government		nent Units
	Governmental	Criminal	Tourist
	Activities	Court Fund	Commission
LIABILITIES			
Accounts and other payables	1,332,192	-	4,485
Contracts payable	4,375,526	-	-
Retainage payable	755,603	-	-
Due to primary government	-	630	-
Accrued interest payable	62,743	-	-
Long-term liabilities:			
OPEB	4,649,236	-	-
Net pension liability	2,750,495	-	31,772
Due within one year	435,000	-	-
Right-to-use liability due within one year	1,221,950	-	-
Subscription liability due within one year	92,120	-	-
Due in more than one year	13,229,096	_	-
Right-to-use liability due in more than one year	2,699,691	-	-
Subscription liability due in more than one year	169,129		
Total liabilities	31,772,781	630	36,257
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Pension related	357,287	_	3,826
OPEB related	395,478	-	-
Deferred revenues	10,212,933	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	10,965,698		3,826
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	78,461,507	_	_
Restricted for:	70,101,507		
Debt service	727,958	-	-
Public safety	987,406	-	-
Public works	13,829,265	_	-
Tax dedications	42,182,616	_	-
Unrestricted	(3,445,241)	34,014	258,822
Total net position	\$132,743,511	\$ 34,014	\$ 258,822

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position

		Program Revenues			Changes in Net Position								
				О	perating	Ca	pital	Primary (Government		Compon	ent Un	its
		Fees,	Fines, and	Gr	ants and	Gran	its and	Gove	nmental	Cr	iminal	То	ourist
Activities	Expenses	Charges	for Services	Cor	ntributions	Contr	ibutions	Act	ivities	Cou	rt Fund	Com	mission
Primary government:													
Governmental activities:													
General government	\$ 5,009,810	\$	374	\$	-	\$	-	\$ (5	009,436)	\$	-	\$	-
Public works	11,020,825		-		391,141	9,7	51,071	(878,613)		-		-
Public safety	4,118,867		864,730		-		-	(3	254,137)		-		-
Sanitation and waste disposal	8,935,979		-		-		-	(8)	935,979)		-		-
Health and welfare	892,107		14,361		-		-	(877,746)		-		-
Economic development	104,697		-		-		-	(104,697)		-		-
Culture and recreation	158,110		-		-		-	(158,110)		-		-
Interest on long-term debt	522,711							(522,711)				
Total primary government	\$ 30,763,106	\$	879,465	\$	391,141	\$ 9,7	51,071	(19	741,429)				
Component units:													
Criminal Court Fund	\$ 158,023	\$	163,644	\$	-	\$	-		-		5,621		-
Tourist Commission	166,758				-		_		-			(1	66,758)
Total component units	\$ 324,781	\$	163,644	\$		\$			<u> </u>		5,621	(1	66,758)

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Statement of Activities (Continued) For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

General revenues: Taxes -5,127,552 Property taxes, levied for general purposes Sales and use taxes, levied for general purposes 15,117,765 66,380 Severance tax 1,238,223 Franchise tax 115,521 7,811 Beer taxes Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs -State revenue sharing 324,537 370,367 Fire insurance rebate Occupational licenses and other permits 705,462 Nonemployer pension contributions 83,391 769 Interest income 3,548,096 305 4,133 Miscellaneous 702,600 48,793 Total general revenues and transfers 27,341,325 305 120,075 7,599,896 Change in net position (46,683)5,926 Net position - beginning, as restated 125,143,615 28,088 305,505 Net position - ending \$132,743,511 34,014 \$ 258,822

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

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds December 31, 2023

	General	1976 Sales Tax Fund	1978 Sales Tax Fund	1994 Sales Tax Fund	Royalty Road Fund
ASSETS	Ф. 200 (40	Φ. 0.070.740	Φ16.505.503	# 10 <i>653 5</i> 04	Φ 2.012.025
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 399,649	\$ 8,959,548	\$16,585,503	\$10,653,784	\$ 3,013,825
Accounts receivable	1 100 010	-	-	-	-
Taxes receivable, net	1,190,018	906,739	906,739	906,739	-
Accrued interest receivable	-	5,715	7,447	159,655	7,762
Due from other funds	99,598	-	4,847	-	16,891
Due from component unit	111	-	-	-	519
Due from other governmental units	185,892	-	-	-	24,763
Other receivables	38,657	19,794	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses	-	1,345		5,516	24,029
Total assets	\$1,913,925	\$ 9,893,141	\$17,504,536	\$11,725,694	\$ 3,087,789
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Contracts payable Retainage payable Accrued liabilities Due to other funds Other liabilities Total liabilities	\$ 318,391 3,687,031 238,709 - 410,153 211,507 4,865,791	\$ 45,546 - - 9,532 - - 55,078	\$ 43,459 - - 5,470 - - 48,929	\$ 405,596 - - 50,277 - - 455,873	\$ - - - - - -
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Deferred revenues	117,652				
Fund balances -		1 245		5.516	24.020
Nonspendable - prepaid	-	1,345	17.455.607	5,516	24,029
Restricted	110.574	9,836,718	17,455,607	11,264,305	2 062 760
Assigned	118,574	-	-	-	3,063,760
Unassigned	(3,188,092)			-	
Total fund balances	(3,069,518)	9,838,063	17,455,607	11,269,821	3,087,789
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$1,913,925	\$ 9,893,141	\$17,504,536	\$11,725,694	\$ 3,087,789

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

Parishwide			
Public Improvement	American	Other	
Maintenance	Rescue Plan	Governmental	
Fund	Fund	Funds	Total
Tulid	Tund	Tunus	Total
\$4,172,992	\$ 9,800,154	\$ 12,934,632	\$ 66,520,087
-	-	58,990	58,990
1,059,377	-	2,895,594	7,865,206
-	-	7,443	188,022
-	-	410,153	531,489
-	-	-	630
87,387	-	333,172	631,214
-	-	-	58,451
15,065		502	46,457
\$5,334,821	\$ 9,800,154	\$ 16,640,486	\$ 75,900,546
\$ 80,634	\$ 30,135	\$ 7,275	\$ 931,036
78,099	147,135	463,261	4,375,526
33,304	40,538	443,052	755,603
68,483	-	55,887	189,649
16,891	-	104,445	531,489
			211,507
277,411	217,808	1,073,920	6,994,810
·			
705,734	8,974,137	415,410	10,212,933
15,065	_	502	46,457
4,336,611	608,209	15,204,615	58,706,065
-	-	<u>-</u>	3,182,334
-	-	(53,961)	(3,242,053)
4,351,676	608,209	15,151,156	58,692,803
\$5,334,821	\$ 9,800,154	\$ 16,640,486	\$ 75,900,546

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position December 31, 2023

Total fund balances for governmental funds			\$ 58,692,803
Capital assets, net			91,637,627
Right-of-use asset, net			3,904,039
Subscription asset, net			463,860
Long-term liabilities:			
Bonds payable	\$	(8,230,000)	
Right-to-use liability		(3,921,641)	
Subscription liability		(261,249)	
Landfill postclosure cost		(5,434,096)	
Accrued interest payable	_	(62,743)	(17,909,729)
Pension:			
Net pension liability/asset		(2,750,495)	
Deferred inflows of resources		(357,287)	
Deferred outflows		3,478,204	370,422
Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB):			
Net OPEB liability/asset		(4,649,236)	
Deferred inflows of resources		(395,478)	
Deferred outflows		629,203	 (4,415,511)
Net position			\$ 132,743,511

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

VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY

Abbeville, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances-Governmental Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General	1976 Sales Tax Fund	1978 Sales Tax Fund	1994 Sales Tax Fund	Royalty Road Fund
Revenues:					
Taxes -					
Ad valorem	\$ 1,181,379	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales and use	-	5,039,255	5,039,255	5,039,255	-
Licenses and permits	695,662	-	-	9,800	-
Intergovernmental revenues -					
Federal grants	1,825,843	-	-	92,368	-
State funds -	110.755				
State revenue sharing State grants	119,755	-	-	-	-
Other	5,122,364	_	_		709,702
Local funds	5,122,504	_	_	_	702,702
Fees, charges and commissions	452,069	_	_	_	_
Interest income	17,883	451,023	840,691	532,182	132,399
Miscellaneous	221,778	-	300,080	18,110	-
Total revenues	9,636,733	5,490,278	6,180,026	5,691,715	842,101
Expenditures:					
Current -					
General government:					
Legislative	360,023	_	_	_	_
Judicial	1,748,498	_	_	_	_
Elections	68,012	_	_	_	_
Finance and administration	750,660	55,398	55,398	55,398	62,229
Other	1,163,663	<u>-</u>	547	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Public works	10,706,103	218,860	-	-	762,390
Public safety	1,078,033	577,424	783,201	-	-
Sanitation, sewerage, and waste disposal	-	-	-	8,292,862	-
Health and welfare	152,534	677,521	-	-	-
Economic development and assistance	103,885	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	274	-	149,431	-	-
Capital outlay	46,656	438,527	759,804	217,892	-
Debt service:	26.652		4.240	24.040	
Principal retirement	26,653	-	4,249	24,949	-
Interest and fiscal charges Total expenditures	2,075 16,207,069	1,967,730	1,753,072	2,544 8,593,645	824,619
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures	(6,570,336)	3,522,548	4,426,954	(2,901,930)	17,482
Other financing sources (uses):					
Proceeds from bond refunding	-	-	-	-	-
Payment for bond refunding	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of debt	107,106	-	37,064	522,862	-
Bond discount	-	-	-	-	-
Refunding bonds issued	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from capital lease	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of assets	6,050	_	_	_	_
Payment to refunded escrow agent	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	3,800,640	-	-	2,500,000	211,330
Transfers out	(1,630,026)	(2,500,000)	(3,020,000)	<u> </u>	(300,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,283,770	(2,500,000)	(2,982,936)	3,022,862	(88,670)
Net change in fund balances	(4,286,566)	1,022,548	1,444,018	120,932	(71,188)
Fund balance, beginning	1,217,048	8,815,515	16,011,589	11,148,889	3,158,977
Fund balances, ending	\$(3,069,518)	\$ 9,838,063	\$17,455,607	\$11,269,821	\$ 3,087,789

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

Public			
Improvement	American	Other	
Maintenance	Rescue Plan	Governmental	
Fund	Fund	Funds	Total
T und	T und	1 unus	Total
\$ 1,058,337	\$ -	\$ 2,887,836	\$ 5,127,552
-	-	-	15,117,765
-	-	-	705,462
495,262	1,383,923	949,095	4,746,491
88,362	-	116,420	324,537
-	30,000	410,153	440,153
739,903	-	-	6,571,969
-	-	-	-
-	-	879,091	1,331,160
146,173	578,209	849,536	3,548,096
9,248		147,334	696,550
2,537,285	1,992,132	6,239,465	38,609,735
-	-	-	360,023
-	-	-	1,748,498
-	-	-	68,012
127,288	-	346,756	1,453,127
-	-	-	1,164,210
5,666,485	-	1,054,093	18,407,931
-	-	1,049,841	3,488,499
-	-	-	8,292,862
-	-	896,952	1,727,007
-	-	-	103,885
-	-	-	149,705
526,531	1,383,923	3,184,284	6,557,617
65,100	_	906,961	1,027,912
9,519	_	423,160	437,740
6,394,923	1,383,923	7,862,047	44,987,028
(3,857,638)	608,209	(1,622,582)	(6,377,293)
(3,637,036)		(1,022,302)	(0,377,273)
-	-	-	-
002.641	-	116 649	1 776 221
992,641	-	116,648	1,776,321
-	_	_	_
_	_	_	_
_	_	_	6,050
-	-	-	-
2,842,660	-	2,241,325	11,595,955
		(4,145,929)	(11,595,955)
3,835,301		(1,787,956)	1,782,371
(22,337)	608,209	(3,410,538)	(4,594,922)
4,374,013		18,561,694	63,287,725
\$ 4,351,676	\$ 608,209	\$ 15,151,156	\$ 58,692,803
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Parishwide

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Net changes in fund balances per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances		\$ (4,594,922)
Capital assets:		
Capital additions	\$ 16,191,670	
Depreciation expense	(4,561,796)	11,629,874
Long-term debt:		
Principal payments		895,000
Right-of-use asset expense, net		(45,759)
Right-or-use asset expense, net		(43,737)
Subscription asset expense, net		(42,821)
Change in landfill postclosure costs		241,522
Change in fandrin postciosure costs		241,322
Change in accrued interest payable		9,315
The effect of recording net pension and OPEB libility/asset, and the related		
deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources:		
Change in pension expense	(578,736)	
Change in OPEB expense	3,032	
Nonemployer pension contribution revenue recognized	83,391	(492,313)
Changes in net position per Statement of Activities		\$ 7,599,896

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

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury (Police Jury) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this note.

The land area of Vermilion Parish is 1173.9 square miles and has a population of approximately 60,000 people. The Police Jury currently employs approximately 230 people.

Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1236 gives the Police Jury various powers in regulating and directing the affairs of the parish and its inhabitants. The more notable of those are the power to make regulations for its own government; to regulate the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, and drainage systems; to regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages; and to provide for the health and welfare of the poor, disadvantaged and unemployed in the parish. Funding to accomplish these tasks is provided by ad valorem taxes, sales and use tax, beer and alcoholic beverage permits, occupational license, state revenue sharing and various other state and federal grants.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity should consist of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the primary government is not accountable, but for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. In addition, component units can be other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statement to be misleading or incomplete. These financial statements include the primary government and two component units as follows:

Primary government:

Vermilion Parish Police Jury is the governing authority for Vermilion Parish and is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. The Police Jury is governed by 14 jurors representing the various districts within the parish. The jurors serve four-year terms that expire when the first meeting is held in January of 2024.

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Individual component units:

Blended component unit -

Communication District – The voters of Vermilion Parish approved the establishment of a 911 Communication District in 1993. The District is funded primarily by fees added to customers' telephone bills. The Police Jury is currently the commissioner of the District. Although it is legally separate from the Police Jury, the District is reported as if it were part of the primary government because its governing body is the same as the governing body of the Police Jury.

Discretely presented component units -

The component unit column in the combined financial statements includes the financial data of some of the Police Jury's component units. They are reported in a separate column to emphasize that they are legally separate from the Police Jury. Other political subdivisions, as detailed below, which would be required to be included, based on current standards, issue separate financial statements, which have not been included in these financial statements, and can be obtained from the individual entities. Those entities are as follows:

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2-A Coulee Baton Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Coulee Des Jone Gravity Drainage District Coulee Kinney Gravity Drainage District Gravity Drainage District No. 2 Gueydan Sub-Drainage District No. 5 Isle Maronne Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Prairie Gregg Gravity Drainage District No. 2 Seventh Ward Gravity Drainage District No. 2 Waterworks District No. 1 Pecan Island Waterworks District No. 3 Parish Library Fire Protection District No. 7 Hospital Service District No. 1 Hospital Service District No. 2 Hospital Service District No. 3 Southeast Waterworks District No. 2 Pecan Island Fire District No. 16 Vermilion Economic Development District

The component unit column in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities includes the financial data of two of the Police Jury's component units. The component units are reported in a separate column to emphasize that it is legally separate from the Police Jury and is described below:

- Fifteenth Judicial District Criminal Court - The Criminal Court Fund accounts for the operations of the district court. Funding is provided by fines, forfeits and transfers

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from the Police Jury. Due to the nature and significance of the relationship between the district court and the Police Jury, the court is considered a component unit.

-Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission - The Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission was established in 1992 to encourage the development of tourism in Vermilion Parish. There are presently nine commission members who are all appointed by the Police Jury. The primary source of revenue is a 5% hotel/motel tax levied upon the occupancy of hotel and motel rooms and overnight camping facilities.

Other political subdivisions, which would be required to be included, based on current standards, issue separate financial statements, which have not been included in these financial statements. The exclusion of these component units is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles.

In addition, numerous other authorities and governmental entities established within Vermilion Parish have been excluded because control and/or financial responsibility by the Police Jury is considered remote or due to the fact that such entities are governed by separately elected governmental officials. In particular, the three hospital districts in the Parish are considered fiscally independent special purpose governments as they meet the requirements specified in Governmental Accounting Standard Board Standards. Those requirements are that they have the authority to (1) determine their budget without the Police Jury being able to approve or modify it; (2) levy taxes or set rates or charges without approval by the Police Jury; and (3) issue bonded debt without the approval of the Police Jury, other than ministerial or compliance approval.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the reporting entity. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. The Police Jury has no business-type activities. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

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

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Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the Police Jury are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The Police Jury's various funds are classified as governmental funds. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Police Jury or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The major funds of the Police Jury are described below:

Governmental Funds -

General Fund -

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Police Jury. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

1976 Sales Tax Fund -

The 1976 Sales Tax Fund is used to account for funds derived from a 1976 special one-half cent sales and use tax dedicated for the maintenance of solid waste disposal, fire protection, mosquito control and public works facilities.

