

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5
OF THE PARISH OF
POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**

(A Component Unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government)

New Roads, Louisiana

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2022

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE
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**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE PARISH
OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee
New Roads, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee (hereafter The District), a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise The District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major of The District as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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 District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 District's ability to continue as a going concern within 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 opinion.

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 District'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 District'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 management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 10 and 32 through 33 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise The District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to the Agency Head, and the Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures are not a required part of the financial statements, but are supplementary information required by Louisiana State Law. 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 financial statements. We have applied certain limited procedures, which are described in the Independent Accounts' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures. However, we did not audit this information and, accordingly, express no opinion on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 18, 2025, on our consideration of The District's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 District'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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daigrepoint & Brian APAC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daigrepoint & Brian, APAC
Baton Rouge, LA

December 18, 2025

**FIRE PROTECTION FIRE DISTRICT NO. 5
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**

New Roads, Louisiana

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Fire Protection Fire District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana (the Fire District), we are pleased to provide an overview of our financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2022. Please read it in conjunction with the Fire District's financial statements, which begin on page 11. The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is designed to focus on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts.

The information contained within this MD&A should be considered only a part of a greater whole, as should all other sections in this financial report. The readers of this statement should take the time to read in conjunction with the financial statements, including the footnotes and the other Required Supplemental Information (RSI) provided as required components of this annual financial report.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 2022, the Fire District experienced an increase in net position and a decrease in fund balance.

The major financial highlights for 2022 are as follows:

- Assets of the Fire District's primary government exceeded its liabilities at the close of the year by approximately \$7.4 million (net position). Of this amount, approximately \$2.7 million (unrestricted net position) may be used without restrictions to meet the Fire District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The primary government's total net position increased by approximately \$23,000 during 2022.
- As of the end of the year, the primary government's governmental funds reported fund balances of approximately \$2.7 million.
- The General Fund's fund balance decreased by approximately \$1.2 million during 2022.

Significant aspects of the Fire District's financial well-being as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022 are detailed throughout this analysis.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The Fire District's financial statements focus on the government as a whole and on major individual funds. Both perspectives allow the reader to address relevant questions, broaden a basis for comparison from year to year, and enhance the Fire District's accountability.

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (on pages 11 and 12, respectively) provide information about the activities of the Fire District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Fire District's finances.

Fund financial statements start on page 13. For governmental activities, these statements illustrate how services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Fire District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing additional information about the Fire District's General Fund.

Reporting on the Fire District as a Whole

Our analysis of the Fire District as a whole begins on page 11. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the Fire District as a whole and about its activities in a way to determine if the Fire District is in better condition as a result of the year's financial results. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the full accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to accounting methods used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in these statements for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

These two statements report the Fire District's net position and related changes. One can think of the Fire District's net position - the difference between assets and liabilities - as one way to measure the Fire District's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Fire District's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. One will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the Fire District's property and sales tax base to assess the overall health of the Fire District.

Governmental activities - All of the Fire District's services are reported here, which include the public safety services and related administration of the Fire District. Property and sales taxes finance most of these activities.

At December 31, 2022, the Fire District's net position was \$7.4 million for governmental activities, of which approximately \$2.7 million was unrestricted. The Fire District does not have restricted net position, which is reported separately to show legal constraints from debt covenants and enabling legislation that limits the Fire District's ability to use that net position for day-to-day operations.

The analysis below of the primary government focuses on the net position and change in net position of the Fire District's governmental activities and is as follows:

Fire Protection District No. 5
of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana
Statements of Net Position
December 31, 2022 and 2021
(in thousands)

	2022	2021
Current and other assets	\$ 2,764	\$ 3,999
Capital assets	4,828	3,517
Total assets	7,592	7,516
Current and other liabilities	95	174
Long-term liabilities	128	-
Total liabilities	223	174
Net positions:		
Net investment in capital assets	4,700	3,517
Unrestricted	2,666	3,825
Total net position	\$ 7,366	\$ 7,342

Net position of the Fire District's governmental activities increased by approximately \$22,000 during 2022. The change in net position compared to the prior year decrease of approximately \$110,000 was primarily due to increases in long-term liabilities and net investments in capital assets of approximately \$128,000 and \$1.2 million, respectively.

The \$2.7 million in unrestricted net position of governmental activities represents the accumulated results of operations, or the residual that would remain after the Fire District paid all of its obligations. The changes in net position are discussed later in this analysis.

