

**LIVINGSTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 5**  
**DENHAM SPRINGS, LOUISIANA**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5**  
**Denham Springs, Louisiana**  
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Independent Auditor’s Report

To the Members of the Board of Commissioners of  
Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5  
Denham Springs, Louisiana

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5, a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5’s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

***Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

***Auditor’s Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and general fund of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 22 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. 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.

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

#### ***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5's basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 18, 2021, on our consideration of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5'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 Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5'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 Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*James Lambert Riggs  
& Associates*

James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc.  
Hammond, Louisiana

May 18, 2021

## **Basic Financial Statements**

**Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5**  
**Denham Springs, Louisiana**  
Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2020

Exhibit A

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 441,355
Investments	305,570
Property Taxes Receivable, Net	1,193,959
User Fees Receivable, Net	286,718
State Revenue Sharing Receivable	28,469
Other Assets	9,435
Nondepreciable Capital Assets:	
Land	77,312
Construction in Progress	77,886
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>1,562,616</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,983,320</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 91,105
Accrued Payroll and Payroll Taxes Payable	<u>17,671</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 108,776</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 1,717,814
Unrestricted	<u>2,156,730</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 3,874,544</u>

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

**Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5**  
**Denham Springs, Louisiana**  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Exhibit B

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Public Safety - Fire Protection:	
Salaries & Related Benefits	\$ 805,077
Insurance	242,657
Bad Debts	28,927
Dues & Subscriptions	2,977
Professional Fees	155,670
Repairs & Maintenance	105,728
Supplies	127,813
Training	8,111
Utilities	53,590
Miscellaneous	967
Depreciation	<u>219,517</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>1,751,034</u>
 <b>General Revenues:</b>	
Ad Valorem Taxes	1,230,886
User Fees	295,586
State Revenue Sharing	86,081
Fire Insurance Rebate	57,644
Grant Revenues	45,546
On Behalf Payments - State Supplemental Pay	37,384
Other Revenues	31,292
Interest	<u>16,572</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>1,800,991</u>
 Change in Net Position	 49,957
 Net Position - Beginning of Year	 <u>3,824,587</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 3,874,544</u>

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



**Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5**  
**Denham Springs, Louisiana**  
Governmental Fund Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2020

Exhibit C

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 441,355
Investments	305,570
Property Taxes Receivable, Net	1,193,959
User Fees Receivable, Net	286,718
State Revenue Sharing Receivable	28,469
Other Assets	<u>9,435</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,265,506</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 91,105
Accrued Payroll and Payroll Taxes Payable	<u>17,671</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 108,776</u>
<b>Fund Balance:</b>	
Unassigned	<u>2,156,730</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>2,156,730</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,265,506</u>

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the  
Government-Wide Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2020

Exhibit D

<b>Total Governmental Fund Balance (Exhibit C)</b>	\$ 2,156,730
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.

1,717,814

<b>Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,874,544</u></b>
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Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Change in Fund Balance  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Exhibit E

	General Fund
<b>Revenues:</b>	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,230,886
User Fees	295,586
State Revenue Sharing	86,081
Fire Insurance Rebate	57,644
Grant Revenues	45,546
On Behalf Payments	37,384
Other Revenues	31,292
Interest	16,572
Total Revenues	<u>1,800,991</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Public Safety - Fire Protection:	
Salaries & Related Benefits	805,077
Insurance	242,657
Repairs & Maintenance	105,728
Supplies	127,813
Professional Fees	155,670
Bad Debts	28,927
Utilities	53,590
Miscellaneous	967
Training	8,111
Dues & Subscriptions	2,977
Capital Outlay	60,968
Total Expenditures	<u>1,592,485</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>208,506</u>
<b>Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year</b>	<u>1,948,224</u>
<b>Fund Balance - End of the Year</b>	<u>\$ 2,156,730</u>

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

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**Exhibit F**

**Denham Springs, Louisiana**

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Change in Fund Balance to the Government-Wide Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

<b>Net Change in Fund Balance, Governmental Fund (Exhibit E)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>208,506</b>
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. These differences consist of:

Capital Outlay	60,968
Depreciation Expense	<u>(219,517)</u>

<b>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>49,957</u></b>
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## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

**Narrative Profile**

The Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 (the "District") is a body corporate created by the Livingston Parish Council, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS). The District is governed by a Board of five commissioners who are appointed by the Livingston Parish Council. The District was created for the purpose of providing fire protection and prevention to District Five of the Parish of Livingston.