1978 Sales Tax Fund -

The 1978 Sales Tax Fund is used to account for funds derived from a 1978 special one-half cent sales and use tax dedicated for the maintenance of law enforcement facilities, health unit facilities, cooperative extension service facilities, other public buildings and public roads.

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1994 Sales Tax Fund -

The 1994 Sales Tax Fund is used to account for funds derived form a 1994 special one-half cent sales and use tax dedicated for the construction, acquisition, improvements, maintenance and operation of solid waste collection and disposal facilities.

Royalty Road Fund -

Royalty Road Fund is used to account for funds received from the State of Louisiana Royalty Road Fund. These funds are derived from one-tenth of the royalties from mineral leases on state owned lands where production occurred. Expenditures may be made for any lawful purpose.

Parish-wide Public Improvement Maintenance Fund -

The Parish-wide Public Improvement Maintenance Fund is used to account for expenditures in connection with maintenance and upkeep of parish roads, bridges, and ferries. Major means of financing is provided by ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing, the State of Louisiana Parish Transportation fund and transfers from other revenue sources of the Police Jury.

American Rescue Plan Fund -

The American Rescue Plan Fund is used to account for costs associated with (1) response to the public health emergency or it's negative impacts, (2) response to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency, (3) provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, or (4) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

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C. 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.

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below. In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

- a. All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b. The government-wide financial statement utilizes an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Government-wide fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources 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 measurement 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. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

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When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Police Jury's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Program revenues

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

Allocation of indirect expenses

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

Revenues

Federal and state entitlements (unrestricted grants-in-aid, which include state revenue sharing) are recorded when available and measurable. Expenditure-driven federal and state grants, which are restricted as to the purpose of the expenditure, are recorded when the reimbursable expenditures have been incurred.

Ad valorem taxes are recorded in the year taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed in November, by the Parish Assessor, based on the assessed value and become due on November 15 of each year. The taxes are collected by the Sheriff and are remitted to the Police Jury net of deductions for Pension Fund contributions. The taxes become delinquent on January 1, when an enforceable lien attaches to the property. The taxes are generally collected in December, January, and February of the fiscal year. Property tax revenues are accrued at fiscal year-end to the extent that they have been collected but not received by the Vermilion Parish Tax Collector's Office. Such amounts are measurable and available to finance current operations. Any taxes collected after February are recorded as deferred revenue.

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

Expenditures

The Police Jury'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.

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Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as other financing sources (uses) when the transfer is authorized by the members of the Police Jury.

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Equity

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include all demand accounts, savings accounts, certificates of deposits, and short-term investments of the Police Jury.

Under state law, the Police Jury may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates.

Interfund receivables and payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds." Short-term interfund loans are reported as "interfund receivables and payables."

Long-term interfund loans (noncurrent portion) are reported as "advances from and to other funds." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the statement of net position.

Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include ad valorem and sales and use taxes.

Ad valorem taxes receivables are reported net of uncollectible amounts. Total uncollectible amounts are as follows:

General	\$ 12,254
Parishwide Public Improvement Maintenance Fund	10,978
Nonmajor Funds	29,743
Total uncollectibles	\$ 52,975

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Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. 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 Police Jury maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 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. Prior to January 1, 2003, governmental funds' infrastructure assets were not capitalized. These assets have been valued at estimated historical cost.

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

Buildings and building improvements 40 years
Furniture and equipment 5 years
Infrastructure 40-50 years

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.

Long-term debt

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists primarily of the bonds payable and capital leases.

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.

Compensated Absences

Employees of the Police Jury earn from one to four weeks of vacation leave each year, depending on length of service. Vacation leave cannot accumulate and carryover, unless the employee has been denied all or part of his earned vacation leave due to an

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emergency. In this case, the employee can request in writing to the Parish Administrator to carry over his remaining vacation leave and if approved, the employee must take his carried over vacation leave within 45 days. Upon termination, employees are paid for any unused vacation leave accrued during the year.

Employees of the Police Jury accrue one day of sick leave each month. A total of 148 days can be accumulated. Upon termination, employees are paid for any unused sick leave. However, if an employee leaves under their own free will, all accumulated sick leave lapses.

Due to uncertainty of actual amounts which will be paid for vacation and sick leave, no accruals have been made at December 31, 2023 for such absences.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position and or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Vermilion Parish Police Jury has two types of items that qualify for reporting in this category. The amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The governmental funds report deferred revenues from the following sources:

	Ad valorem Taxes	Grants	Total
General Fund	\$ 117,652	\$ -	\$ 117,652
Parishwide Public			
Improvement			
Maintenance	705,734	-	705,734
American Rescue Plan Fund	-	8,974,137	8,974,137
Other governmental funds	336,861	78,549	415,410
Totals	\$1,160,247	\$ 9,052,686	\$ 10,212,933

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Equity Classifications

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

- a. Net investment in capital assets Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position Consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Constraints may be 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. The Police Jury reported \$36,744,163 of restricted net position, which is restricted by enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position Net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in either of the other two categories of net position.

In the fund statements, fund balances are classified as follows in the governmental fund financial statements.

Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Police Jurors. The Jurors are the highest level of decision-making authority for the Vermilion Parish Police Jury. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by board members.

Assigned – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the Police Jury's adopted policy, only jurors or the Police Jury's finance committee may assign amounts for specific purposes.

Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

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Except for unassigned and nonspendable, fund balances are composed of the following:

	Restricted	Assigned	Total	
M				
Major Funds -				
General				
15th Judicial District	\$ -	\$ 118,574	\$ 118,574	
1976 Sales Tax Fund				
Public Works	9,836,718	-	9,836,718	
1978 Sales Tax Fund				
Public Works	17,455,607	-	17,455,607	
1994 Sales Tax Fund				
Solid Waste - Collection				
and Disposal	11,264,305	-	11,264,305	
Royalty Road				
Public Works	-	3,063,760	3,063,760	
Parishwide				
Public Improvement Maintenance	4,336,611	-	4,336,611	
American Rescue Plan Fund				
Public Works	608,209	-	608,209	
Nonmajor Funds				
Debt Service	790,701	-	790,701	
Health and Welfare	3,478,503	-	3,478,503	
Public Safety	987,406	-	987,406	
Capital Projects	937,801	-	937,801	
Public Works	8,862,721	-	8,862,721	
Other	147,483	-	147,483	
Totals	\$ 58,706,065	\$ 3,182,334	\$61,888,399	

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Police Jury considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Police Jury considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the jurors or the finance committee has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

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E. Revenue Restrictions

The Police Jury has various restrictions placed over certain revenue sources from state or local requirements. The primary restricted revenue sources include:

Revenue Source Legal Restrictions of Use

Sales taxes See Note 2

The Police Jury uses unrestricted resources only when restricted resources are fully depleted.

F. Interfund Transfers

Permanent reallocation of resources between funds of the primary government are classified as interfund transfers. For the purposes of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

G. Use of Estimates

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

H. Pensions

The net pension liability/asset, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, has been determined using the flow of economic resources management focus and full accrual basis of accounting. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenues in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements contributions are recognized as expenditures when due.

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I. Postemployment Benefits Other than pensions (OPEB)

The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. In the governmental fund financial statements contributions are recognized as expenditures when due.

J. Leases

The Police Jury recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset (lease asset) in the financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the Police Jury initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

The Police Jury uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate, if provided. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the Police Jury uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments through the noncancellable term of the lease and renewal periods that management considers reasonably certain to be exercised.

The Police Jury monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

K. Subscription – Based Information Technology Agreements

At the commencement of a subscription agreements, The Police Jury measures the liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the agreement term. Subsequently, the subscription liability is reduced by the principal portion of subscription payments made. The subscription asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the subscription liability, adjusted for payments made at or before the subscription agreement commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the subscription asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the subscription agreement term.

The Police Jury uses the interest rate charged by the vendor as the discount rate, if provided. When the interest rate charged by the vendor is not provided, the Police Jury uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for the subscription agreements. Subscription payments included in the measurement of the subscription liability are composed of fixed payments through the noncancellable term of the agreement and renewal periods that management considers reasonably certain to be exercised.

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The Police Jury monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its subscription agreements and will remeasure the subscription asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the subscription liability.

(2) <u>Sales and Use Tax</u>

The Police Jury has levied three one-half cent sales and use taxes in the years 1976, 1978, and 1994. The taxes are collected by the Vermilion Parish School Board and are remitted to the Police Jury monthly, net of any collection expenses. The proceeds of these taxes, as well as other designated funds are dedicated as follows:

1976 one-half cent sales and use tax

Proceeds of this tax are dedicated for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, improving and/or maintaining garbage and waste disposal facilities; constructing, acquiring, improving and/or maintaining mosquito control and abatement facilities; and purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishing for any of the aforesaid public works improvements and facilities; or for any one or more of said purposes.

1978 one-half cent sales and use tax

Proceeds of this tax are dedicated for the purpose of providing additional revenues for constructing, operating, improving and maintaining public buildings and structures, including, but not limited to, public buildings for the housing of the Parish jail and law enforcement facilities, health unit facilities, Cooperative Extension Service facilities; and constructing, improving and maintaining the road system of the Parish.

1994 one-half cent sales and use tax

Proceeds of this tax are dedicated for the purpose of supplementing other sales tax revenues being collected in the Parish; and constructing, acquiring, improving, maintaining and operating solid waste collection and disposal facilities in the Parish, including the cost of a recycling program.

(3) Cash, Interest-Bearing Deposits and Investments

A. Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the Police Jury may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Police Jury may invest in certificates and time deposits of the state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

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These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Police Jury's deposits may not be recovered or will not be able to recover the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Police Jury does not have a policy for custodial credit risk; however, under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the pledging financial institution. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the financial institution. These securities are held in the name of the pledging financial institution in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) are secured as follows:

	Primary Government	Component Units *
Bank balances	\$ 64,793,390	\$ 296,590
Deposits are secured as follows: Insured deposits Uninsured and collateral held by the pledging bank,	\$ 54,420,207	\$ 296,590
not in the Police Jury's name	10,373,183	
Total	\$ 64,793,390	\$ 296,590

^{*} Information is provided for each component unit that does not issue a separate audit report.

B. Investments

State statutes authorize the Police Jury to invest U.S. Treasury notes and bonds, U.S. agency securities, and other governmental debt obligations with limited exceptions as noted in LA-R.S. 32.2955. Investments in time certificates of deposit can be placed with state banks, national banks or federal credit unions as permitted in state statute (included in cash and cash equivalents).

The Police Jury's investments are as follows:

		Maturing in less than	Standard & Poor's
Type of Debt instrument	Fair Value	1 year	Rating
Federated Government Obligations Funds	\$ 2,405,547	\$ 2,405,547	AAAm

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The Police Jury has adopted a conservative investment policy for its Federated Government Obligations Funds. This policy's objective is to generate risk-adjusted returns with investments in government agency bonds with an emphasis on a less than 1-year term. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Police Jury does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates; however, the short duration of these investments is considered a sufficient means of addressing the risk.

Credit risk is managed by restricting investments to those authorized by State Law. The Police Jury's policy is to maintain a diversified portfolio to minimize the risk of loss resulting from over concentration of assets in a specific maturity. All of the Police Jury's investments are in Federated Government Obligations Funds. These funds consist of a large quantity of United States Treasuries, Notes, and Bonds which mitigates the risk of loss.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, the Police Jury will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The Police Jury does not have a formal custodial credit risk policy for investments, but it limits its counterparty relationships to well established organizations. The Police Jury measures these investments at their Net Asset Value (NAV) as established by generally accepted accounting principles. The value is determined on a daily basis based on the cumulative fair value of the underlying United States' obligations.

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(4) <u>Capital Assets</u>

Capital asset activity for the year was as follows:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Police Jury:				
Land	\$ 2,934,712	\$ 249,968	\$ -	\$ 3,184,680
Construction in progress	9,038,863	5,456,668	9,038,863	5,456,668
Total capital assets, not				
being depreciated	11,973,575	5,706,636	9,038,863	8,641,348
Capital assets being depreciated				
Police Jury:				
Building and improvements	29,476,225	1,107,448	-	30,583,673
Furniture and equipment	22,664,644	339,202	-	23,003,846
Infrastructure:				
Road surfaces	144,283,276	2,239,898	-	146,523,174
Bridges and drainage improvements	21,107,813	15,837,349		36,945,162
Total capital assets, being				
depreciated	217,531,958	19,523,897		237,055,855
Less accumulated depreciation				
Police Jury:				
Building and improvements	15,846,978	679,666	-	16,526,644
Furniture and equipment	20,306,516	879,727	-	21,186,243
Infrastructure:				
Road surfaces	104,729,158	2,342,531	-	107,071,689
Bridges and drainage improvements	8,615,128	659,872		9,275,000
Total accumulated depreciation	149,497,780	4,561,796		154,059,576
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	68,034,178	14,962,101		82,996,279
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	\$80,007,753	\$20,668,737	\$9,038,863	\$91,637,627

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Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

General government	\$ 122,394
Public safety	508,555
Public works	3,639,479
Health and welfare	72,047
Sanitation, sewerage, and waste disposal	217,855
Culture and recreation	1,466
Total depreciation expense	\$ 4,561,796

(5) <u>Accounts and Other Payables</u>

The accounts, salaries, and other payables consisted of the following:

Fund				Other Payables	s Total		
General	\$	318,391	\$	-	\$211,507	\$	529,898
1976 Sales Tax Fund		45,546		9,532	-		55,078
1978 Sales Tax Fund		43,459		5,470	-		48,929
1994 Sales Tax Fund		405,596		50,277	-		455,873
Parishwide Public							
Improvement							
Maintenance Fund		80,634		68,483	-		149,117
American Rescue Plan Fund		30,135		-	-		30,135
Nonmajor Funds		7,275		55,887	-		63,162
Component units		-		1,486	2,999		4,485
Total	\$	931,036	\$	191,135	\$214,506	\$ 2	1,336,677

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(6) Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities of the Police Jury:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Blance	Due Within One Year
Direct borrowings and direct					
placements:					
Revenue Bonds,					
Series 2019	\$ 9,125,000	\$ -	\$ 895,000	\$ 8,230,000	\$ 435,000
Landfill postclosure costs	5,675,618		241,522	5,434,096	
	\$14,800,618	\$ -	\$1,136,522	\$13,664,096	\$ 435,000

Long-term debt payable is composed of the following:

Revenue Bonds

\$10,400,000 Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2019, dated April 16, 2019, for the purpose of financing costs of repairs and mitigation of the costs associated with energy exploration, development and production of the outer continental shelf. The principal is due in annual installments of \$380,000 to \$830,000 through September 30, 2039 at interest rate of 4.625%.

\$ 8,230,000

The bonds are due as follows:

	Government		
Year Ending	Principal	Interest	
December 31,	payments	payments	Total
2024	435,000	\$ 380,638	\$ 815,638
2025	455,000	360,518	815,518
2026	480,000	339,476	819,476
2027	500,000	317,276	817,276
2028	525,000	294,150	819,150
2029 - 2033	3,015,000	1,083,176	4,098,176
2034 - 2038	2,820,000	338,784	3,158,784
Totals	\$ 8,230,000	\$ 3,114,018	\$11,344,018

In the event of default on the Revenue Bonds, Series 2019, the bondholder may take actions as deemed necessary and appropriate as permitted by law to cause the Police Jury to comply with its obligations under the debt and compel performance.

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(7) Outstanding Letter of Credit

At December 31, 2023, the Police Jury had a \$6,096,872 outstanding letter of credit secured by a \$6,096,872 certificate of deposit to cover closure and post closure care costs and to cover liability insurance related to the landfill as required by the Department of Environmental Quality.

(8) Leases

The Police Jury leases various pieces of equipment. The Police Jury recognizes a lease liability and right-to-use lease assets (lease assets) in the government wide financial statements. The leased activity for the year follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Blance
Right-to-use assets Less: accumulated amortization	\$ 4,864,007 1,399,207	\$ 1,704,901 1,219,111	\$ 928,525 881,974	\$ 5,640,383 1,736,344
Right-to-use assets, net	\$ 3,464,800	\$ 485,790	\$ 46,551	\$ 3,904,039

The following is a summary of changes in the lease liability for the year.

	Beginning			Ending	Due Within
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Blance	One Year
Right-to-use lease liability	\$3,436,643	\$1,704,901	\$ (1,219,903)	\$3,921,641	\$1,221,950

At commencement of the leases, the Police Jury initially measured the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease terms. For purposes of discounting future payments on the leases, the Police Jury used the interest rates provided by the lessor or its estimated incremental borrowing rate. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of the lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its useful life or the lease terms.