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The results of this year’s operations for the primary government as a whole as reported in the Statement of Activities are as follows:

Fire Protection District No. 5
of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana
Statement of Activities
For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021
(in thousands)

	2022	2021
Revenues:		
Taxes	\$ 1,133	1,108
Other general revenues	115	68
Total revenues	1,248	1,176
Functions/Programs Expenses:		
Public safety	1,222	1,041
Interest on long-term debt	4	1
Total expenses	1,226	1,042
Change in net position	22	134
Beginning net position	7,343	7,209
Ending net position	\$ 7,365	\$ 7,343

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that are used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the fund financial statements presentation more familiar. These statements focus on the major funds rather than generic fund types.

Reporting on the Fire District as a Whole

Our analysis of the Fire District’s General Fund begins on page 13 with the fund financial statements that provide detailed information about the General Fund. The General Fund is required to be established by state law. However, the Fire District’s Board may establish other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to meet legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money. The Board has not established any other funds other than the General Fund.

Governmental funds - Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. All of the Fire District's services are reported in governmental funds.

These governmental funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Fire District's general government operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Fire District's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities, reported in the Statement of Net position and the Statement of Activities, and governmental funds are described in a reconciliation to the financial statements. The Fire District has one governmental fund, which is the General Fund.

Notes to the financial statements - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements are a required part of the basic financial statements and begin on page 17.

Other information - In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning original and final budgetary comparisons to actual results for the year for the Fire District's major fund, the General Fund, which can be found on page 32.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

The general government operations of the Fire District are accounted for in the General Fund. The focus of this fund, as noted earlier, is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Fire District's financing requirements. The following is a summary of the Fire District's operations for 2022 and 2021 for the General Fund:

	(in thousands)	
	2022	2021
Revenue	\$ 1,439	\$ 1,176
Expenditures	2,599	1,105
Change in fund balance	(1,160)	71
Fund balance, beginning of year	3,826	3,755
Fund balance, ending of year	\$ 2,666	\$ 3,826

The Fire District's General Fund experienced a decrease in fund balance of approximately \$1.2 million during 2022. At year end, the fund balance of the General Fund was approximately \$2.6 million compared to \$3.8 million at December 31, 2021.

Sources of governmental revenues are summarized below:

<u>Source of Revenue</u>	(in thousands)			
	2022		2021	
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>%</u>
Taxes	\$ 1,133	92	\$ 1,108	94
Other	<u>101</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,234</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$ 1,176</u>	<u>100</u>

Revenues of the General Fund for 2022 totaled \$1,234,000 compared with \$1,176,000 for 2021. The most significant increase was in taxes revenue of approximately \$25,000, which was related to an increase collection of sales taxes.

Expenditures of the General Fund were \$2,599,000 and \$1,105,000 for the years ended 2022 and 2021, respectively. Expenditures increased by \$1,494,000 for the year ended 2022. The largest increase was capital outlay expenditures of \$1,696,000 (an increase of \$1,415,000) primarily related to station and tower improvements and the acquisition of capitalizable equipment and gear during the year.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year the Fire District's General Fund budget was amended on one occasion. The amendment of the operating and capital budgets is a customary practice of the Fire District and is reflective of the financial changes that occur throughout the fiscal year. The most significant reasons for these budget amendments during 2022 were:

- A decrease in ad valorem taxes by \$100,000,
- A decrease in contract protection service expenditures of \$138,000, and
- An increase in capital outlay expenditures of \$450,000.

With these adjustments, the actual charges to appropriations (expenditures) were approximately \$14,000 less than the related final budget appropriations of \$2,662,000, primarily due to less than expected expenditures for administrative expenses and communications while exceeding in expenses for supplies and contract protection services.

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CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of 2022, the Fire District had approximately \$4.8 million invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, machinery and equipment. This amount represents a net increase of approximately \$1,310,000, or 37%, over last year and relates to current year additions exceeding the current depreciation expense recognized. The Fire District's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, at December 31, 2022 were as follows:

	Governmental Activities
Land	\$ 139,530
Building and improvements	4,658,127
Machinery and equipment	4,325,822
Vehicles	5,141,967
Accumulated depreciation	9,437,920
Capital assets, net	\$ 4,827,526

Debt

At year-end, the Fire District had long-term debt outstanding as shown below:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Additions	Reduction	Balance End of Year	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Capital lease - rescue pumper	\$ -	\$ 190,675	\$ 62,684	\$ 127,991	\$ 63,107

More detailed information about the Fire District's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 6 to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

The Fire District is reliant upon ad valorem and sales tax collections, which account for 90% of its revenues. The Fire District expects its revenues from these sources to remain consistent in 2023. The budget expenditures for 2023 are expected to increase by approximately \$1,296,000 primarily due an increase in capital outlay expenditures of approximately \$1,207,000.