The accounting and reporting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of LRS 24:513 and to the guidance set forth in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and to the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**A. Financial Reporting Entity**

Section 2100 of the GASB Codification, *Defining the Financial Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the District is considered a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements are included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as discrete component units.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The District uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

*Governmental Funds*

Governmental funds account for all of the District's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources that may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the District. The following is the District's governmental fund:

General Fund - the primary operating fund of the District, which accounts for all the operations of the District, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

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**C. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting**

*Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Financial Statements*

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District with most of the interfund activities removed. Information contained in these columns reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are 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 segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Interest earnings and other revenues not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The District does not allocate indirect expenses.

*Basic Financial Statements – Governmental Funds*

The amounts reflected in the General Fund are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the District's operations.

The amounts reflected in the General Fund use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on long-term debt, which are recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues – Revenues are generally recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Taxes, state revenue sharing, grants, interest revenue, and other revenues are recorded when due.

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

Reconciliation – Explanation of differences between the governmental funds balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position is presented in Exhibit D of the basic financial statements. Explanation of differences between the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities is presented in Statement F of the basic financial statements.

**D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The District adopted an operating budget for its General Fund for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. The budget for this fund is adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting consistent with GAAP. The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:

1. The Fire Chief prepares the proposed budgets and submits them to the Board for their review no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing. The public hearing was held on December 10, 2019.
4. Once a public hearing is held and all of the action necessary to finalize and implement the budget is completed, the budget is adopted through the passage of a resolution prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is adopted. The budget was adopted on December 10, 2019.

The adopted budget constitutes the authority of the Fire Chief to incur liabilities and authorize expenditures from the respective budgeted funds. Additionally, certain expenditures are approved monthly by the Board before payment.

All budget amounts presented in the financial statements have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budget during the year. Appropriations, except encumbrances, lapse at the end of each year.

**E. Deposits and Investments**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. In addition, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments for the District are reported at cost.



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**F. Prepaid Items**

The District recognizes expenditures for services extending over more than one accounting period when paid. The District did not record any prepaid items at December 31, 2020.

**G. Capital Assets**

Capital outlays are recorded as expenditures of the governmental funds and as assets in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost was not available. Donated capital assets are valued at their acquisition value (entry price) at the date of donation. At December 31, 2020, the District did not have a formal capitalization policy establishing a capitalization / expense threshold.

Maintenance, repairs, and minor equipment are charged to operations when incurred. Expenditures that materially change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of land, buildings, and equipment, the cost and related accumulated depreciation, if applicable, are eliminated from the respective accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operations.

**H. Compensated Absences**

At December 31, 2020, the District has no plan or provision for compensated absences, pension plan, or other post employment benefits. Vacation time cannot be accumulated and must be taken by the end of the year. There is no provision for leave carryover; therefore, leave accruals are not necessary.

**I. Net Position**

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

1. Net Investment in Capital Assets – consists of the historical cost of capital assets, including any restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
2. Restricted – consists of assets that have constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted – all other net position is reported in this category.

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

**J. Fund Balance**

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is classified as follows:

1. Nonspendable Fund Balance – amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

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2. Restricted Fund Balance – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of enabling legislation, or externally imposed conditions by grantors, creditors, or citizens.
3. Committed Fund Balance – amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board (the District's highest level of decision-making authority).
4. Assigned Fund Balance – amounts that are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
5. Unassigned Fund Balance – all amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

The District considers restricted fund balances to be spent for governmental expenditures first when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available.

As of December 31, 2020, the District did not have any nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances.