Minimum lease payments through the lease terms are as follows:

Years Ended	Principal	Interest	
December 31,	Payments	Payments	Total
2024	\$1,221,950	\$ 84,208	\$1,306,158
2025	1,056,863	55,095	1,111,958
2026	836,487	29,537	866,024
2027	590,149	12,029	602,178
2028	216,192	2,223	218,415
Total	\$ 3,921,641	\$ 183,092	\$4,104,733

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(9) Subscription-Based Information Technology Agreements

During the year, the Police Jury implemented GASB No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Agreements. The Police Jury has two software arrangements that require recognition under GASB No. 96. The implementation of GASB No. 96 requires retroactive application. The prior period adjustment for the subscription-based information technology arrangements requires the following restatement to prior balances:

	Governmental Activities
January 1, 2023 net position, as reported	\$ 124,898,183
Prior period adjustment: Change in accounting principle:	
Net effect of GASB 96 implementation	245,432
January 1, 2023 net position, as restated	\$ 125,143,615

The Police Jury recognizes a subscription liability and intangible right-to-use subscription assets (subscription assets) in the government-wide financial statements. These assets will be amortized over the life of the subscription arrangements. The subscription asset activity for the year follows:

	Seginning Balance	A	dditions	De	letions	Ending Blance		
Subscription assets Software	\$ 525,555	\$	71,420	\$	-	\$	596,975	
Less: accumulated amortization	 -		133,115		_		133,115	
Subscription assets, net	\$ 525,555	\$	(61,695)	\$		\$	463,860	

The following is a summary of changes in the subscription liability for the year:

Beginning Balance		Additions	Deletions	Ending Blance	Due Within One Year	
Subscription liability	\$ 280,123	\$ 71,420	\$ (90,294)	\$ 261,249	\$ 92,120	

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Minimum subscription payments through the subscription arrangement terms are as follows:

Years Ended	Principal	Interest	
December 31,	Payments	Payments	Total
2024	\$ 92,120	\$ 7,057	\$ 99,177
2025	94,722	4,455	99,177
2026	74,407	2,046	76,453
Total	\$ 261,249	\$ 13,558	\$ 274,807

(10) Employee Retirement

The Police Jury participates in four cost-sharing multiple-employer, public employee retirement systems (PERS): Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (Plan A), Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS), and Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement (System ROVERS). Article X, Section 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of these plans to the State Legislature. Each system is administered and controlled by a separate board of trustees.

Each of the Systems issues an annually publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system. These reports may be obtained on each of the retirement system's website or on the Legislative Auditor's website as follows:

Parochial Employees' Retirement System (PERS): www.persla.org Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS): www.lasersonline.org District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS): www.ladars.org Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System (ROVERS): www.larovers.com Louisiana Legislative Auditor: www.lla.la.gov

Substantially all Police Jury employees are covered under the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana except judges, district attorneys, and registrar of voters, who are covered under the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, District Attorneys' Retirement System and Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System, respectively. The following is a description of the plans and their benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Plan Descriptions:

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana

The Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (the System) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by Act 205 of the 1952 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to provide retirement benefits to all employees of any parish in the state of Louisiana or any governing body or a parish which employs and pays persons serving the parish. Act 765 of the year 1979, established by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, revised the System to create Plan A and Plan B to replace the "regular plan" and the

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"supplemental plan". Plan A was designated for employers out of Social Security. Plan B was designated for those employers that remained in Social Security on the revision date. Employees of the Police Jury are members of Plan A.

<u>Eligibility Requirements</u>: All permanent parish government employees (except those employed by Orleans, Lafourche and East Baton Rouge Parishes) who work at least 28 hours a week shall become members on the date of employment. New employees meeting the age and Social Security criteria have up to 90 days from the date of hire to elect to participate.

As of January 1997, elected officials, except coroners, justices of the peace, and parish presidents may no longer join the System.

Retirement Benefits: Any member of Plan A can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria:

For employees hired prior to January 1, 2007:

- 1. Any age with thirty (30) or more years of creditable service.
- 2. Age 55 with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service.
- 3. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable service.
- 4. Age 65 with a minimum of seven (7) years of creditable service.

For employees hired after January 1, 2007:

- 1. Age 55 with 30 years of service.
- 2. Age 62 with 10 years of service.
- 3. Age 67 with 7 years of service.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance of any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions, as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

<u>Survivor Benefits</u>: Upon the death of any member of Plan A with five (5) or more years of creditable service who is not eligible for retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse and minor children, as outlined in the statutes.

Any member of Plan A, who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive an automatic Option 2 benefit, as outlined in the statutes.

<u>Deferred Retirement Option Plan</u>: Act 338 of 1990 established the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for the Retirement System. DROP is an option for that member who is eligible for normal retirement.

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, any member of Plan A or B who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) in which they are enrolled for three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During

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participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP Fund.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or roll over the fund to an Individual Retirement Account.

Interest is accrued on the DROP benefits for the period between the end of DROP participation and the member's retirement date.

For individuals who become eligible to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan on or after January 1, 2004, all amounts which remain credited to the individual's subaccount after termination in DROP will be placed in liquid asset money market investments at the discretion of the board of trustees. These subaccounts may be credited with interest based on money market rates of return or, at the option of the System, the funds may be credited to self-directed subaccounts. The participant in the self-directed portion of this Plan must agree that the benefits payable to the participant are not the obligations of the state or the System, and that any returns and other rights of the Plan are the sole liability and responsibility of the participant and the designated provider to which contributions have been made.

<u>Disability Benefits</u>: For Plan A, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if they were hired prior to January 1, 2007, and has at least five years of creditable service or if hired after January 1, 2007, has seven years of creditable service, and is not eligible for normal retirement and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan A shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of service, not to be less than fifteen, or three percent multiplied by years of service assuming continued service to age sixty for those members who are enrolled prior to January 1, 2017 and to age 62 for those members who are enrolled January 1, 2007 and later.

Cost of Living Increases: The Board is authorized to provide a cost of living allowance for those retirees who retired prior to July 1973. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements.

In addition, the Board may provide an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are over age sixty-five equal to 2% of the member's benefit paid on October 1, 1977, (or the member's retirement date, if later). Also, the Board may provide a cost of living increase up to 2.5% for retirees 62 and older. (RS 11:1937). Lastly, Act 270 of 2009 provided for further reduced actuarial payments to provide an annual 2.5% cost of living adjustment commencing at age 55.

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Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

The plan was established by Section 401 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:401) to provide retirement allowances and other benefits to eligible state officers, employees, and their beneficiaries.

Retirement Benefits: The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to retire with full benefits are established by statute, and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification. LASERS rank and file members hired prior to July 1, 2006, may either retire with full benefits at any age upon completing 30 years of creditable service or at age 60 upon completing ten years of creditable service depending on their plan. Those members hired between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2015, may retire at age 60 upon completing five years of creditable service and those hired on or after July 1, 2015 may retire at age 62 upon completing five years of creditable service. The basic annual retirement benefit for members is equal to 2.5% to 3.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Additionally, members may choose to retire with 20 years of service at any age with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Average compensation is defined as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed prior to July 1, 2006. For members hired July 1, 2006 or later, average compensation is based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. The maximum annual retirement benefit cannot exceed the lesser of 100% of average compensation or a certain specified dollar amount of actuarially determined monetary limits, which vary depending upon the member's age at retirement. Judges, court officers, and certain elected officials receive an additional annual retirement benefit equal to 1.0% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service in their respective capacity. As an alternative to the basic retirement benefits, a member may elect to receive their retirement throughout their life, with certain benefits being paid to their designated beneficiary after their death.

Act 992 of the 2010 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, changed the benefit structure for LASERS members hired on or after January 1, 2011. This resulted in three new plans: regular, hazardous duty, and judges. The new regular plan includes regular members and those members who were formerly eligible to participate in specialty plans, excluding hazardous duty and judges. Regular members and judges are eligible to retire at age 60 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Hazardous duty members are eligible to retire with twelve years of creditable service at age 55, 25 years of creditable service at any age or with a reduced benefit after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment for all three new plans. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, hazardous duty plan a 3.33% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate. The extra 1.0% accrual rate for each year of service for court officers, the governor, lieutenant governor, legislators, House clerk, sergeants at arms, or Senate secretary, employed after January 1, 2011, was eliminated by Act 992. Specialty plan and regular members hired prior to January 1, 2011, who are hazardous duty employees have the option to transition to the new hazardous duty plan.

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Act 226 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session established new retirement eligibility for members of LASERS hired on or after July 1, 2015, excluding hazardous duty plan members. Regular members and judges under the new plan are eligible to retire at age 62 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate, with the extra 1.0% accrual rate based on all years of service as a judge.

A member leaving employment before attaining minimum retirement age, but after completing certain minimum service requirements, becomes eligible for a benefit provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age, and does not withdraw their accumulated contributions. The minimum service requirement for benefits varies depending upon the member's employer and service classification.

Deferred Retirement Benefits: The State Legislature authorized LASERS to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When a member enters DROP, their status changes from active member to retiree even though they continue to work and draw their salary for a period of up to three years. The election is irrevocable once participation begins. During DROP participation, accumulated retirement benefits that would have been paid to each retiree are separately tracked. For members who entered DROP prior to January 1, 2004, interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero) will be credited to the retiree after participation ends. At that time, the member must choose among available alternatives for the distribution of benefits that have accumulated in the DROP account. Members who enter DROP on or after January 1, 2004, are required to participate in LASERS Self-Directed Plan (SDP) which is administered by a third-party provider. The SDP allows DROP participants to choose from a menu of investment options for the allocation of their DROP balances. Participants may diversify their investments by choosing from an approved list of mutual funds with different holdings, management styles, and risk factors.

Members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive at the time of retirement an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. For members who selected the IBO option prior to January 1, 2004, such amount may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero). Those members who select the IBO on or after January 1, 2004, are required to enter the SDP as described above.

<u>Disability Benefits</u>: Generally, active members with ten or more years of credited service who become disabled may receive a maximum disability retirement benefit equivalent to the regular retirement formula without reduction by reason of age.

Upon reaching retirement age, the disability retiree may receive a regular retirement benefit by making application to the Board of Trustees.

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For injuries sustained in the line of duty, hazardous duty personnel in the Hazardous Duty Services Plan will receive a disability benefit equal to 75% of final average compensation or 100% of final average compensation if the injury was the result of an intentional act of violence.

<u>Survivor's Benefits</u>: Certain eligible surviving dependents receive benefits based on the deceased member's compensation and their relationship to the deceased. The deceased regular member hired before January 1, 2011 who was in state service at the time of death must have a minimum of five years of service credit, at least two of which were earned immediately prior to death, or who had a minimum of twenty years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor or handicapped child. Benefits are payable to an unmarried child until age 18, or age 23 if the child remains a full-time student. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirement is ten years for a surviving spouse with no minor children, and benefits are to be paid for life to the spouse or qualified handicapped child.

The deceased regular member hired on or after January 1, 2011, must have a minimum of five years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor child. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirements for a surviving spouse are 10 years, 2 years being earned immediately prior to death, and active state service at the time of death, or a minimum of 20 years of service credit regardless of when earned. A deceased member's spouse must have been married for at least one year before death.

A Hazardous Duty Services Plan member's surviving spouse and minor or handicapped or mentally incapacitated child or children are entitled to survivor benefits of 80% of the member's final average compensation if the member was killed in the line of duty. If the member dies in the line of duty as a result of an intentional act of violence, survivor benefits may be creased to 100% of the members average compensation.

<u>Permanent Benefit Increases/Cost of Living Adjustments</u>: As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the System allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System

The Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined pension plan established in accordance with Act 215 of 1954, under Revised Statute 11:2032 to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for registrars of voters, their deputies, and their permanent employees in each parish of the State of Louisiana.

Retirement Benefits: Any member hired prior to January 1, 2013 is eligible for normal retirement after he has 20 years of creditable service and is age 55 or has 10 years of creditable service and is age 60. Any member with 30 years of creditable service regardless of age may retire. Regular retirement benefits for members hired prior to January 1, 2013 are calculated at 3.33% of the average annual earned compensation for the highest consecutive 60 months multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of average annual compensation.

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Any member hired on or after January 1, 2013 is eligible for normal retirement after he has attained 30 years of creditable service and is age 55; has attained 20 years of creditable service and is age 60; or has attained 10 years of creditable service and is age 62. Regular retirement benefits for members hired on or after January 1, 2013 are calculated at 3.00% of the average annual earned compensation for the highest consecutive 60 months multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of average annual compensation. Retirement benefits for members hired on or after January 1, 2013 that have attained 30 years of creditable service with at least 20 years of creditable service in the System are calculated at 3.33% of the average annual compensation for the highest consecutive 60 months multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of average annual compensation.

Any member whose withdrawal from service occurs prior to attaining the age of sixty years, who shall have completed ten or more years of creditable service and shall not have received a refund of his accumulated contributions, shall become eligible for a deferred allowance beginning upon his attaining the age of sixty years.

Survivor Benefits: If a member who has less than five years of credited service dies due to any cause other than injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties, his accumulated contributions are paid to his designated beneficiary. If the member has five or more years of credited service, and is not eligible to retire, automatic option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse. These benefits are based on the retirement benefits accrued at the member's date of death with option 2 factors used as if the member had continued in service to earliest normal retirement age. If a member has no surviving spouse and the member has five or more years of creditable service, the surviving minor children under 18 or disabled children shall be paid 80% of the accrued retirement benefit in equal shares until the age of majority or for the duration of the handicap for a handicapped child. Upon the death of any former member with 10 or more years of service, automatic option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse. In lieu of periodic payments, the surviving spouse or children may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions.

<u>Deferred Retirement Option Plan</u>: In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member with ten or more years of service at age sixty, twenty or more years of service at age fifty-five, or thirty or more years of service at any age may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. Upon commencement of participation in the plan, membership in the System terminates. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP fund. This fund does not earn interest. In addition, no cost of living increases is payable to participants until employment which made them eligible to become members of the System has been terminated for at least one full year.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the plan may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or any other method of payment if approved by the Board of Trustees. The monthly benefits that were being paid into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan fund will begin to be paid to the retiree. If the participant dies during participation in the plan, a lump sum equal to his account balance in

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the plan fund shall be paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate. If employment is not terminated at the end of the three years, payments into the plan fund cease and the person resumes active contributing membership in the System.

<u>Disability Benefits</u>: Disability benefits are provided to active contributing members with at least 10 years of service established in the System and who have been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. The disabled member who has attained the age of sixty years shall be entitled to a regular retirement allowance.

The disabled member who has not yet attained age sixty shall be entitled to a disability benefit equal to the lesser of three percent of his average final compensation multiplied by the number of creditable years of service (not to be less than fifteen years) or three and one third percent of average final compensation multiplied by the years of service assuming continued service to age sixty. Disability benefits may not exceed two-thirds of earnable compensation.

Cost of Living Increases: Cost of living provisions for the System allows the Board of Trustees to provide an annual cost of living increase of 2% of the eligible retiree's original benefit if certain funding criteria are met. Members are eligible to receive a cost of living adjustment once they have reached the age of 60 and have been retired at least one year. Funding criteria for granting cost of living adjustments is dependent on the funded ratio.

District Attorneys' Retirement System

The District Attorneys' Retirement System was created on August 1, 1956 by Act 56 of the 1956 session of the Louisiana Legislature, for the purpose of providing allowances and other benefits for district attorneys and their assistants in each parish. The fund is administered by a Board of Trustees. Benefits, including normal retirement, early retirement, disability retirements and death benefit, are provided as specified in the plan.

Eligibility Requirements: All persons who are district attorneys of the State of Louisiana, assistant district attorneys in any parish of the State of Louisiana, or employed by this retirement system and the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association except for elected or appointed officials who have retired from service under any publicly funded retirement system within the state and who are currently receiving benefits, shall become members as a condition of their employment; provided, however, that in the case of assistant district attorneys, they must be paid an amount not less than the minimum salary specified by the Louisiana District Attorneys' Board of Trustees. The projection of benefit payments in the calculation of the total pension liability includes all benefits to be provided to current active and inactive employees through the System in accordance with the benefit terms and any additional legal agreements to provide benefits that are in force at the measurement date.

Retirement Benefits: Members who joined the System before July 1, 1990, and who have elected not to be covered by the new provisions, are eligible to receive a normal retirement benefit if they have 10 or more years of creditable service and are at least age 62, or if they have 18 or more years of service and are at least age 60, or if they have 23 or more years of service and are at least age 55, or if they have 30 years of service regardless of age. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 3% of the member's average final compensation for each year of creditable service.