Contacting the Fire District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Fire District's finances for all those with an interest in the Fire District's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Fire Protection Fire District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, at P.O. Box 1053, New Roads, Louisiana 70760.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2022

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,285,807
Investments	372,171
Accounts receivable	1,040,138
Due from other governments	39,465
Prepaid expenses	26,775
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable	139,530
Depreciable, net	<u>4,687,996</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 7,591,882</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 60,537
Accrued liabilities	2,881
Due to other governments	34,935
Long-term liabilities	<u>127,991</u>
Total liabilities	<u>226,344</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	4,699,535
Unrestricted	<u>2,666,003</u>
Total net position	<u>7,365,538</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u><u>\$ 7,591,882</u></u>

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

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2022

	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
Public safety	\$ 1,221,725	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,221,725)
Interest on long-term debt	4,027	-	-	(4,027)
Total governmental activities	1,225,752	-	-	(1,225,752)
General revenues:				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem				890,061
Sales and use				236,433
State revenue sharing				6,758
State fire insurance rebate				56,867
Proceeds from insurance				14,111
Investment earnings				6,376
Miscellaneous revenues				37,836
Total general revenues				1,248,442
Change in net position				22,690
Net position - beginning of year				7,342,848
Net position - end of year				\$ 7,365,538

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are an integral part of this statement.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUND**

December 31, 2022

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,285,807
Investments	372,171
Accounts receivable	1,040,138
Due from other governments	39,465
Prepays	26,775
Total assets	\$ 2,764,356
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 63,418
Due to other governments	34,935
Total liabilities	98,353
FUND BALANCE	
Nonspendable	26,775
Unassigned	2,639,228
Total fund balance	2,666,003
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 2,764,356

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are an integral part of this statement.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

December 31, 2022

Total fund balances - governmental fund (Exhibit A-2)	\$ 2,666,003
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	4,827,526
Long-term liabilities (e.g. bonds, leases), are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Capital lease payable	<u>(127,991)</u>
Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit A)	<u>\$ 7,365,538</u>

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

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND**

For the year ended December 31, 2022

	<u>General Fund</u>
REVENUES	
Taxes:	
Ad valorem	\$ 890,061
Sales and use	236,433
State revenue sharing	6,758
Insurance premium rebate	56,867
Interest and other	<u>44,213</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,234,332</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current function:	
Public safety:	
Administrative	130,881
Contract protection services	217,144
Maintenance	159,464
Insurance	76,645
Supplies	60,965
Professional fees	32,110
Utilities	39,663
Communications	18,537
Training	43,782
Travel	26,241
Protection services	19,120
Other	11,414
Debt service	66,711
Capital outlay	<u>1,695,934</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,598,611</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(1,364,280)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Proceeds from capital lease	190,675
Proceeds from insurance	<u>14,111</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>204,786</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,159,494)
FUND BALANCE	
Beginning of year	<u>3,825,497</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 2,666,003</u>

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

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**

**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, 2022

Net change in fund balance - total governmental fund (Exhibit A-4) \$ (1,159,494)

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay.

Capital outlay	1,695,934	
Depreciation expense	<u>(385,758)</u>	1,310,176

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds. In the statement of net position, however, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Similarly, repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds but reduces the liability in the statement of activities.

Proceeds from capital lease	(190,675)	
Principal payments on debt	<u>62,684</u>	<u>(127,991)</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit A-1) \$ 22,690

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

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE PARISH
OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**
New Roads, Louisiana

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2022

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General Information

The Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana (the Fire District) was created by a resolution of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government (the Parish) in 1981. The Fire District operates under the commission of government and provides fire protection services to all of the territories within the limits of Pointe Coupee Election Districts 7, 8, 9, and portions of Election Districts 4 and 6, as said Election Districts were constituted in 1981, the District was created in accordance with the authority of LRS 40:1494, and Article VI, Section 19 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana for the year 1974 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto.

Effective October 1, 2022, ordinance LSA- RS 40:1504 was passed which transitioned the oversight responsibility from each of the five individual fire districts to a single governing board. All districts continue to provide fire protection services within their respective districts and operate individually from one another.

Statement Presentation

The financial statements of the Fire District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Fire District are described below.