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Members are eligible for early retirement at age 60 if they have at least 10 years of creditable service or at age 55 with at least 18 years of creditable service. Members who retire prior to age 60 with less than 23 years of service credit, receive a retirement benefit reduced 3% for each year of age below 60. Members who retire prior to age 62 who have less than 18 years of service receive a retirement benefit reduced 3% for each year of age below 62. Retirement benefits may not exceed 100% of final average compensation.

Members who joined the System after July 1, 1990, or who elected to be covered by the new provisions, are eligible to receive normal retirement benefits if they are age 60 and have 10 years of service credit, are age 55 and have 24 years of service credit, or have 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 3.5% of the member's final average compensation multiplied by years of membership service. A member is eligible for an early retirement benefit if he is age 55 and has 18 years of service credit. The early retirement benefit is equal to the normal retirement benefit reduced 3% for each year the member retires in advance of normal retirement age. Benefits may not exceed 100% of average final compensation.

Survivor Benefits: Upon the death of a member with less than 5 years of creditable service, his accumulated contributions and interest thereon are paid to his surviving spouse, if he is married, or to his designated beneficiary, if he is not married. Upon the death of any active, contributing member with 5 or more years of service or any member with 23 years of service who has not retired, automatic option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse. These benefits are based on the retirement benefits accrued at the member's date of death with the option factors used as if the member had continued in service to earliest normal retirement age. If a member has no surviving spouse, the surviving minor children under 18 or disabled children are paid 80% of the member's accrued retirement benefit divided into equal shares. If a member has no surviving spouse or children, his accumulated contributions and interest are paid to his designated beneficiary. In lieu of periodic payments, the surviving spouse or children may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions with interest.

Upon withdrawal from service, members not entitled to a retirement allowance are paid a refund of accumulated contributions upon request. Receipt of such a refund cancels all accrued rights in the System.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to grant retired members and surviving beneficiaries of members who have retired an annual cost of living increase of 3% of their original benefit, (not to exceed sixty dollars per month) and all retired members and surviving beneficiaries who are sixty-five years of age and older a 2% increase in their original benefit. In lieu of other cost of living increases the board may grant an increase to retirees in the form of "Xx(A&B)" where "A" is equal to the number of years of credited service accrued at retirement or death of the member or retiree and "B" is equal to the number of years since death of the member or retiree to June 30 of the initial year of increase and "X" is equal to any amount available for funding such increase up to a maximum of \$1.00. In order for the board to grant any of these increases, the System must meet certain criteria detailed in the statute related to funding status and interest earnings.

<u>Deferred Retirement Option Plan</u>: In lieu of receiving a service retirement allowance, any member who has more years of service than are required for a normal retirement may elect to receive a Back-Deferred Retirement Option Program (Back-DROP) benefit.

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The Back-DROP benefit is based upon the Back-DROP period selected and the final average compensation prior to the period selected. The Back-DROP period is the lesser of thirty-six months or the service accrued between the time a member first becomes eligible for retirement and his actual date of retirement. At retirement, the member's maximum monthly retirement benefit is based upon his service, final average compensation, and plan provisions in effect on the last day of creditable service immediately prior to the commencement of the Back-DROP period. In addition to the monthly benefit at retirement, the member receives a lump-sum payment equal to the maximum monthly benefit as calculated above multiplied by the number of months in the Back-DROP period. In lieu of receiving the lump-sum payment, the member may leave the funds on deposit with the system in an interest-bearing account.

Prior to January 1, 2009, eligible members could elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for up to thirty-six months in lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service benefit. During participation in the DROP, employer contributions were payable and employee contributions were reduced to half of one percent. The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable to the member were paid into a DROP account, which did not earn interest while the member was participating in the DROP. Upon termination of participation, the participant in the plan received, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account or systematic disbursements from his account in any manner approved by the board of trustees. The monthly benefits that were being paid into the DROP would then be paid to the retiree. All amounts which remain credited to the individual's sub-account after termination of participation in the plan were invested in liquid money market funds. Interest was credited thereon as actually earned.

<u>Disability Benefits</u>: Disability benefits are awarded to active contributing members with at least 10 years of service who are found to be totally disabled as a result of injuries incurred while in active service. The member receives a benefit equal to three percent (three and one-half percent for members covered under the new retirement benefit provisions) of his average final compensation multiplied by the lesser of his actual service (not to be less than fifteen years) or projected continued service to age sixty.

<u>Funding Policy</u>: Employer contributions are actuarially determined using statutorily established methods on an annual basis and are constitutionally required to cover the employer's portion of the normal cost and provide for the amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Employer contributions are adopted by the Legislature annually upon recommendation of the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC).

Employer contribution rates to the plans are required and actuarially determined for PERS, LASERS, ROVERS, and DARS. The contribution rates in effect for the year ended were as follows:

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (Plan A)	11.50%
Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System	44.80%
Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System	18.00%
District Attorneys' Retirement System	9.50%

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In accordance with state statute, the Systems also receive ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds each year as appropriated by the Legislature. These additional sources of income are used as additional employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities. The Police Jury recognized non-employer contributions as follows:

	Police Jury	 unications District	Tourist Commission		
Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (Plan A)	\$ 56,080	\$ 5,705	\$	769	
Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System	-	-		-	
Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System	8,661	-		-	
District Attorneys' Retirement System	12,945	-		-	
	\$ 77,686	\$ 5,705	\$	769	

Pension Liabilities/Assets, Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions: The following schedule lists the Police Jury's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability allocated by each of the pension plans based on the measurement dates. The Police Jury uses this measurement to record its net pension liability and associated amounts as of the year ended in accordance with GASB Statement 68. The schedule also includes the proportionate share allocation rate used at the measurement date for each plan, along with the change compared prior year rates. The Police Jury's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Agency's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined.

		Net Pension	Measurem	Measurement Rate				
		Liability (Asset) at Measurement Date	Current	Previous	Increase (Decrease)			
Police Jury -								
PERS (Plan A)	*	\$ 2,316,364	0.602%	0.577%	0.025%			
LASERS	**	48,796	0.001%	0.001%	0.000%			
ROVERS	**	46,685	0.246%	0.272%	-0.026%			
DARS	**	103,000	0.120%	0.124%	-0.004%			
Total		2,514,845						
Communications District								
PERS - (Plan A)	*	\$ 235,650	0.061%	0.080%	-0.019%			
Tourist Commission - PERS - (Plan A)	*	\$ 31,772	0.008%	0.008%	0.000%			

^{*} December 31, 2022 measurement date

^{**} June 30, 2023 measurement date

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The Police Jury and Tourist Commission recognized pension expense as follows.

	Police Jury	munications District	Tourist Commission	
Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (Plan A)	\$ 961,807	\$ 111,601	\$	13,405
Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System	624	-		-
Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System	9,364	-		-
District Attorneys' Retirement System	31,756			
	\$ 1,003,551	\$ 111,601	\$	13,405

The Police Jury and the discretely presented component units reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (Plan A) -

	Governmental Activities							Tourist Commission				
		Police	e Jur	y	C	Communications District						<u> </u>
	De	eferred	I	Deferred	Deferred Outflows		Deferred Inflows		Deferred Outflows		De	eferred
	Ου	ıtflows		Inflows							Inflows	
Difference between expected												
and actual experience	\$	85,641	\$	255,207	\$	8,713	\$	25,963	\$	1,175	\$	3,500
Change of assumptions		73,924		-		7,520		-		1,014		-
Change in proportion and												
differences between the												
employer's contributions and												
the employer's proportionate												
share of contributions		-		55,228		25,226		-		-		326
Net differences between												
projected and actual earnings												
on plan investments	2,4	445,337		-		248,771		-		33,541		-
Contributions subsequent to the												
measurement date	4	464,200		-		51,129		-		6,572		-
Total	\$ 3,0	069,102	\$	310,435	\$	341,359	\$	25,963	\$	42,302	\$	3,826

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Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) –

	Governmental Activities					
	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows				
	of Resources	of Resources				
Difference between expected and						
actual experience	\$ 1,056	\$ -				
Change of assumptions	-	-				
Change in proportion and						
differences between the employer's						
contributions and the employer's						
proportionate share of contributions	-	-				
Net differences between projected and						
actual earnings on plan investments	279	-				
Contributions subsequent to the						
measurement date	3,415	<u> </u>				
Total	\$ 4,750	<u>\$ - </u>				

Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System (ROVERS) -

	Government	al Activities
	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
	of Resources	of Resources
Difference between expected and		
actual experience	\$ 1,941	\$ 2,098
Change of assumptions	2,879	-
Change in proportion and		
differences between the employer's		
contributions and the employer's		
proportionate share of contributions	4,728	11,435
Net differences between projected and		
actual earnings on plan investments	10,823	-
Contributions subsequent to the		
measurement date	3,233	<u> </u>
Total	\$ 23,604	\$ 13,533

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District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS) –

	Governmental Activities				
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Difference between expected and					
actual experience	\$ 6,409	\$ 3,402			
Change of assumptions	15,777	-			
Change in proportion and					
differences between the employer's contributions and the employer's					
proportionate share of contributions	546	3,954			
Net differences between projected and					
actual earnings on plan investments	11,857	-			
Contributions subsequent to the					
measurement date	4,800	<u> </u>			
Total	\$ 39,389	\$ 7,356			

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Police Jury's and Tourist Commission's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflow of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

		Governmental Activities										
		Comr	nunications									
Year Ended	Police Jury	I	District									
December 30:	PERS		PERS	LASERS	ROVERS	DARS		Total				
2024	\$ 50,620	\$	18,520	\$ 1,334	\$ 478	\$	8,146	\$	79,098			
2025	371,921		50,929	(1,762)	(1,967)		8,253		427,374			
2026	775,695		83,295	2,403	10,846		16,117		888,356			
2027	1,096,231		111,523	(640)	(2,519)		(5,283)		1,199,312			
	\$ 2,294,467	\$	264,267	\$ 1,335	\$ 6,838	\$	27,233	\$ 2	2,594,140			

	Component Unit -		
Year Ended	Tourist Commission		
December 30:	PERS		
2024	\$ 824		
2025	5,375		
2026	10,666		
2027	15,039		
	\$ 31,904		

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Actuarial Methods and Assumptions: The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position.

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability are as follows:

	PERS	LASERS	ROVERS	DARS
Valuation Date Actuarial Cost Method	December 31, 2022 Entry Age Normal	June 30, 2023 Entry Age Normal	June 30, 2023 Entry Age Normal	June 30, 2023 Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	6.40%, net of investment expense, including inflation	7.25% per annum, net of investment expenses	6.25%	6.10%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
Projected Salary Increases	4.75%	Varies from 2.60% to 13.80% depending on member type	5.25%	5% (2.20% inflation, 2.80% merit)
Inflation rates	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%	2.68%
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years	2 years	5 years	5 years

Cost of Living Adjustment:

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, and Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System –

The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increase not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

District Attorneys' Retirement System -

Only those previously granted.

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Mortality:

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana –

RP-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality table for Health Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for annuitant and beneficiary mortality. For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale. Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for disabled annuitants.

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System –

Non-disabled members - The RP-2014 Blue Collar (males/females) and White Collar (females) Healthy Annuitant Tables projected on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018.

Disabled members – Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no projection for mortality improvement.

Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System –

RP-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for general employees multiplied by 120% for males and 120% for females each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale – Employees, Annuitant and Beneficiaries.

RP-2010 Public retirement Plans Mortality Table for general disabled retirees multiplied by 120% for males and 120% for females each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale – Disabled Annuitants.

District Attorneys' Retirement System -

Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Above-Median Employees multiplied by 115% for males and females for current employees, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.

Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Above-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and females for annuitants and beneficiaries, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.

Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and females for disabled retirees, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.

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Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation are summarized in the following table:

	Target Asset Allocation			
Asset Class	PERS	LASERS	ROVERS	DARS
			-	
Fixed income	33.00%	0.00%	22.50%	32.82%
Equity	51.00%	0.00%	57.50%	50.11%
Alternatives	14.00%	0.00%	10.00%	16.90%
Other	2.00%	0.00%	10.00%	0.20%
Totals	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%
		Long-terr	n Expected	
	F	ortolio Real	Rate of Retur	n
Asset Class	PERS	LASERS	ROVERS	DARS
<u> </u>				
Cash	0.00%	0.80%	0.00%	2.31%
Fixed income	1.17%	7.37%	0.91%	3.81%
Equity	3.58%	9.89%	4.51%	10.66%
Alternatives	0.73%	8.19%	0.00%	6.50%
Other	0.12%	0.00%	0.45%	0.00%
Total Fund	5.60%	5.75%	5.87%	5.02%
Inflation	2.10%	2.30%	2.50%	2.68%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return	7.70%	8.19%	8.37%	<u>7.70%</u>

Discount Rate:

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that sponsor contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, each of 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. The discount rates used for each respective plan is displayed in the Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate table.

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Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate: The following presents the Police Jury's proportionate share of the net pension liability of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of each retirement system, as well as what the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate used by each of the retirement systems:

	19	% Decrease	Current Rate		1% Increase	
PERS (Plan A)						
Police Jury						
Discount Rates		5.40%		6.40%		7.40%
Net Pension Liability (Asset):	\$	5,728,446	\$	2,316,364	\$	(544,230)
Communications District						
Discount Rates		5.40%		6.40%		7.40%
Net Pension Liability (Asset):	\$	582,770	\$	235,650	\$	(55,366)
Tourist Commission						
Discount Rates		5.40%		6.40%		7.40%
Net Pension Liability (Asset):	\$	78,573	\$	31,772	\$	(7,465)
LASERS						
Discount Rates		6.25%		7.25%		8.25%
Net Pension Liability (Asset):	\$	63,894	\$	48,796	\$	36,004
ROVERS						
Discount Rates		5.25%		6.25%		7.25%
Net Pension Liability (Asset):	\$	84,935	\$	46,685	\$	14,176
DARS						
Discount Rates		5.10%		6.10%		7.10%
Net Pension Liability (Asset):	\$	192,488	\$	103,000	\$	27,925

(11) <u>Post-Retirement Health Care Insurance Benefits</u>

Plan description – The Vermilion Parish Police Jury (the Police Jury) provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The Police Jury's OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Police Jury. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the Police Jury. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section P52 Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions—Reporting For Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria—Defined Benefit.

Benefits Provided – Medical and life insurance benefits are provided through comprehensive plans and are made available to employees upon actual retirement. Employees are covered by Plan A of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, whose retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry)

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provisions are as follows: 30 years of service at any age; age 55 and 25 years of service; age 60 and 10 years of service; or, age 65 and 7 years of service. For employees hired on and after January 1, 2007 retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: age 55 and 30 years of service; age 62 and 10 years of service; or, age 67 and 7 years of service.

Life insurance coverage is provided to retirees and 90% of the rate is paid by the employer for the amount \$50,000 until age 65.

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	67
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	93
	160

Total OPEB Liability

The Police Jury's total OPEB liability of \$4,649,236 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 3.0%

Salary increases 3.0%, including inflation

Discount Rate 3.72% annually (Beginning of Year to Determine ADC)

3.26%, annually (As of End of Year Measurement Date)

Healthcare cost trend rates Gretzen model, with an initial trend of 5.5%

Mortality Pub-2010/2021

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.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2023 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2023.

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Changes in the Total OPEB Liability:

Total OPEB obligation - beginning of year	\$ 4,440,244
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	47,901
Interest	166,068
Difference between expected and actual experience	115,607
Changes in assumptions	154,141
Benefit payments and net transfers	(274,725)
Net changes	208,992
Total OPEB obligation - end of year	\$ 4,649,236

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Police Jury, as well as what the Police Jury's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.26%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.26%) than the current discount rate:

		Current			
	1.0% Decrease	1.0% Decrease Discount Rate 1.0%			
	2.26%	3.26%	4.26%		
Total OPEB liability	\$ 5,027,562	\$ 4,649,236	\$ 4,321,704		

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Police Jury, as well as what the Police Jury's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

	Current			
	1.0% Decrease 4.50%	Discount Rate (5.5%)	1.0% Increase (6.5%)	
Total OPEB liability	\$4,510,063	\$4,649,236	\$4,802,050	

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

The Police Jury recognized OPEB expense of \$271,693. The Police Jury reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
	of Resources	of Resources
Differences Between expected and actual experience	\$ 327,743	\$ 21,285
Changes of assumptions	301,460	374,193
Total	\$ 629,203	\$ 395,478

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

Year	
Ended	
2024	\$ 57,724
2025	176,001
Total	\$ 233,725

(12) <u>Litigation and Claims</u>

The Police Jury is subject to various lawsuits and claims, many of which arise in the normal course of business. The Police Jury's legal counsel has reviewed the claims and lawsuits, in order to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome to the Police Jury and to arrive at an estimate, if any, of the amount or range of potential loss to the Police Jury not covered by insurance. As a result of the review, there are no claims and lawsuits that an unfavorable outcome would materially affect the financial statements. Also, the Police Jury may be exposed to losses for which the amounts cannot be determined at this time.