The financial statements comply with GASB approved Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* and include the following:

- A Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Fire District’s overall financial position and results of operations.
- Financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Fire District’s activities.
- A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Statement Presentation (continued)

The Fire District's basic financial statements consist of the government-wide statements of the primary government (the Fire District) and the fund financial statements (the General Fund). The Fire District's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and applied to governmental units. Private sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the GASB.

Reporting Entity

As stated previously, the Fire District was created by a resolution of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government in 1981, a political subdivision. The Fire District does not possess all of the corporate powers necessary to make it a legally separate entity from the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, which holds the Fire District's corporate powers. For this reason, the Fire District is a component unit of the Parish, the financial reporting entity. In accordance with LSA-125 40:1504 the Fire District is managed by a board of five commissioners. Two commissioners are appointed by the Pointe Coupee Parish Government and two are appointed by the City of New Roads. These four commissioners then appoint the fifth to act as Chairman of the Board.

GASB Statement No. 61, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Fire District for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability.

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

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Fire District; there are no component units to be included either blended within the Fire District's funds or discretely presented in these financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities for all non-fiduciary activities of the Fire District. The government-wide presentation focuses primarily on the sustainability of the government as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period.

Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or business-type activity, and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements are very similar to the traditional government fund statements as prepared by governments prior to the issuance of GASB No. 34. Emphasis is now on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type categories. The Fire District consists of one governmental fund, the General Fund.

Governmental Fund Types

Governmental funds are those through which governmental functions of the Fire District are financed. The acquisition, use, and balances of expendable financial resources and related liabilities of the Fire District are accounted for through governmental funds. Measurement is focused upon determining changes in financial position rather than net income. The following are the governmental fund types of the Fire District:

General Fund - The general fund is the general operating fund of the Fire District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund is always a major fund.

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Ad valorem taxes are recognized in the year for which they are assessed.

Fund Financial Statements

All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included in the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other uses) in net current assets. Governmental funds are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Financial Statements (continued)

Governmental fund revenues resulting from exchange transactions are recognized in the fiscal year in which the exchange takes place and meets the government's availability criteria (susceptible to accrual). "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year-end. Charges for services, fines and forfeitures, and most governmental miscellaneous revenues, are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Fire District receives value without directly giving value in return, include sales tax, ad valorem tax, and federal and state aid and grants.

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus (Continued)

Ad valorem taxes are recorded in the year the taxes are assessed. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15th of each year, and become delinquent after December 31st. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the year subsequent to its assessment. Furthermore, the Fire District budgets the use of ad valorem taxes on a fiscal year basis. Sales taxes are recorded when in the possession of the intermediary collecting agent and are recognized as revenue at that time. Federal and state aid and grants are recorded as revenue when the Fire District is entitled to the funds, generally corresponding to when grant-related costs are incurred by the Fire District, but subject to the availability criteria.

Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except (1) unmatured interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due, and (2) claims and judgments and compensated absences, which are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund when paid with expendable financial resources. Allocations of costs such as depreciation and amortization are not recognized in the governmental funds.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposit accounts, interest-bearing demand deposit accounts, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in savings and time deposits and certificates of deposit with original maturities of ninety days or less. Certificates of deposit with maturities of more than ninety days are classified as investments.

The investment policy of the Fire District is governed by state statutes that include depository and custodial contract provisions. The Fire District invests funds in accordance with La. R.S. 39:1211-1245 and 33:2955 which include, but are not limited to, United States Treasury Bonds, Treasury Notes, Treasury Bills, and fully-collateralized interest-bearing checking accounts and certificates of deposit. Other provisions require depositories to insure or collateralize all deposits in accordance with state law and require securities collateralizing deposits to be held by an independent third party with whom the Fire District has a custodial agreement. The Fire District utilizes the Louisiana Asset Management Pool to invest idle funds.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Accounts Receivable

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. For governmental activities, uncollectible amounts are charged directly to the revenue reported.

Inventory

Inventories of supplies are immaterial and are recorded as expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets

Government-wide Statements

The accounting treatment of property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g. fire hydrants) (capital assets), are reported in the government-wide financial statements. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated capital assets, which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized at completion of the construction projects. The Fire District's capitalization policy stipulates a capitalization threshold of \$500.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are expensed, while improvements that add to the value or extend asset lives are capitalized.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets, other than land, is recorded as an 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	40 years
Improvements	12 - 40 years
Fire hydrants and water supply lines	25 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 12 years
Machinery and equipment	4 - 10 years
Vehicles	10 - 15 years

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Financial Statements

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are not capitalized. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as capital outlay expenditures in the governmental funds.