The Police Jury also owns and operates a parish landfill. As of December 31, 2023, the Jury was not aware of any environmental liabilities with respect to the landfill, not already recognized in the financial statements. Nor was the Police Jury aware of any environmental issues regarding any other properties or holdings of the parish.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(13) Closure and Post Closure Care Costs

The Vermilion Parish Police Jury landfill began operations in 1978. State and federal laws and regulations require the Police Jury to place a final cover on its landfill when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure. The estimated closure and post closure cost to be recognized is \$5,434,096. The Police Jury also owns adjacent property which has been approved for the relocation of their landfill operations after the present site is closed; that property is not yet permitted and therefore, an estimate of closure and post closure costs is not currently required.

Although closure and post closure costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, generally accepted accounting principles require the Police Jury to report a portion of these costs as a liability in its general long-term liabilities based on landfill capacity. At December 31, 2023, capacity used was estimated at 3,834,291 cubic yards, while total capacity was estimated at 4,458,320 cubic yards. The percentage of landfill capacity used to date is approximately 86%. The Police Jury expects to close the landfill in approximately 10 years based on the existing permitted capacity. Actual costs may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology or changes in regulations.

(14) <u>Federal Compliance Contingencies</u>

The Police Jury receives grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by governmental agencies. Such audits could result in a request for reimbursement by the grantor for expenditures disallowed under the terms and conditions of the appropriate agency. In the opinion of the Police Jury, such disallowances, if any, will not be significant.

(15) Risk Management

The Police Jury is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Police Jury carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year.

(16) <u>Deficit fund balance</u>

At December 31, 2023, the General Fund has a deficit fund balance of \$3,069,518 and the Project Account Fund had a deficit fund balance of \$53,961. The deficit fund balances will be financed through future revenues of the funds.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(16) <u>Interfund Transactions</u>

a. Receivables and Payables

A summary of interfund receivables and payables is as follows:

	Interfund Receivables		Interfund Payables	
General Fund	\$	99,598	\$	410,153
1978 Sales Tax		4,847		-
Royalty Road		16,891		-
Parishwide Public Improvement Maintenance		-		16,891
Total major governmental funds		121,336		427,044
Other governmental funds		410,153	_	104,445
Total	<u>\$</u>	531,489	\$	531,489

The above amounts are for reimbursements owed for expenditures paid for those funds, amounts owed to the general fund for workers compensation, and for short-term loans.

b. Transfers consisted of the following:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Fund	\$ 3,800,640	\$ 1,630,026
1976 Sales Tax	-	2,500,000
1978 Sales Tax	-	3,020,000
1994 Sales Tax	2,500,000	-
Royalty Road	211,330	300,000
Parishwide Public Improvement Maintenance	2,842,660	-
American Rescue Plan Fund	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total major funds	9,354,630	7,450,026
Other governmental funds	2,241,325	4,145,929
Total	\$11,595,955	\$11,595,955

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(17) Wireless E911 Service Status

In accordance with LRS 33:9101 et seq, following is a summary of revenues derived from wireless services charges, how much were expended, and the progress of Phase I implementation as of December 31, 2023.

Total funds received from wireless service charges	\$ 748,322
Expenditures made solely for wireless 911	\$ -
Expenditures made solely for wireline 911	\$ -
Amount of expenditures attributable to wireless 911 (total balance of expenditures multiplied by the percentage of wireless calls received by the District to the total number of	
calls received)	\$ 805,604

Status of Phase I implementation:

Status of Phase II Implementation:

AT&T Wireless – implemented
Sprint/Nextel – implemented
Pace – implemented
Centennial Wireless – implemented
T-Mobile – implemented
Verizon Wireless – implemented

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Sprint/Nextel – implemented
Pace – implemented
Centennial Wireless – implemented
T-Mobile – implemented
Verizon Wireless – implemented

(18) On-behalf Payments

The Police Jury has recognized \$19,800 as a revenue and an expenditure for on-behalf salary payments regarding Justices of the Peace and Constables made by the State of Louisiana.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Bud	grat		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
	<u> </u>	1 11101	7101441	(Tregative)
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$1,177,100	\$1,177,100	\$ 1,181,379	\$ 4,279
Licenses and permits	616,300	616,300	695,662	79,362
Intergovernmental revenues -	,	,	,	,
Federal grants	5,972,701	1,800,680	1,825,843	25,163
State funds -				
State revenue sharing	117,769	117,769	119,755	1,986
Other	12,536,223	4,940,005	5,122,364	182,359
Fees, charges and commissions	445,152	445,152	452,069	6,917
Interest income	4,500	4,500	17,883	13,383
Miscellaneous	129,520	604,520	221,778	(382,742)
Total revenues	20,999,265	9,706,026	9,636,733	(69,293)
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Legislative	327,349	327,349	360,023	(32,674)
Judicial	1,777,697	1,827,697	1,748,498	79,199
Elections	64,411	64,411	68,012	(3,601)
Finance and administration	683,441	683,441	750,660	(67,219)
Other	882,768	1,036,364	1,163,663	(127,299)
Public works	16,048,801	6,123,000	10,706,103	(4,583,103)
Public safety	1,256,109	1,256,109	1,078,033	178,076
Health and welfare	227,201	227,201	152,534	74,667
Economic development and assistance	109,955	109,955	103,885	6,070
Culture and recreation	300	300	274	26
Capital outlay	534,570	534,570	46,656	487,914
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	26,653	(26,653)
Interest expense			2,075	(2,075)
Total expenditures	21,912,602	12,190,397	16,207,069	(4,016,672)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	(913,337)	(2,484,371)	(6,570,336)	(4,085,965)
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Other financing sources (uses):			6.050	6.050
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	6,050	6,050
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	-	107,106	107,106
Proceeds from capital lease	550,000	2 000 000	2 200 640	- (40
Transfers in	990,000	3,800,000	3,800,640	640
Transfers out	(980,143)	(980,143)	(1,630,026)	(649,883)
Total other financing sources (uses)	559,857	2,819,857	2,283,770	(536,087)
Net change in fund balances	(353,480)	335,486	(4,286,566)	(4,622,052)
Fund balance, beginning	1,217,048	1,217,048	1,217,048	
Fund balance, ending	\$ 863,568	\$1,552,534	\$(3,069,518)	\$ (4,622,052)

1976 Sales Tax Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Bud	lget		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues: Sales and use taxes Investment income Total revenues	\$ 4,200,000 100,000 4,300,000	\$ 4,800,000 <u>400,000</u> 5,200,000	\$ 5,039,255 451,023 5,400,278	\$ 239,255 51,023
1 otal revenues	4,300,000		5,490,278	290,278
Expenditures: Current - General government:				
Finance and administration	54,407	54,407	55,398	(991)
Public works	259,280	259,280	218,860	40,420
Public safety	485,045	555,561	577,424	(21,863)
Health and welfare	864,170	864,170	677,521	186,649
Capital outlay	390,713	390,713	438,527	(47,814)
Total expenditures	2,053,615	2,124,131	1,967,730	156,401
Excess of revenues over expenditures	2,246,385	3,075,869	3,522,548	446,679
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)	
Net change in fund balances	(253,615)	575,869	1,022,548	446,679
Fund balance, beginning	8,815,515	8,815,515	8,815,515	
Fund balance, ending	\$ 8,561,900	\$ 9,391,384	\$ 9,838,063	\$ 446,679

1978 Sales Tax Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Bud	get		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
				,
Revenues:				
Sales and use taxes	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 4,800,000	\$ 5,039,255	\$ 239,255
Interest income	200,000	800,000	840,691	40,691
Miscellaneous	300,000	300,000	300,080	80
Total revenues	4,700,000	5,900,000	6,180,026	280,026
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Finance and administration	54,407	54,407	55,398	(991)
Other	-	-	547	(547)
Public safety	601,428	736,428	783,201	(46,773)
Culture and recreation	105,154	155,154	149,431	5,723
Capital outlay	535,000	535,000	759,804	(224,804)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	4,249	(4,249)
Interest expense			442	(442)
Total expenditures	1,295,989	1,480,989	1,753,072	(272,083)
Excess of revenues over				
expenditures	3,404,011	4,419,011	4,426,954	7,943
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from issuance of debt	_	_	37,064	37,064
Transfers out	(3,020,000)	(3,020,000)	(3,020,000)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(3,020,000)	(3,020,000)	(2,982,936)	37,064
Net change in fund balances	384,011	1,399,011	1,444,018	45,007
Fund balance, beginning	16,011,589	16,011,589	16,011,589	
Fund balance, ending	\$16,395,600	\$17,410,600	\$17,455,607	\$ 45,007

1994 Sales Tax Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Bud	lget		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Sales and use taxes	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 4,800,000	\$ 5,039,255	\$ 239,255
Licenses and permits	30,000	30,000	9,800	(20,200)
Intergovernmental funds -	30,000	30,000	2,000	(20,200)
Federal grants	_	_	92,368	92,368
Interest income	120,000	320,000	532,182	212,182
Miscellaneous	10,000	10,000	18,110	8,110
Total revenues	4,360,000	5,160,000	5,691,715	531,715
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Finance and administration	54,407	54,407	55,398	(991)
Sanitation, sewerage, and waste disposal	6,427,565	7,077,565	8,292,862	(1,215,297)
Capital outlay	-	200,000	217,892	(17,892)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	24,949	(24,949)
Interest expense			2,544	(2,544)
Total expenditures	6,481,972	7,331,972	8,593,645	(1,261,673)
Deficiency of revenues over				
expenditures	(2,121,972)	(2,171,972)	(2,901,930)	(729,958)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	-	522,862	522,862
Transfers in	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,500,000	2,500,000	3,022,862	522,862
Net change in fund balances	378,028	328,028	120,932	(207,096)
Fund balance, beginning	11,148,889	11,148,889	11,148,889	
Fund balance, ending	\$11,526,917	\$11,476,917	\$11,269,821	\$ (207,096)

Royalty Road Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Bud	lget		Variance with Final Budget Positive	
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)	
Revenues: Intergovernmental revenues - State funds - Other	\$ 975,000	\$ 975,000	\$ 709,702	\$ (265,298)	
Interest income	44,000	44,000	132,399	88,399	
Total revenues	1,019,000	1,019,000	842,101	(176,899)	
Expenditures: Current - General government: Finance and administration	255,647	255,647	62,229	193,418	
Public works	975,500	975,500	762,390	213,110	
Total expenditures	1,231,147	1,231,147	824,619	406,528	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(212,147)	(212,147)	17,482	229,629	
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in Transfers out	211,330 (750,000)	211,330 (750,000)	211,330 (300,000)	450,000	
Total other financing sources (uses)	(538,670)	(538,670)	(88,670)	450,000	
Net change in fund balances	(750,817)	(750,817)	(71,188)	679,629	
Fund balance, beginning	3,158,977	3,158,977	3,158,977		
Fund balance, ending	\$2,408,160	\$ 2,408,160	\$ 3,087,789	\$ 679,629	

Parishwide Public Improvements Maintenance Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	D., 1			Variance with Final Budget
	Bud Original	Final	Actual	Positive (Negative)
	Original	Tillat	Actual	(ivegative)
Revenues:				
Taxes - ad valorem	\$1,051,360	\$1,051,360	\$ 1,058,337	\$ 6,977
Intergovernmental revenues -				
Federal funds-				
Federal grants	-	-	495,262	495,262
State funds-				
State revenue sharing	88,354	88,354	88,362	8
Other	1,250,000	1,250,000	739,903	(510,097)
Interest income	70,000	70,000	146,173	76,173
Miscellaneous	12,080	12,080	9,248	(2,832)
Total revenues	2,471,794	2,471,794	2,537,285	65,491
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Finance and administration	125,131	125,131	127,288	(2,157)
Public works	5,202,762	4,637,762	5,666,485	(1,028,723)
Capital outlay	5,156,542	259,048	526,531	(267,483)
Debt service:	-,,		,	(==,,==)
Principal retirement	_	-	65,100	(65,100)
Interest expense	-	-	9,519	(9,519)
Total expenditures	10,484,435	5,021,941	6,394,923	(1,372,982)
Deficiency of revenues				
over expenditures	(8,012,641)	(2,550,147)	(3,857,638)	(1,307,491)
Other financing sources:				
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	-	992,641	992,641
Transfers in	3,172,660	3,172,660	2,842,660	(330,000)
Total other financing sources	3,172,660	3,172,660	3,835,301	662,641
Net change in fund balances	(4,839,981)	622,513	(22,337)	(644,850)
Fund balance, beginning	4,374,013	4,374,013	4,374,013	
Fund balance, ending	\$ (465,968)	\$4,996,526	\$ 4,351,676	\$ (644,850)

American Rescue Plan Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Buc	lget		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Federal funds-				
Federal grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,383,923	\$ 1,383,923
State funds-				
State grants	-	-	30,000	30,000
Interest income	100,000	550,000	578,209	28,209
Total revenues	100,000	630,000	1,992,132	1,362,132
Expenditures:				
Public works	1,495,000	1,495,000	-	1,495,000
Capital outlay	1,803,324	1,203,324	1,383,923	(180,599)
Total expenditures	3,298,324	2,698,324	1,383,923	1,314,401
Net change in fund balances	(3,198,324)	(2,068,324)	608,209	2,676,533
Fund balance, beginning				
Fund balance, ending	\$(3,198,324)	\$ (2,068,324)	\$ 608,209	\$ 2,676,533

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	\$ 47,901	\$ 81,872	\$ 90,812	\$ 88,720	\$ 49,537	\$ 61,478
Interest	166,068	107,649	111,434	130,046	160,684	145,493
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected						
and actual experience	115,607	294,270	(14,661)	170,544	414,653	(70,480)
Changes of assumptions	154,141	(967,876)	25,802	346,824	430,094	(206,269)
Benefit payments	(274,725)	(260,403)	(239,558)	(227,069)	(247,480)	(234,578)
Net change in total OPEB liability	208,992	(744,488)	(26,171)	509,065	807,488	(304,356)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	4,440,244	5,184,732	5,210,903	4,701,838	3,894,350	4,198,706
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 4,649,236	\$4,440,244	\$5,184,732	\$5,210,903	\$ 4,701,838	\$3,894,350
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,551,893	\$3,448,440	\$2,885,932	\$3,034,484	\$ 2,885,932	\$2,801,876
Net OPEB liability as a percentage						
of covered-employee payroll	130.89%	128.76%	162.92%	171.72%	162.92%	138.99%
Notes to Schedule:						
Benefit Changes	None	None	None	None	None	None
Changes of Assumptions:						
Discount rate	3.26%	3.72%	2.74%	2.12%	2.74%	4.10%
Mortality	Pub-210/2021	Pub-210/2021	RP-2000	RP-2014	RP-2000	RP-2000
Trend	Getzen model	Getzen model	5.50%	Variable	5.50%	5.50%

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability/Asset - Primary Government Parochial Employees' Retirement System - Plan A For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Employer Proportion	Employer Proportionate		Employer's Proportionate Share	Plan Fiduciary Net Position
*	of the	Share of the		of the Net Pension	as a Percentage
Year	Net Pension	Net Pension	Employer's	Liability (Asset) as a	of the Total
Ended	Liability	Liability	Covered	Percentage of its	Pension Liability
December 31	(Asset)	(Asset)	Payroll	Covered Payroll	(Asset)
2015	0.833%	\$ 227,841	\$4,798,351	4.7%	99.1%
2016	0.893%	\$ 2,350,667	\$5,120,277	45.9%	92.2%
2017	0.820%	\$ 1,688,111	\$4,831,504	34.9%	94.1%
2018	0.748%	\$ (555,357)	\$4,605,368	12.1%	102.0%
2019	0.674%	\$ 2,993,101	\$4,148,100	72.2%	88.9%
2020	0.718%	\$ 33,792	\$4,501,303	0.8%	99.9%
2021	0.711%	\$ (1,246,518)	\$4,846,962	25.7%	104.0%
2022	0.577%	\$ (2,718,707)	\$3,872,776	70.2%	110.5%
2023	0.602%	\$ 2,316,364	\$3,919,620	59.1%	91.7%