Government-wide Net Position

Government-wide net position is divided into three components:

- Net investment in capital assets - consist of the historical cost of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less any debt that remains outstanding that was used to finance those assets.
- Restricted net position - consist of net position that is restricted by the Fire District's creditors (for example, through debt covenants), by the state enabling legislation (through restrictions on shared revenues), by grantors (both federal and state), and by other contributors. The Fire District has no restricted net position at year end.
- Unrestricted - all other net position is reported in this category.

Governmental Fund Balances

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

- Nonspendable - Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a 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 the Fire District Charter, the Fire District Code, state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors. The Fire District has no restricted fund balance at year end.
- Committed - Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action by Commission ordinance. This includes the budget reserves. The Fire District has no committed fund balance at year end.
- Assigned - Amounts that are designated by the Chairperson for a particular purpose but are not spendable until a budget ordinance is passed or there is a majority vote approval (for capital projects or debt service) by the Commission. The Fire District has no assigned fund balance at year end.
- Unassigned - All amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

Use of Restricted Resources

When an expense is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the Fire District's policy is to apply the expenditure in the following priority:

1. Restricted fund balance,
2. Committed fund balance,
3. Assigned fund balance, and
4. Unassigned fund balance.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Budget Policy and Budgetary Accounting

Policy and Practice

The Chairman submits an annual budget for the General Fund to the Commissioners in accordance with Louisiana Local Government Budget Act. The budget is presented to the Commissioners for review, and public hearings are held to address the proposed appropriations. Once approved and adopted by the commissioners, the commissioners may amend the legally adopted budget when unexpected modifications are required in estimated revenues and appropriations.

Basis of Budgeting

The General Fund's appropriated budget is prepared on a detailed line item basis. Revenues are budgeted by source and expenditures are budgeted by function. Budget revisions at this level are subject to final review by the Commissioners. The legal level of control is by function within the General Fund. Expenditures may not exceed appropriations at this level. Various amendments to the budget were made throughout the year.

The General Fund budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis. The budget and actual financial statement is reported on this basis. Unencumbered appropriations for annual budgeted funds lapse at fiscal year-end.

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 disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. They may also affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses of the government-wide financial statements during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates are used primarily when accounting for depreciation.

Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Fire District has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through December 18, 2025, which was the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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NOTE 2 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and cash equivalents

At December 31, 2022, the carrying amount of the Fire District's deposits and cash on hand totaled \$1,285,807 and the related bank balances were \$1,399,419.

Investments

The Fire District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana and national banks having their principal office in the State of Louisiana or other qualifying federally insured investments.

Certificates of Deposit

At December 31, 2022, the fair value/carrying value of investments in the certificates of deposit totaled \$206,153 with all securities maturing within one year.

Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP)

As of December 31, 2022, the Fire District had a balance of \$166,018 invested in LAMP.

The Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pools of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA – R.S. 33:2955. The value of the portfolio is carried at amortized cost.

LAMP is a 2a7-like investment pool. The following facts are relevant for 2a7-like investment pools:

- Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.
- Custodial risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.
- Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.

NOTE 2 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Louisiana Asset Management Pool (Continued)

- Interest rate risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets are restricted to not more than 60 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days.

- Foreign currency risk: Not applicable to 2a7-like pools.

The dollar-weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. The fair value of investments is determined on a weekly basis to monitor any variances between amortized cost and fair value. For purposes of determining participants' shares, investments are valued at amortized cost. The fair value of the participant's position is the same as the value of the pool shares. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP's report can be obtained from their website www.lamppool.com.

Cash and Investments Summary

The following is a reconciliation of the carrying amount of deposits and investments to "Cash and cash equivalents" for the Fire District on the balance sheet.

Cash and cash equivalents:	
Demand deposits	\$ 1,285,742
Cash on hand	65
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,285,807
Investments:	
Certificates of deposit	206,153
LAMP	166,018
Total investments	372,171
Total	\$ 1,657,978

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NOTE 2 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Collateralization

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the Fire District’s deposits may not be returned to them. To mitigate this risk, state law requires deposits to be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent financial institution.

The above stated bank balances of cash and cash equivalents are collateralized as follows:

	<u>Bank Balance</u>
Federal deposit insurance (FDIC)	\$ 250,000
Pledged securities	868,597
Cash equivalents not subject to collateralization:	
Raymond James	280,822
Total bank balances of cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,399,419

NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASURES

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Application and Measurement*, all investments are reported at fair value with gains and losses included in the statement of activities.