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

Schedule of Employer Contributions - Primary Government Parochial Employees' Retirement System - Plan A For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Contributions in									
			R	elation to					Contributions
Year	Coı	ntractually	C	ontractual	Con	tribution	E	Employer's	as a % of
Ended	R	Required	I	Required	De	ficiency		Covered	Covered
December 31	Co	ntribution	Co	ontribution	(E	Excess)		Payroll	Payroll
								_	
2015	\$	742,426	\$	742,426	\$	-	\$	5,120,277	14.50%
2016	\$	628,097	\$	628,097	\$	-	\$	4,831,504	13.00%
2017	\$	573,722	\$	573,722	\$	-	\$	4,605,368	12.46%
2018	\$	477,033	\$	477,033	\$	-	\$	4,148,100	11.50%
2019	\$	517,651	\$	517,651	\$	-	\$	4,501,303	11.50%
2020	\$	593,755	\$	593,755	\$	-	\$	4,846,962	12.25%
2021	\$	527,989	\$	527,989	\$	-	\$	4,310,474	12.25%
2022	\$	453,041	\$	453,041	\$	-	\$	3,919,620	11.56%
2023	\$	464,200	\$	464,200	\$	-	\$	4,036,511	11.50%

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability/Asset - Communications District Parochial Employees' Retirement System - Plan A For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Employer	Employer		Employer's	
	Proportion	Proportionate		Proportionate Share	Plan Fiduciary
*	of the	Share of the		of the Net Pension	Net Position
Year	Net Pension	Net Pension	Employer's	Liability (Asset) as a	as a Percentage
Ended	Liability	Liability	Covered	Percentage of its	of the Total
December 31	(Asset)	(Asset)	Payroll	Covered Payroll	Pension Liability
2022	0.080%	\$ (376,656)	\$ 437,699	86.1%	110.5%
2023	0.061%	\$ 235,650	\$ 418,263	56.3%	91.7%

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

Schedule of Employer Contributions - Communications District Parochial Employees' Retirement System - Plan A For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

			Cont	ributions in					
			Re	elation to					Contributions
Year	Cor	tractually	Co	Contractual Contribution Emp				mployer's	as a % of
Ended	R	equired	Required		Deficiency		Covered		Covered
December 31	Coı	ntribution	Con	ntribution	(E	xcess)		Payroll	Payroll
				_				_	
2022	\$	48,100	\$	48,100	\$	-	\$	418,263	11.50%
2023	\$	51,129	\$	51,129	\$	-	\$	444,604	11.50%

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability/Asset - Tourist Commission Parochial Employees' Retirement System - Plan A For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

* Year Ended December 31	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Pro Sh Ne I	mployer portionate are of the et Pension Liability (Asset)	C	nployer's Covered Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2015	0.007%	\$	2,050	\$	42,423	4.8%	99.1%
2016	0.006%	\$	16,528	\$	42,000	39.4%	92.2%
2017	0.007%	\$	14,585	\$	42,000	34.7%	94.1%
2018	0.006%	\$	(4,401)	\$	36,500	12.1%	102.0%
2019	0.008%	\$	37,003	\$	51,254	72.2%	88.9%
2020	0.009%	\$	403	\$	54,205	0.7%	99.9%
2021	0.008%	\$	(14,176)	\$	54,000	26.3%	104.0%
2022	0.008%	\$	(37,910)	\$	54,000	70.2%	110.5%
2023	0.008%	\$	31,772	\$	56,000	56.7%	91.7%

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

Schedule of Employer Contributions - Tourist Commission Parochial Employees' Retirement System - Plan A For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

			Contr	ibutions in					
			Re	lation to					Contributions
Year	Cont	ractually	Con	ntractual	Cont	ribution	En	nployer's	as a % of
Ended	Re	equired	Re	equired	Def	iciency	C	Covered	Covered
December 31	Con	tribution	Con	tribution	(E:	(Excess)		Payroll	Payroll
		_		_	·	_		<u>.</u>	
2015	\$	5,220	\$	5,220	\$	-	\$	36,000	14.50%
2016	\$	5,460	\$	5,460	\$	-	\$	42,000	13.00%
2017	\$	4,562	\$	4,562	\$	-	\$	36,500	12.50%
2018	\$	5,894	\$	5,894	\$	-	\$	51,254	11.50%
2019	\$	6,234	\$	6,234	\$	-	\$	54,205	11.50%
2020	\$	6,615	\$	6,615	\$	-	\$	54,000	12.25%
2021	\$	6,615	\$	6,615	\$	-	\$	54,000	12.25%
2022	\$	6,440	\$	6,440	\$	-	\$	56,000	11.50%
2023	\$	6,572	\$	6,572	\$	-	\$	57,150	11.50%

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability/Asset Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Employer	Eı	nployer			Employer's	
	Proportion	Prop	ortionate			Proportionate Share	Plan Fiduciary
*	of the	Sha	are of the			of the Net Pension	Net Position
Year	Net Pension	Net	Pension	En	nployer's	Liability (Asset) as a	as a Percentage
Ended	Liability	L	iability	C	Covered	Percentage of its	of the Total
December 31	(Asset)	(Asset)	Payroll		Covered Payroll	Pension Liability
2015	0.001%	\$	54,752	\$	14,911	367.2%	62.7%
2016	0.001%	\$	66,118	\$	14,911	443.4%	57.7%
2017	0.001%	\$	59,549	\$	14,911	399.4%	62.5%
2018	0.001%	\$	55,582	\$	14,911	372.8%	64.3%
2019	0.001%	\$	42,890	\$	11,298	379.6%	62.9%
2020	0.001%	\$	62,278	\$	14,911	417.7%	58.0%
2021	0.001%	\$	42,931	\$	14,911	287.9%	72.8%
2022	0.001%	\$	58,739	\$	14,911	393.9%	63.7%
2023	0.001%	\$	48,796	\$	14,911	327.2%	68.4%

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30.

Schedule of Employer Contributions Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

			Contr	ibutions in					
			Re	lation to					Contributions
Year	Cont	ractually	Cor	ntractual	Cont	tribution	En	nployer's	as a % of
Ended	Re	equired	Re	equired	Deficiency		C	Covered	Covered
December 31	Con	tribution	Con	tribution	(E	(Excess)		Payroll	Payroll
2015	\$	5,935	\$	5,935	\$	-	\$	14,911	39.8%
2016	\$	5,202	\$	5,202	\$	-	\$	13,669	38.1%
2017	\$	5,823	\$	5,823	\$	-	\$	14,911	39.1%
2018	\$	5,714	\$	5,714	\$	-	\$	14,250	40.1%
2019	\$	4,967	\$	4,967	\$	-	\$	11,959	41.5%
2020	\$	6,329	\$	6,329	\$	-	\$	14,911	42.4%
2021	\$	6,330	\$	6,330	\$	-	\$	14,911	42.5%
2022	\$	6,598	\$	6,598	\$	-	\$	14,911	44.2%
2023	\$	6,755	\$	6,755	\$	-	\$	14,911	45.3%

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability/Asset Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Employer	Е	mployer			Employer's	
	Proportion	Pro	portionate			Proportionate Share	Plan Fiduciary
*	of the	Sh	are of the			of the Net Pension	Net Position
Year	Net Pension	Ne	et Pension	En	nployer's	Liability (Asset) as a	as a Percentage
Ended	Liability	I	Liability	C	Covered	Percentage of its	of the Total
December 31	(Asset)		(Asset)]	Payroll	Covered Payroll	Pension Liability
2015	0.373%	\$	91,423	\$	50,788	180.0%	76.9%
2016	0.372%	\$	105,673	\$	51,158	206.6%	74.0%
2017	0.376%	\$	82,502	\$	49,825	165.6%	80.5%
2018	0.317%	\$	74,726	\$	43,924	170.1%	80.6%
2019	0.321%	\$	60,027	\$	40,563	148.0%	84.8%
2020	0.325%	\$	70,111	\$	44,091	159.0%	83.3%
2021	0.224%	\$	7,091	\$	36,148	19.6%	97.7%
2022	0.272%	\$	66,671	\$	35,199	189.4%	82.5%
2023	0.246%	\$	46,685	\$	38,913	120.0%	86.7%

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30.

Schedule of Employer Contributions Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

			Cont	ributions in					
			Re	elation to					Contributions
Year	Con	tractually	Co	ntractual	Cont	ribution	En	nployer's	as a % of
Ended	R	equired	R	equired	Def	iciency	C	Covered	Covered
December 31	Cor	ntribution	Coı	ntribution	(E	xcess)	I	Payroll	Payroll
2015	\$	12,401	\$	12,401	\$	-	\$	53,125	23.3%
2016	\$	10,822	\$	10,822	\$	-	\$	49,407	21.9%
2017	\$	8,655	\$	8,655	\$	-	\$	46,789	18.5%
2018	\$	7,196	\$	7,196	\$	-	\$	42,327	17.0%
2019	\$	7,425	\$	7,425	\$	-	\$	42,327	17.5%
2020	\$	7,148	\$	7,148	\$	-	\$	39,712	18.0%
2021	\$	6,465	\$	6,465	\$	-	\$	35,199	18.4%
2022	\$	7,004	\$	7,004	\$	-	\$	38,913	18.0%
2023	\$	6,465	\$	6,465	\$	-	\$	35,919	18.0%

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability/Asset District Attorneys' Retirement System For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

* Year Ended December 31	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Pro Sh Ne I	mployer portionate are of the et Pension Liability (Asset)	C	aployer's overed 'ayroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2015	0.204%	\$	11,012	\$	126,345	8.7%	98.6%
2016	0.250%	\$	47,771	\$	151,023	31.6%	95.1%
2017	0.166%	\$	66,094	\$	162,221	40.7%	93.6%
2018	0.187%	\$	60,316	\$	116,539	51.8%	92.9%
2019	0.125%	\$	40,182	\$	73,430	54.7%	93.1%
2020	0.124%	\$	97,988	\$	76,715	127.7%	84.9%
2021	0.128%	\$	22,723	\$	80,000	28.4%	96.8%
2022	0.124%	\$	133,178	\$	80,000	166.5%	81.6%
2023	0.120%	\$	103,000	\$	80,000	128.8%	85.9%

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30.

Schedule of Employer Contributions District Attorneys' Retirement System For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

				ibutions in lation to					Contributions
Year		ractually		ntractual		tribution		nployer's	as a % of
Ended	Re	quired	Re	equired	Def	iciency	(Covered	Covered
December 31	Cont	ribution	Con	tribution	(E	xcess)		Payroll	Payroll
2015	\$	7,105	\$	7,105	\$	-	\$	137,103	5.2%
2016	\$	2,794	\$	2,794	\$	-	\$	79,819	3.5%
2017	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	160,138	0.0%
2018	\$	612	\$	612	\$	-	\$	73,435	0.8%
2019	\$	1,606	\$	1,606	\$	-	\$	73,430	2.2%
2020	\$	3,200	\$	3,200	\$	-	\$	80,000	4.0%
2021	\$	5,400	\$	5,400	\$	-	\$	80,000	6.8%
2022	\$	7,600	\$	7,600	\$	-	\$	80,000	9.5%
2023	\$	8,600	\$	8,600	\$	-	\$	80,000	10.8%

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

(1) Budgetary Practices

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

- a. Prior to December 15, the Treasurer prepares a proposed operating budget which is submitted to the budget committee who in turn submits the proposed budget to the Members of the Police Jury no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
- b. A summary of the proposed budget is published, and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
- c. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
- d. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted through passage of a resolution prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- e. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one department, program or function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the Members of the Police Jury.
- f. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- g. Budgets for all funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Police Jury.

At December 31, 2023, the General Fund, 1978 Sales Tax Fund, 1994 Sales Tax Fund, and the Parishwide Public Improvements Maintenance Fund reported expenditures in excess of appropriations.

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

(2) <u>Retirement Systems</u>

a. Parochial Employees' Retirement System

Changes of benefit terms –

There were no changes of benefit terms

Changes of assumptions –

Year ended December 31,	Discount Rate	Investment Rate of Return	Inflation Rate	Expected Remaining Service Lives	Projected Salary Increase
2015	7.25%	7.25%	3.00%	4	5.75%
2016	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2017	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2018	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2019	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	4	4.75%
2020	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	4	4.75%
2021	6.40%	6.40%	2.30%	4	4.75%
2022	6.40%	6.40%	2.30%	4	4.75%
2023	6.40%	6.40%	2.30%	4	4.75%

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

c. Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

Changes of benefit terms –

There were no changes of benefit terms

Change of assumptions –

*		Investment		Expected	Projected Sa	lary Increase
Year ended	Discount	Rate	Inflation	Remaining	Lower	Upper
December 31,	Rate	of Return	Rate	Service Lives	Range	Range
2015	7.75%	7.75%	3.00%	3	3.00%	14.50%
2016	7.75%	7.75%	3.00%	3	3.00%	14.50%
2017	7.70%	7.70%	2.75%	3	2.80%	14.30%
2018	7.65%	7.65%	2.75%	3	2.80%	14.30%
2019	7.60%	7.60%	2.50%	2	2.80%	14.00%
2020	7.55%	7.55%	2.30%	2	2.60%	13.80%
2021	7.40%	7.40%	2.30%	2	2.60%	13.80%
2022	7.25%	7.25%	2.30%	2	2.60%	13.80%
2023	7.25%	7.25%	2.30%	2	2.60%	13.80%

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30.

d. Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System

Changes of benefit terms –

There were no changes of benefit terms

Changes of assumptions –

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

* Year ended	Discount	Investment Rate	Inflation	Expected Remaining	Projected Salary
December 31,	Rate	of Return	Rate	Service Lives	Increase
2015	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	5	6.00%
2016	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	5	6.00%
2017	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	5	6.00%
2018	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	5	6.00%
2019	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	5	6.00%
2020	6.40%	6.40%	2.30%	5	5.25%
2021	6.25%	6.25%	2.30%	5	5.25%
2022	6.25%	6.25%	2.30%	5	5.25%
2023	6.25%	6.25%	2.30%	5	5.25%

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30.

e. <u>District Attorneys' Retirement System</u>

Changes of benefit terms –

There were no changes of benefit terms

Changes of assumptions –

* Year ended December 31,	Discount Rate	Investment Rate of Return	Inflation Rate	Expected Remaining Service Lives	Projected Salary Increase
2015	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	6	5.50%
2016	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	7	5.50%
2017	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	7	5.50%
2018	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	6	5.50%
2019	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	6	5.50%
2020	6.25%	6.25%	2.30%	6	5.00%
2021	6.10%	6.10%	2.45%	5	5.00%
2022	6.10%	6.10%	2.68%	5	5.00%
2023	6.10%	6.10%	2.68%	5	5.00%

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

LCDBG Balance Sheet December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Due from other agency Grant revenue receivables	\$	- -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Contracts and retainage payable	\$	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-
FUND BALANCES	_	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	_

LCDBG Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance December 31, 2023

Revenues:	
LCDBG Program	\$ 92,638
Total revenues	92,638
Expenditures:	
Administrative services	-
Engineering services	-
Project construction	92,638
Total expenditures	92,638
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-
Fund balance, beginning	
Fund balance, ending	\$

Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Entity As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Cash Basis Presentation	First Six Month Period Ended 6/30/2023	Second Six Month Period Ended 12/31/2023
Receipts from:		
Vermilion Parish Sheriff, Court Fines	\$ 101,133	\$ 94,667
City Court of Kaplan, Court Fines	- -	245
City Court of Abbeville, Court Fines	-	-
15th Judicial District Attorney, Asset, Drug, & Bond Forfeitures	-	19,223
Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Court Fines	763	1,125
Total Receipts	\$ 101,896	\$ 115,260

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head Keith Roy, Parish Administrator For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Purpose	_ A	mount
Salary	\$	84,405
Benefits - retirement	\$	8,019
Cell phone	\$	474
Travel	\$	325
Registration fees	\$	224

Schedule of Compensation Police Jurors For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Dane Hebert	\$	19,200
Jason Picard		24,000
Brent Landry		19,200
Ronald Darby		19,200
Elizabeth C Touchet		19,200
Mark Poche		19,200
Paul Bourgeois		19,200
Errol Domingues		19,200
Chad Lege		19,200
Ronald Menard		19,200
Scott Broussard		19,200
Dexter Callahan		19,200
Sandrus Stelly		19,200
Chad Vallo	_	19,200
	\$	273,600

OTHER INFORMATION

VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY

Abbeville, Louisiana Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Combining Balance Sheet December 31, 2023

	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$10,422,013	\$ 790,577	\$1,722,042	\$12,934,632
Accounts receivable	58,990	-	-	58,990
Ad valorem taxes receivable, net	2,895,594	-	-	2,895,594
Accrued interest receivable	5,604	124	1,715	7,443
Due from other governmental units	105,506	-	227,666	333,172
Due from other funds	410,153	-	-	410,153
Prepaid expenses	502		-	502
Total assets	\$13,898,362	\$ 790,701	\$1,951,423	\$16,640,486
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 7,275	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,275
Contracts payable	-	-	463,261	463,261
Retainage payable	-	-	443,052	443,052
Accrued liabilities	55,887	-	-	55,887
Due to other funds			104,445	104,445
Total liabilities	63,162		1,010,758	1,073,920
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Deferred revenues	336,861		78,549	415,410
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	502	-	-	502
Restricted	13,497,837	790,701	916,077	15,204,615
Unassigned			(53,961)	(53,961)
Total fund balances	13,498,339	790,701	862,116	15,151,156
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of				
resources, and fund balances	\$13,898,362	\$ 790,701	\$1,951,423	\$ 16,640,486

VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY

Abbeville, Louisiana Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total
Revenues:				
Taxes-				
Ad valorem	\$ 2,887,836	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,887,836
Intergovernmental revenues -				
Federal grants	51,460	-	897,635	949,095
State funds:				
State revenue sharing	116,420	-	-	116,420
State grants	410,153	-	-	410,153
Fees, charges and commissions	879,091	-	-	879,091
Interest income	639,960	77,467	132,109	849,536
Miscellaneous	48,373		98,961	147,334
Total revenues	5,033,293	77,467	1,128,705	6,239,465
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Finance and administrative	346,756	-	-	346,756
Public works	957,250	-	96,843	1,054,093
Public safety	1,049,841	-	-	1,049,841
Health and welfare	896,952	-	-	896,952
Capital outlay	139,581	-	3,044,703	3,184,284
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	11,961	895,000	-	906,961
Interest and fiscal charges	1,244	421,916		423,160
Total expenditures	3,403,585	1,316,916	3,141,546	7,862,047
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	1,629,708	(1,239,449)	(2,012,841)	(1,622,582)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from issuance of debt	116,648	-	-	116,648
Transfers in	490,998	1,750,327	-	2,241,325
Transfers out	(3,534,447)	(471,182)	(140,300)	(4,145,929)
Total other financing				
sources (uses)	(2,926,801)	1,279,145	(140,300)	(1,787,956)
Net change in fund balances	(1,297,093)	39,696	(2,153,141)	(3,410,538)
Fund balances, beginning	14,795,432	751,005	3,015,257	18,561,694
Fund balances, ending	\$13,498,339	\$ 790,701	\$ 862,116	\$ 15,151,156

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Health Unit

To account for the maintenance of a health unit which provides health and welfare services to the citizens of the parish. Major means of financing is provided by ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing and interest earnings on investments.