The Fire District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Fire District has the ability to access.

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NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASURES (CONTINUED)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition (Continued)

Level 2 – Inputs including:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Inputs that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The Fire District does not have any investments measured using Level 2 or 3 inputs at December 31, 2022.

The Fire District’s investments are stated at fair value. Investment income includes dividends and interest earned on investments, the realized net gain and/or loss from trade of investments, and net unrealized gain and/or loss resulting from market value fluctuations of investments held at year-end relative to cost. All investment income is unrestricted.

Interest rate risk is defined as the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of investments. Fire District’s investment policy does not limit investment maturities as a means of managing exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

		Fair Value at December 31, 2022	
	Cost	Level 1	Total
Certificates of deposits	\$ 206,153	\$ 206,153	\$ 206,153
Investments not subject to categorization:			
Louisiana Asset Management Pool		166,018	166,018
Total Investments		\$ 372,171	\$ 372,171

NOTE 4 – AD VALOREM TAXES

The 1974 Louisiana Constitution (Article 7 Section 18) provided that land and improvements for residential purposes be assessed at 10% of fair market value; other property and electric cooperative properties, excluding land, are to be assessed at 15% of fair market value; and public service properties, excluding land, are to be assessed at 25% of fair market value. Fair market value is determined by the elected assessor of the parish on all property subject to taxation except public service properties, which are valued by the Louisiana Tax Commission (L.R.S. 47:1957). The correctness of assessments by the assessor is subject to review and certification by the Louisiana Tax Commission. The assessor is required to reappraise all property subject to taxation at intervals of not more than four years.

All property taxes are recorded in governmental funds as explained in Note 1 above. Revenues in governmental funds are recognized in the accounting period in which they become available and measurable. Property taxes are considered measurable in the calendar year of the tax levy. Accordingly, the taxes assessed for the calendar year falling within the current fiscal year are recorded as revenue. Property taxes are considered available because they are substantially collected during the fiscal year and are therefore available to liquidate liabilities of the current period.

Property taxes become delinquent January 1 of the following year. If taxes are not paid by the due date, taxes bear interest at the rate of one and one-fourth percent per month until the taxes are paid (La.R.S. 47:2101). After notice is given to the delinquent taxpayers, the Sheriff is required by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana to sell the least quantity of property necessary to settle the taxes and interest owed (La.R.S. 47:2181). Therefore, there are no delinquent taxes at year end.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, taxes of 5.0 mills were levied for general government and public purposes on property with taxable assessed valuations totaling \$177,908,641. Total taxes levied were \$889,543. Property tax millage rates are adopted in the calendar year in which the taxes are levied and recorded. All taxes are due and collectible when the assessment rolls are filed on or before December 31 of the current year and become delinquent thereafter. At December 31, 2022, the Fire District's outstanding ad valorem taxes receivable were \$1,040,138.

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NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year end December 31, 2022, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 139,530	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 139,530
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	139,530	-	-	139,530
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	3,763,721	894,406	-	4,658,127
Machinery and equipment	4,022,710	303,112	-	4,325,822
Vehicles	4,643,552	498,415	-	5,141,967
Total capital assets, being depreciated	12,429,983	1,695,934	-	14,125,916
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(1,224,900)	(115,189)	-	(1,340,089)
Machinery and equipment	(3,410,515)	(164,825)	-	(3,575,340)
Vehicles	(4,416,747)	(105,744)	-	(4,522,491)
Total	(9,052,162)	(385,758)	-	(9,437,920)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	3,377,821	1,310,176	-	4,687,996
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$3,517,351	\$1,310,176	\$ -	\$4,827,526

Depreciation expense of \$385,758 was charged to the public safety function within governmental activities.

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NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT – CAPITAL LEASES

The Fire District entered a governmental lease purchase agreement to acquire a rescue pumper fire apparatus in 2022. The total cost of the rescue pumper fire apparatus was \$190,675 with an interest rate of 2.8%. The lease is to be paid in three annual payments of \$66,711 with the final payment due May 2024.

Future maturities of the capital lease liability as of December 31, 2022, are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	63,107	3,604	66,711
2024	64,884	1,827	66,711
	\$ 127,991	\$ 5,431	\$ 133,422

NOTE 7 - COST SHARING PENSION PLAN

Plan Description, Contribution Information, and Funding Policies

In accordance with LA R.S. 33:2036 G. (2), the Fire District provides a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) to all eligible volunteer firemen based upon the Fire District's point system used to determine who is active. The program provides two benefits:

1. Pre-Entitlement Death, if a member dies before reaching entitlement age, the named beneficiary will receive the greater of \$20,000, (the face of the life insurance provided by the plan), or the present value of the member's earned benefit. This lump-sum benefit is payable upon death from any cause. It is not limited to emergency duty. This applies to all members ages 65 and younger (without evidence of insurability) as well as those members over age 65 who qualify for life insurance. Non-insured members will receive the value of their earned benefit payable in the manner established by the plan sponsor.
2. Pre-Entitlement Benefit, at entitlement age, members are entitled to a monthly income from the plan payable for life, with 120 payments guaranteed. The benefit formula in this plan is:
 - a. \$20 per month for each year of past service (service before the plan begins) to a maximum of 15 years.
 - b. \$20 per month for each year of future service (service after the plan begins).
 - c. \$800 maximum monthly benefit (40 total years of service).

The monthly entitlement benefits begin at age 60 and after, for members participating in the plan for at least 1 year. The term "entitlement" is used rather than "retirement" because volunteers do not have to leave the organization or become less active to draw benefits. Each year of active service adds to member's monthly benefit. This benefit becomes 100% vested (guaranteed) after 5 years of service.

There were no contributions in 2022 as none of the firemen met the eligibility requirements to receive a contribution.

NOTE 8 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Risk Management

The Fire District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employee health and life; and natural disasters. The Fire District has purchased various insurance policies to cover such risks. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Fire District. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in recent years.

NOTE 9 - COMPENSATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY

The Fire District board of commissioners received the following compensation in 2022:

Gregory A Johnson	\$ 270
Joseph E Gosserand	270
Lawrence Smith, Jr	240
Ty D Chaney	180
James F Beatty	120
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	\$ 1,080

NOTE 10 - ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

The Fire District is one of several governmental agencies receiving proceeds from a property tax assessment. State law (R.S. 11:82) requires the Fire District to bear a pro-rata share of the pension expense relating to state and statewide public retirement systems. The Fire District's pro-rata share of the required contribution was \$34,935 for 2022, which was withheld by the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff from property tax collections to satisfy the Fire District's obligation and is reflected in due to other governments. The Sheriff withholds the entire amount of this obligation in January each year even though some of the property taxes may never be collected.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA

GENERAL FUND

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

For the year ended December 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)
REVENUES				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	\$ 975,000	\$ 875,000	\$ 890,061	\$ 15,061
Sales and use	170,000	200,000	236,433	36,433
State revenue sharing	10,000	10,000	6,758	(3,242)
Insurance premium	31,000	56,000	56,867	867
Other revenues and financing sources	20,300	54,300	44,212	(10,088)
Total revenues	<u>1,206,300</u>	<u>1,195,300</u>	<u>1,234,331</u>	<u>39,031</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current function:				
General government:				
Administrative	215,600	197,400	130,881	66,519
Contract protection services	344,750	206,750	217,144	(10,394)
Maintenance	88,500	97,000	159,464	(62,464)
Supplies	114,600	30,300	60,965	(30,665)
Communications	90,500	70,500	18,537	51,963
Insurance	88,000	88,000	76,645	11,355
Utilities	29,500	41,500	39,663	1,837
Professional fees	40,000	38,000	32,110	5,890
Travel	21,000	30,000	26,241	3,759
Training	55,000	57,250	43,782	13,468
Protection services	12,500	21,750	19,120	2,630
Other	4,750	7,250	11,414	(4,164)
Debt service	66,715	66,715	66,711	4
Capital outlay	1,259,726	1,709,726	1,695,934	13,792
Total expenditures	<u>2,431,141</u>	<u>2,662,141</u>	<u>2,598,611</u>	<u>13,796</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>(1,224,841)</u>	<u>(1,466,841)</u>	<u>(1,364,280)</u>	<u>52,827</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proceeds from capital lease	190,675	190,675	190,675	-
Proceeds from insurance	-	-	14,111	14,111
Total other financing sources	<u>190,675</u>	<u>190,675</u>	<u>204,786</u>	<u>14,111</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (1,034,166)</u>	<u>\$ (1,276,166)</u>	<u>(1,159,494)</u>	<u>\$ 66,938</u>
FUND BALANCE				
Beginning of year			<u>3,825,497</u>	
End of year			<u>\$ 2,666,003</u>	

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE PARISH
OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

December 31, 2022

NOTE 1 - BUDGETS

Budget Policy and Budgetary Accounting

A proposed budget is prepared and submitted by the Chairman of the governing board prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. A budget summary and notice of a public hearing is published with the public hearing being conducted prior to the commencement of the budget year.