Ward 8 Public Cemetery

To account for the maintenance of public cemeteries in Ward 8 of Vermilion Parish. Major means of financing is provided by ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing.

Communications District

To account for the operations of a 911 emergency system in the Parish, which is funded primarily by fees added to customer's telephone bills.

Civil Defense Fund

To account for the civil defense operations in the parish. Means of financing is provided by a grant from the State of Louisiana Office of Emergency of Preparedness and transfers from other revenue sources of the Police Jury.

Opioid Settlement Fund

To account for opioid remediation efforts such as care, treatment, and other programs and expenditures designed to (1) address the misuse and abuse of opioid products, (2) treat or mitigate opioid use or related orders, or (3) mitigate other alleged effects of, including on those injured as a result of, the opioid epidemic.

Road District No. 1 Maintenance Fund

To account for the maintenance and upkeep of parish roads within Road District No, 1. Major means of financing is provided by ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing.

Maintenance of Road Districts Funds

To account for the maintenance and upkeep of parish roads within various road district other than Road District No. 1. Major means of financing is provided by ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing.

GOMESA Surplus Revenue Fund

To account for the collection and disbursement of the Police Jury's share of GOMESA proceeds. Money is to be used to fund coastal restoration projects in Vermilion Parish.

VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY

Abbeville, Louisiana Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

Combining Balance Sheet December 31, 2023

	Health	Ward 8 Public	Communications
	Unit	Cemetery	District
	Fund	Fund	Fund
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,685,751	\$120,912	\$ 540,569
Accounts receivable	-	-	58,990
Ad valorem taxes receivable, net	846,882	28,525	-
Accrued interest receivable	4,108	105	-
Due from other governmental units	31,243	1,596	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses	502		
Total assets	\$3,568,486	\$151,138	\$ 599,559
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,627
Accrued liabilities	11,488	-	40,846
Total liabilities	11,488		43,473
Deferred inflows of resources:			
Deferred revenues	77,993	3,655	
Fund balances:			
Nonspendable	502	-	_
Restricted	3,478,503	147,483	556,086
Total fund balances	3,479,005	147,483	556,086
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of			
resources, and fund balances	\$3,568,486	<u>\$151,138</u>	\$ 599,559

Civil Defense Fund	Opioid Settlement Fund	Road District No.1 Fund	GOMESA Surplus Revenue Fund	Maintenance of Road District Funds	Total
\$ 24,720 - - - - - -	\$ - - - - 410,153	\$ 84,850 - 146,090 70 5,259 - -	\$ 21,724 - - - - - -	\$ 6,943,487 - 1,874,097 1,321 67,408 - -	\$ 10,422,013 58,990 2,895,594 5,604 105,506 410,153 502
\$ 24,720	\$ 410,153	\$ 236,269	\$ 21,724	\$ 8,886,313	\$13,898,362
\$ - 3,553 3,553	\$ - - -	\$ 4,648 	\$ - - -	\$ - - -	\$ 7,275 55,887 63,162
		9,359		245,854	336,861
21,167 21,167	410,153	222,262 222,262	21,724 21,724	8,640,459 8,640,459	502 13,497,837 13,498,339
\$ 24,720	\$ 410,153	\$ 236,269	\$ 21,724	\$ 8,886,313	\$13,898,362

Abbeville, Louisiana Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

Combining Balance Sheet Maintenance of Road District Funds December 31, 2023

	Sub Road District #1 of Road District #2	Sub Road District #2 of Road District #2 and Road District #3	Sub Road District #3 of Road District #2	Sub Road District #4 of Road District #2
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents Ad valorem taxes, net Accrued interest receivable Due from other governmental units Total assets	\$1,338,753 396,401 46 19,170 \$1,754,370	\$ 105,305 128,783 7 7,139 \$ 241,234	\$ 113,717 247,336 6 11,093 \$ 372,152	\$ 484,515 333,993 57 - \$ 818,565
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities: Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred inflows of resources: Deferred revenues	41,214	21,911	22,611	79,929
Fund balances: Restricted	1,713,156	219,323	349,541	738,636
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$1,754,370	\$ 241,234	\$ 372,152	\$ 818,565

Sub Road District #5 of Road District #2	Road District #4-A	Road District #6	Road District #7	Total
\$ 350,827 170,510 3 16,688 \$ 538,028	\$1,081,107 159,276 31 3,152 \$1,243,566	\$ 58,609 106,899 1 4,684 \$ 170,193	\$3,410,654 330,899 1,170 5,482 \$3,748,205	\$6,943,487 1,874,097 1,321 67,408 \$8,886,313
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
18,063	9,511	6,506	46,109	245,854
519,965	1,234,055	163,687	3,702,096	8,640,459
\$538,028	\$1,243,566	\$170,193	\$3,748,205	\$8,886,313

Abbeville, Louisiana Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Health Unit Fund	Ward 8 Public Cemetery Fund	Communications District Fund
Revenues:			
Taxes -			
Ad valorem	\$ 830,196	\$ 28,572	\$ -
Intergovernmental revenues -			
Federal grants	-	-	-
State funds:			
State revenue sharing	47,484	1,537	=
State grants	-	-	-
Fees, charges, and commissions	14,361	- 241	864,730
Interest income	146,864	241	16,798
Other revenues			98
Total revenues	1,038,905	30,350	881,626
Expenditures:			
Current -			
General government:			
Finance and administrative	101,769	2,537	-
Public works	-	32,158	-
Public safety	-	-	907,988
Health and welfare	896,952	-	-
Capital outlay	13,390	-	410
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	11,961	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	1,244	-	-
Total expenditures	1,025,316	34,695	908,398
Excess (deficiency) of			
revenues over expenditures	13,589	(4,345)	(26,772)
Other financing sources (uses):			
Proceeds from issuance of debt	116,648	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers out	<u> </u>		
Total other financing sources (uses)	116,648		
Net change in fund balances	130,237	(4,345)	(26,772)
Fund balances, beginning	3,348,768	151,828	582,858
Fund balances, ending	\$3,479,005	\$ 147,483	\$ 556,086

Civil Defense Fund	Opioid Settlement Fund	Road District No.1 Fund	GOMESA Surplus Revenue Fund	Maintenance of Road District Funds	Total
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 159,427	\$ -	\$ 1,869,641	\$ 2,887,836
51,460	-	-	-	-	51,460
300 1,275 53,035	410,153	215 	99,620 47,000 146,620	67,399 - - 375,922 - - 2,312,962	116,420 410,153 879,091 639,960 48,373 5,033,293
- 141,853 -	- - - -	17,503 58,269 - -	- - - - 125,781	224,947 866,823 - -	346,756 957,250 1,049,841 896,952 139,581
141,853	- - -	75,772	125,781	1,091,770	11,961 1,244 3,403,585
(88,818)	410,153	83,870	20,839	1,221,192	1,629,708
20,000 	410,153	(44,815) (44,815) 39,055	470,998 (2,780,456) (2,309,458) (2,288,619)	(709,176) (709,176) 512,016	116,648 490,998 (3,534,447) (2,926,801) (1,297,093)
89,985	-	183,207	2,310,343	8,128,443	14,795,432
\$ 21,167	\$ 410,153	\$ 222,262	\$ 21,724	\$ 8,640,459	\$13,498,339

Abbeville, Louisiana Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Maintenance of Road District Funds Year Ended December 31, 2023

		Sub Road		
		District #2		
	Sub Road	of Road	Sub Road	Sub Road
	District #1	District #2	District #3	District #4
	of Road	and Road	of Road	of Road
	District #2	District #3	District #2	District #2
D				
Revenues:	¢ 414.126	¢ 107 071	¢ 254 029	¢ 200 200
Taxes - Ad valorem	\$ 414,136	\$ 127,271	\$ 254,038	\$ 308,389
Intergovernmental revenues -				
State funds:	10.500	7.200	12 001	
State revenue sharing	18,588	7,300	12,081	20.720
Interest income	72,253	6,244	11,050	30,729
Total revenues	504,977	140,815	277,169	339,118
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Finance and administrative	48,100	15,499	29,593	40,555
Public Works	53,686	36,234	219,059	198,448
Total expenditures	101,786	51,733	248,652	239,003
1				
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over				
expenditures	403,191	89,082	28,517	100,115
Other financing years				
Other financing uses: Transfers out	(251 204)	(27.740)	(74.466)	(100.772)
Transfers out	(251,294)	(37,740)	(74,466)	(100,772)
Net change in fund balances	151,897	51,342	(45,949)	(657)
Fund balances, beginning	1,561,259	167,981	395,490	739,293
Fund balances, ending	\$1,713,156	\$ 219,323	\$ 349,541	\$ 738,636
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Sub Road District #5 of Road District #2	Road District #4-A	Road District #6	Road District #7	Total
\$177,926	\$ 160,922	\$111,938	\$ 315,021	\$1,869,641
16,456 24,052 218,434	3,163 55,243 219,328	4,646 4,464 121,048	5,165 171,887 492,073	67,399 375,922 2,312,962
20,666 195,778 216,444	18,749 46,976 65,725	12,831 45,174 58,005	38,954 71,468 110,422	224,947 866,823 1,091,770
1,990	153,603	63,043	381,651	1,221,192
(58,449)	(48,763)	(34,722)	(102,970)	(709,176)
(56,459)	104,840	28,321	278,681	512,016
576,424	1,129,215	135,366	3,423,415	8,128,443
\$519,965	\$1,234,055	\$163,687	\$3,702,096	\$8,640,459

NONMAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

1999 General Obligation Bonds

To accumulate monies for repayment of \$6,000,000 of bonds which were issued in 1999 for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, and improving public libraries buildings within the parish. Payments are due in various annual amounts through 2019, with interest accruing at various rates, ranging from 4.75% to 7.00%. These bonds are financed by a dedication of proceeds of a 3 mill property tax. These bonds were refunded April 1, 2005. The results of the refunding consisted of \$1,020,000 of bonds unrefunded, of which payments are due in various annual amounts through 2009, with interest accruing at various rates, ranging from 4.75% to 6.50%; and \$3,810,000 of bonds refunded, of which are due in various annual amounts through 2019, with interest accruing at various rates, ranging from 3.00% to 4.00%.

GOMESA Bond Fund

To accumulate monies for the repayment of \$10,400,000 bonds issued April 1, 2019 for the purpose of (i) financing additions, acquisitions, repairs and/or expansions needed for coastal restoration, protection and for other activities and endeavors permitted under the provisions of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA) and (ii) paying costs of issuance of the bonds.

Abbeville, Louisiana Nonmajor Debt Service Funds

Combining Balance Sheet December 31, 2023

ASSETS	- G	OMESA Bond Fund	Obl E	eneral ligation Bonds les 1999	 Total
Cash and cash equivalents Accrued interest receivable	\$	790,577 -	\$	- 124	\$ 790,577 124
Total assets	\$	790,577	\$	124	\$ 790,701
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE					
Liabilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Fund balance: Restricted	_	790,577		124	 790,701
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	790,577	\$	124	\$ 790,701

Abbeville, Louisiana Nonmajor Debt Service Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2023

	GOMESA Bond Fund	General Obligation Bonds Series 1999	Total	
Revenues:				
Taxes - Interest income	\$ 77,467	\$ -	\$ 77,467	
Expenditures:				
Debt service -				
Principal retirement	895,000	-	895,000	
Interest and fiscal charges	421,916		421,916	
Total expenditures	1,316,916		1,316,916	
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(1,239,449)		(1,239,449)	
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	1,750,327	-	1,750,327	
Transfers out	(470,998)	(184)	(471,182)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,279,329	(184)	1,279,145	
Net change in fund balances	39,880	(184)	39,696	
Fund balance, beginning	750,697	308	751,005	
Fund balance, ending	\$ 790,577	\$ 124	\$ 790,701	

NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

Project Account Fund

To account for costs associated with protecting Vermilion Parish citizens from the impact of coastal hazards associated with natural disasters. These costs are being paid through a Hazard Mitigation grant.

GOMESA Construction Fund

To account for costs associated with financing additions, acquisitions, repairs and/or expansions needed for fiscal restoration, protection, and for other activities and endeavors permitted under the provisions of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006.