The annual operating budget, prepared on the modified accrual basis, covers the General Fund. At the end of the fiscal year unexpended appropriations automatically lapse. Budget amendments are approved by the governing board and are included in the financial statements.

In connection with budget preparation, a portion of the unreserved fund balance of an individual fund may be designated for expenditures of the subsequent year. Such designation represents the extent to which the fund balance is used to balance the subsequent year's operating budget of that fund as reflected in the legally adopted budget.

Basis of Accounting

The Fire District's budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the Fire District's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**

**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND
OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD**

December 31, 2022

Agency Head: Mr. Lawrence Smith, Jr., Board Chairman

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 240
Per diem	<u>1,240</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,480</u>



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

To the Commissioners
Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee
New Roads, 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 government activities and each major fund of the Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee (hereafter The District) as of December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise The District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered The District'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of The District's internal control.

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether The District's financial statements are free from 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 one instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022-01.

District’s Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District’s response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District’s response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 organization’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 organization’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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Baton Rouge, LA

December 18, 2025

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**
Schedule of Findings and Responses
December 31, 2022

Section A - Summary of Auditor's Reports

- The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the basic financial statements of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana.
- There was one instance of noncompliance or other matters noted during the audit of the basic financial statements.
- No significant deficiency or material weakness was disclosed during the audit of the basic financial statements.

Section B - Financial Statement Findings

2022-01 – Filing with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (Repeat Finding)

Condition:

The District failed to submit their audit report to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s office by the due date.

Cause:

Management was unable to close the year and provide information to the auditor to allow the audit to be completed in a timely manner.

Effect:

Due to delays in providing the information to the auditor the engagement was not able to be completed and filed with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor by the due date.

Criteria:

Management’s accounting policies should include procedures to allow for a timely year end close.

Recommendations:

We suggest planning and preparation be made to anticipate circumstances which would delay the report beyond the required filing date.

Management’s Response:

Management acknowledges the condition noted above and will take these recommendations under advisement. We have made the appropriate adjustments to prevent future delays in processing information to the auditing firm.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA**
Schedule of Prior Year Findings
December 31, 2021

Summary of Prior Audit Findings

2021-01 – Filing with the Louisiana Legislature Auditor

Status: The finding related to late submittal of the annual audited financial statements has not been resolved and has been indicated as finding 2022-01 in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses for the year ended December 31, 2022.



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee and 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, 2022 through December 31, 2022. To the Board of Directors of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee's (hereafter The District) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - 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, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(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.

Exception: There are no written policies and procedures covering any of the categories and subcategories identified with the exception of the ethics category and subcategories.

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 whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit 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.

Results: No exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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 or 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 (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Exception: The operating account has outstanding checks over 12 months old that have not been properly addressed. No other exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures.

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

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 or 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 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 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 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.

Results: No exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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 (ETF), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

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 whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
- b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

Results: No exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

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

10. 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.
11. 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 whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder.
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
12. 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 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.

Exception: The District was unable to provide supporting documentation for any of the transactions selected. No other exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures.

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

13. 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 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 the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - c) Observe 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 each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Results: No exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Contracts

14. 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 whether 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 whether 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 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 the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Results: No exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Payroll and Personnel

15. 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.
16. 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 all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
 - b) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - c) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
17. 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's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulative 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.
18. 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.

Results: No exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Ethics

19. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under “Payroll and Personnel” above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
 - b. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity’s ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
20. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Results: No exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Debt Service

21. 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 State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.
22. 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).

Results: No exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Fraud Notice

23. 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.
24. Observe the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Results: No exceptions noted as a result of applying this procedure.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

25. 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 no written documentation, 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.
26. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees previously obtained. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

Results: We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

Sexual Harassment

27. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.
28. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
29. 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 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.

Exception: The District was unable to provide documentation demonstrating that the required sexual harassment training was obtained. No other exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures.

Management's Response: We have reviewed the independent accountant's report on applying agreed-upon procedures and agree with the exceptions noted. We will review our policies and procedures and update accordingly to include the best practices suggested by the LLA. We will also implement a system to ensure sufficient documentation is maintained for transactions and to satisfy all compliance requirements.

We were engaged by The District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do

not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daigrepont & Brian APAC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daigrepont & Brian, APAC
Baton Rouge, LA

December 18, 2025