Abbeville, Louisiana Nonmajor Capital Project Fund

Balance Sheet December 31, 2023

	Project Account	GOMESA Construction	Total
ASSETS			
Cash Accrued interest receivable Due from other governmental units	\$ 104,731 - 227,666	\$ 1,617,311 1,715 ————————————————————————————————————	\$1,722,042 1,715 227,666
Total assets	\$ 332,397	\$ 1,619,026	\$1,951,423
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Contracts payable Retainage payable	\$ 203,364	\$ 259,897 443,052	\$ 463,261 443,052
Due to other funds	104,445	-	104,445
Total liabilities	307,809	702,949	1,010,758
Deferred inflows of resources:			
Deferred revenue	78,549		78,549
Fund balances:			
Restricted	-	916,077	916,077
Unassigned	(53,961)		(53,961)
Total fund balances	(53,961)	916,077	862,116
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 332,397	\$ 1,619,026	\$1,951,423

Abbeville, Louisiana Nonmajor Capital Project Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Project Account	GOMESA Construction	Total
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental -			
Federal grant	\$ 897,635	\$ -	\$ 897,635
Interest income	-	132,109	132,109
Miscellaneous	98,961	-	98,961
Total revenues	996,596	132,109	1,128,705
Expenditures:			
Public works	-	96,843	96,843
Capital outlay	964,964	2,079,739	3,044,703
Total expenditures	964,964	2,176,582	3,141,546
Deficiency of revenues			
over expenditures	31,632	(2,044,473)	(2,012,841)
Other financing uses:			
Transfer out		(140,300)	(140,300)
Net change in fund balance	31,632	(2,184,773)	(2,153,141)
Fund balance, beginning	(85,593)	3,100,850	3,015,257
Fund balance, ending	\$ (53,961)	\$ 916,077	\$ 862,116

Abbeville, Louisiana Component Unit - Criminal Court

Governmental Fund Balance Sheet December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents Other receivables	\$	31,757 2,887
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	34,644
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities:		
Due to primary government	\$	630
Fund balances:		
Unassigned		34,014
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	34,644

Abbeville, Louisiana Component Unit - Criminal Court

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position December 31, 2023

Fund balance for the governmental fund	\$ 34,014
Net position	\$ 34,014

Abbeville, Louisiana Component Unit - Criminal Court

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Revenues:	
Fees, charges, and commission	\$ 163,644
Interest income	305
Total revenues	163,949
Expenditures:	
General government	158,023
Excess of revenues	
over expenditures	5,926
Fund balance, beginning	28,088
Fund balance, ending	\$ 34,014

Abbeville, Louisiana Component Unit - Criminal Court

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Net changes in fund balances per Statement of Revenues,	
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 5,926
Changes in net position per Statement of Activities	\$ 5,926

Abbeville, Louisiana Component Unit - Tourist Commission

Balance Sheet Governmental Fund December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents Taxes receivable, net Other receivables	\$ 246,381 10,122 100
Total assets	\$ 256,603
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities:	
Accrued liabilities	\$ 4,485
Fund balances:	
Unassigned	252,118
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 256,603

Abbeville, Louisiana Component Unit - Tourist Commission

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position December 31, 2023

Fund balance for the governmental fund		\$ 252,118
Pension:		
Net pension liability/asset	\$ (31,772)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to net pension liability	42,302	
Deferred inflows of resources related to net pension liability	 (3,826)	 6,704
Net position		\$ 258,822

Abbeville, Louisiana Component Unit - Tourist Commission

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Revenues:	
Sales and use tax	\$ 66,380
Interest income	4,133
Miscellaneous	48,793
Total revenues	119,306
Expenditures:	
Culture and recreation	159,926
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(40,620)
Fund balance, beginning	292,738
Fund balance, ending	\$ 252,118

Abbeville, Louisiana Component Unit - Tourist Commission

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Net changes in fund balances per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$ (40,620)
The effect of recording net pension liability/asset, and the related	
deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources: Change in pension expense \$ (6,832)	
Nonemployer pension contribution revenue recognized 769	 (6,063)
Changes in net position per Statement of Activities	\$ (46,683)

INTERNAL CONTROL,

COMPLIANCE,

AND

OTHER MATTERS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

To the Members of the Police Jury Vermilion Parish Abbeville, 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, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Vermilion Parish Police Jury (the Police Jury), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Police Jury's, basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Police Jury's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Police Jury's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Police Jury'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Police Jury'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not

identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan as items 2023-001 and 2023-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Police Jury's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan as item 2023-003.

The Police Jury's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Police Jury's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan. The Police Jury's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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 *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Abbeville, Louisiana June 26, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Members of the Police Jury Vermilion Parish Abbeville, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Vermilion Parish Police Jury's (the Police Jury) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Police Jury's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Police Jury's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Police Jury complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Police Jury and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Police Jury's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Police Jury's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Police Jury's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omission, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Police Jury's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Police Jury's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Police Jury's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Police Jury's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Abbeville, Louisiana June 26, 2024

Abbeville, Louisiana Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended December 31, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Name	Assistance Listing Number	Pass - Through Identifying No.	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Expenditures
United States Department of the Interior				
GOMESA	15.435	N/A	\$ -	\$ 2,724,279
United States Department of Transportation and Development - Passed through State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development Formula Grants for Rural Areas	20.509	RU18-57-15	76,013	76,013
United States Department of the Treasury, Office of the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Office of Gulf Coast Restoration Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States	21.015	N/A	_	39,143
United States Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds - COVID 19	21.027	N/A		1,777,616
United States Department of Homeland Security - Passed through State of Louisiana Military Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness - Flood Mitigation Assistance Flood Mitigation Assistance	97.029 97.029	FMA-PJ-06-LA-2018-018 FMA-PJ-06-LA-2019-009	- - -	1,354 816,016 817,370
				(continued)

Abbeville, Louisiana Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Continued) Year Ended December 31, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Name	Assistance Listing Number	Pass - Through Identifying No.	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Expenditures
United States Department of Homeland Security (continued) -				
Passed through State of Louisiana Military				
Department of Homeland Security and				
Emergency Preparedness -				
Public Assistance (Presidentially				
Declared Disasters)	97.036	FEMA-DR-4558-LA	-	89,867
Public Assistance (Presidentially				
Declared Disasters)	97.036	FEMA-DR-4559-LA	-	78,274
Public Assistance (Presidentially	07.026	FF144 DD 4611 L4		1.57
Declared Disasters)	97.036	FEMA-DR-4611-LA	-	157
Public Assistance (Presidentially	0= 004	553 () 55 (655 ()		0.5.555
Declared Disasters)	97.036	FEMA-DR-4277-LA		95,675
				263,973
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039	1786-113-0003	-	703
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039	FEMA-1786-LA #0095		1,013
				1,716
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	EMT-2019-EP-00006-S01		29,467
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2020-SS-00014-S01		21,993
Total Department of Homeland Security				1,134,519
			\$ 76,013	\$ 5,751,570

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended December 31, 2023

(1) General

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the federal grant activity of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury (the Police Jury). The Police Jury reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the basic financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. All federal financial assistance received directly from federal agencies is included on the schedule as well as federal financial assistance passed through other government agencies.

(2) <u>Basis of Accounting</u>

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the Police Jury's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2023.

(3) <u>Indirect Cost Rate</u>

The Police Jury has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

(4) <u>Federal Emergency Managements Agency (FEMA)</u>

The Police Jury included fiscal year prior year expenditures in the 2023 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the following:

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Name	Assistance Listing Number	Expenditures
United States Department of Homeland Security -		
Passed through State of Louisiana Military		
Department of Homeland Security and		
Emergency Preparedness -		
Flood Mitigation Assistance	97.029	\$ 113,785
Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	263,126
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039	1,716
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	29,467
Total Department of Homeland Security		\$ 408,094

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2023

Part I. <u>Summary of Auditor's Results:</u>

Financial Statements -

Type of auditor's report issued: Financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information Financial statements of the discretely	Unmodified	
presented comonent units	Adverse	
Internal control over financial reporting: Material weakness(es) identified? Significant deficiencies identified?	Yes X Yes	X No None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	XYes	No
Federal Awards -		
Type of auditor's report issued issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified	
Internal control over major programs: Material weakness(es) identified? Significant deficiencies identified?	Yes Yes	X No X None reported
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a) of the Uniform Guidance?	Yes	XNo
Major programs -		
Assistance Listing		
Number	Name of Federal F	Program or Cluster
21.027	Coronavirus State Fiscal Reco	and Local overy Funds - COVID
97.029	Flood Mitigation	Assistance
Dollar Threshold used to distinguish	Ф750,000	
between Type A and Type B programs:	\$750,000	
Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee:	X Yes	No

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

Part II. Findings which are required to be reported in accordance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards:

A. Internal Control Findings –

See internal control finding 2023-001 and 2023-002 on the schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan.

B. Compliance Findings –

See compliance finding 2023-003 on the schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan.

Part III. Findings and questioned costs for Major Federal awards in accordance with 2 CFR section 200 of the Uniform Guidance:

There are no findings and questioned costs related to federal programs that are required to be reported under the above guidance.

Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan Year Ended December 31, 2023

Part I. Current Year Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan:

A. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

2023-001 Application of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: Unknown

CONDITION: The Vermilion Parish Police Jury did not have adequate internal controls over recording the entity's financial transactions or preparing its financial statements, including related notes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

CRITERIA: Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's *Governmental Auditing Guide*

CAUSE: The cause of the condition is the result of a failure to design or implement policies and procedures necessary to achieve adequate internal control.

EFFECT: Financial statements and related supporting transactions may reflect a material departure from generally accepted accounting principles.

RECOMMENDATION: Management should evaluate the additional costs required to achieve the desired benefit and determine if it is economically feasible in relation to the benefit received.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: Mr. Keith Roy, Parish Administrator, has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and determined that is it in the best interest of the Police Jury to outsource this task to its independent auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their contents and presentation

Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan (Continued) Year Ended December 31, 2023

2023-002 Financial Records/Reconciliations

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

CONDITION: The Vermilion Parish Police Jury failed to properly reconcile bank statements. On certain occasions, the bank reconciliations were not in agreement with general ledger balances.

CRITERIA: Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's *Governmental Auditing Guide*

CAUSE: During the testing of cash balances, the General Fund, 1978 Sales Tax Fund, and Royalty Road Fund bank reconciliations were not in agreement with the general ledger balances at year end.

EFFECT: Failure to properly reconcile bank accounts increases the risk that the Police Jury may not be able to determine actual cash balances or if proper funding is available to pay vendors and/or monthly bills.

RECOMMENDATION: The Police Jury should implement controls to ensure that bank reconciliations are performed properly and by trained employees. Bank reconciliations should be reviewed by someone other than the employee performing the bank reconciliation and should be matched to the general ledger balances at the end of the period being reconciled.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The Parish has acquired a new software program which should allows for proper reconciliation. Our Treasurer and one other Administrative Employee will be trained on how to perform this function in the new system.

Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan (Continued) Year Ended December 31, 2023

B. Compliance

2023-003 Budget noncompliance

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2022

CONDITION: A budget variance in excess of 5% occurred in General Fund, 1978 Sales Tax Fund, 1994 Sales Tax Fund, Royalty Road Fund, and Parishwide Public Improvements Maintenance Fund.

CRITERIA: LSA-RS 39:1311 et seq. Budgetary Authority and Control, provides for amending the budget when total revenue plus projected revenue are failing to meet total budgeted revenues by 5% or more, or when total expenditures plus projected expenditures exceed budgeted expenditures by 5% or more.

CAUSE: The cause is a result of failure to properly monitor the revenues and expenditures of the Police Jury.

EFFECT: The Police Jury may not prevent and/or detect compliance violations due to under receipt or over expending of the appropriate budget, and errors or irregularities on a timely basis.

RECOMMENDATION: Management should periodically compare actual activity to budgeted amounts and adopt budgetary amendments as necessary To comply with state statute.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The Police Jury is monitoring budget to actual comparisons closely and tries to adopt the necessary amendments to ensure compliance with the state statutes. The new accounting software will help to make this easier to track.

Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan (Continued) Year Ended December 31, 2023

Part II: Prior Year Findings:

A. <u>Internal Control Over Financial Reporting</u>

2022-001 Application of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

CONDITION: The Vermilion Parish Police Jury did not have adequate internal controls over recording the entity's financial transactions or preparing its financial statements, including related notes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

RECOMMENDATION: Management should evaluate the additional costs required to achieve the desired benefit and determine if it is economically feasible in relation to the benefit received.

CURRENT STATUS: Unresolved. See item 2023-001.

2022-003 Overpayment to Contractor

CONDITION: The Vermilion Parish Police Jury did not have adequate internal controls to ensure accurate payment amounts to contractors, including inadequate review, approval procedures, monitoring and reconciliation processes.

RECOMMENDATION: Management should implement a comprehensive review and approval process for contractor invoices and payment requests and establish a systematic monitoring and reconciliation process for contract payments.

CURRENT STATUS: Resolved

B. Compliance

2022-003 Budget noncompliance

CONDITION: A budget variance in excess of 5% occurred in the Parishwide Public Improvements Maintenance Fund.

RECOMMENDATION: Management should periodically compare actual activity to budgeted amounts and adopt budgetary amendments as necessary to comply with state statue.

CURRENT STATUS: Unresolved. See item 2023-003.



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June 26, 2024

The Vermilion Parish Police Jury respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Audit conducted by:

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC 200 South Main Street Abbeville, LA 70510

Audit Period: Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

The findings from the December 31, 2023 schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the schedule.

FINDINGS - FINANCIAL AUDIT

Significant Deficiency

2023-001 Application of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

RECOMMENDATION: Management should evaluate the additional costs required to achieve the desired benefit and determine if it is economically feasible in relation to the benefit received.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: Mr. Keith Roy, Parish Administrator, has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and determined that is it in the best interest of the Police Jury to outsource this task to its independent auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their contents and presentation

2023-002 Financial Records/Reconciliation

RECOMMENDATION: The Police Jury should implement controls to ensure that bank reconciliations are performed properly and by trained employees. Bank reconciliations should be reviewed by someone other than the employee performing the bank reconciliations and should be matched to the general ledger balances at the end of the period being reconciled.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The Parish has acquired a new software program which should allows for proper reconciliation. Our Treasurer and



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one other Administrative Employee will be trained on how to perform this function in the new system.

2023-003 <u>Budget noncompliance</u>

RECOMMENDATION: Management should periodically compare actual activity to budgeted amounts and adopt budgetary amendments as necessary to cause compliance with state statute.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The Police Jury is monitoring budget to actual comparisons closely and tries to adopt the necessary amendments to ensure compliance with the state statutes. The new accounting software will help to make this easier to track.



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The findings from the December 31, 2022 schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the schedule. The Vermilion Parish Police Jury respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended December 31, 2022.

FINDINGS - FINANCIAL AUDIT

Significant Deficiency

2022-001 Application of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

RECOMMENDATION: Management should evaluate the additional costs required to achieve the desired benefit and determine if it is economically feasible in relation to the benefit received.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: Mr. Keith Roy, Parish Administrator, has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and determined that is it in the best interest of the Police Jury to outsource this task to its independent auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their contents and presentation

2022-002 Overpayment to Contractor

RECOMMENDATION: Management should implement a comprehensive review and approval process for contractor invoices and payment requests and establish a systematic monitoring and reconciliation process for contract payments.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The Parish is currently upgrading its accounting software to improve the functionality of the system. The new program will allow the Police Jury to set spending limits for specific projects, which will prevent over payments to the vendor. Additionally, the Police Jury will conduct a review of all payments within 30 days of closure of any large projects to timely catch any overpayments.



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2022-001 <u>Budget Noncompliance</u>

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If there are questions regarding this plan, please call Keith Roy, Parish Administrator at 337-898-4300.

Sincerely,

Keith Roy Parish Administrator

Vermilion Parish Police Jury

Abbeville, Louisiana

Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures

Fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

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<u>INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT</u> ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

M. Keith Roy, Parish Administrator and Members of the Board of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

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 period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Vermilion Parish Police Jury's (the Police Jury) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Police Jury 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 the LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Additionally, the 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 exceptions are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

- 1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) **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.
 - c) *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) **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 confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

- e) *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employees(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- f) *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-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).
- h) *Travel and expense reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) *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) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) *Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity*, including (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.
- l) **Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Board or Finance Committee

- 2. 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:
 - a) 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.
 - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that 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 all special revenue funds. Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the non-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.
 - c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned 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 unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
 - d) 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.

Bank Reconciliations

- 3. 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:
 - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
 - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month that the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - c) 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.

Collections (excluding EFTs)

- 4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/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).
- 5. 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 (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - b) 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.
 - c) 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.
 - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- 6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.
- 7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (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). Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

- d) 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).
- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- 8. 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).
- 9. For each location selected under #8 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, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) 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.
 - d) 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.
 - e) 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.

[Note: Exceptions to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); should not be reported.)]

- 10. For each location selected under #8 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:
 - a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
- 11. 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) and 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. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

- 12. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-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.
- 13. 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:
 - a) Observe that 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 excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported)]
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- 14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 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 (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe 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). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

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

- 15. 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, 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:
 - a) 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).
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - c) 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 policy (procedure #1h).
 - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Contracts

- 16. 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. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* 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:
 - a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.

- b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
- c) 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 was approval documented).
- d) 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.

Payroll and Personnel

- 17. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- 18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - a) Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
 - b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
 - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - d) Observe that the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- 19. 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, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulate leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- 20. 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.

Ethics

- 21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
 - b) Observe that 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.
- 22. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Debt Service

- 23. 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 State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.
- 24. 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).

Fraud Notice

- 25. 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.
- 26. Observe that 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.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 27. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
 - a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is 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.
 - b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - c) 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.
- 28. 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.
- 29. 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:
 - a) Hired before June 9, 2020 completed the training; and
 - b) Hired on or after June 9, 2020 completed the training; and within 30 days of initial service or employment.

Sexual Harassment

- 30. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under 'Payroll and Personnel' above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.
- 31. Observe that 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).
- 32. 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 it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Findings:

No exceptions were found as a result of procedures list above with the exception of:

Written Policies and Procedures:

Written policies and procedures could not be obtained addressing Budgeting and Debt Service.

Not all required components for written policies and procedures were included on those pertaining to Purchasing, Contracting, and Ethics.

Board Minutes:

The Board did not receive written updates on the progress of resolving audit findings.

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers):

None of the transactions selected for testing had sequentially pre-numbered receipts.

Ethics:

One of the five employees selected for testing did not complete their required ethics training.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

Sexual Harassment:

One of the five employees selected for testing did not complete their required sexual harassment training.

Management's Response:

Management of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury agrees with the exceptions in the report and is working to correct the items identified.

We were engaged by the Police Jury 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 (AICPA) 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 the Police Jury and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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