**K. New Accounting Pronouncements**

New accounting pronouncements adopted by the District are as follows:

In January 2017, the GASB issued Statement No 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. An activity meeting the criteria should be reported in a fiduciary fund in the basic financial statements. Governments with activities meeting the criteria should present a statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. An exception to that requirement is provided for a business-type activity that normally expects to hold custodial assets for three months or less. This Statement describes four fiduciary funds that should be reported, if applicable: (1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, (2) investment trust funds, (3) private-purpose trust funds, and (4) custodial funds. Custodial funds generally should report fiduciary activities that are not held in a trust or equivalent arrangement that meets specific criteria. A fiduciary component unit, when reported in the fiduciary fund financial statements of a primary government, should combine its information with its component units that are fiduciary component units and aggregate that combined information with the primary government's fiduciary funds. This Statement also provides for recognition of a liability to the beneficiaries in a fiduciary fund when an event has occurred that compels the government to disburse fiduciary resources. Events that compel a government to disburse fiduciary resources occur when a demand for the resources has been made or when no further action, approval, or condition is required to be taken or met by the beneficiary to release the assets. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Earlier application is encouraged.

In June 2020, the GASB issued Statement No 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*. The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would

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perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans. This Statement requires that for purposes of determining whether a primary government is financially accountable for a potential component unit, except for a potential component unit that is a defined contribution pension plan, a defined contribution OPEB plan, or an other employee benefit plan (for example, certain Section 457 plans), the absence of a governing board should be treated the same as the appointment of a voting majority of a governing board if the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform. This Statement also requires that the financial burden criterion in paragraph 7 of Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, be applicable to only defined benefit pension plans and defined benefit OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet the criteria in paragraph 3 of Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, or paragraph 3 of Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, respectively. This Statement (1) requires that a Section 457 plan be classified as either a pension plan or an other employee benefit plan depending on whether the plan meets the definition of a pension plan and (2) clarifies that Statement 84, as amended, should be applied to all arrangements organized under IRC Section 457 to determine whether those arrangements should be reported as fiduciary activities. This Statement supersedes the remaining provisions of Statement No. 32, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*, as amended, regarding investment valuation requirements for Section 457 plans. As a result, investments of all Section 457 plans should be measured as of the end of the plan's reporting period in all circumstances. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. Earlier application is encouraged.

Management is currently evaluating the effects of each of the new GASB pronouncements.

L. Estimates

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

**2. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability**

A. Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP for all governmental funds. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end. See Note 1-D regarding operating budgets. The District complied with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act in adopting its budget for the year ended December 31, 2020.

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**B. Deposits and Investment Laws and Regulations**

In accordance with state law, all uninsured deposits of funds in financial institutions must be secured with acceptable collateral valued at the lower of market or par. As reflected in Note 3 regarding cash and cash equivalents, the District complied with the deposits and investments laws and regulations.

**C. Deficit Fund Equity**

As of December 31, 2020, the District's general fund did not have a deficit fund equity.

**3. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments**

As reflected on Exhibit A, the District has cash and cash equivalents totaling \$441,355 and investments totaling \$305,570 at December 31, 2020. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the bank. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

The following is a summary of cash and investments at December 31, 2020, with the related federal deposit insurance and pledge securities:

**Bank Balances and Investments:**

Insured (FDIC Insurance)	\$ 500,000
Collateralized:	
Collateral held by pledging bank's trust department not in the District's name	285,615
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>-</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 785,615</u>

Even though the pledged securities are not held in the entity's name, LRS 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within ten days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Deposits collateralized by pledged securities are considered to be exposed to credit risk (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 40. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial risk. As of December 31, 2020, the District was in compliance with state law which requires any uninsured cash balances with the fiscal agent bank to be adequately collateralized by a pledge of securities.

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**4. Receivables**

Receivables of \$1,509,146 at December 31, 2020, are as follows:

Property Tax Receivable	\$ 1,230,886
Allowance for Uncollectible - Property Taxes	(36,927)
User Fee Receivable	295,586
Allowance for Uncollectible - User Fees	(8,868)
State Revenue Sharing Receivable	<u>28,469</u>
Receivables at December 31, 2020, Net	<u>\$ 1,509,146</u>

Uncollectible amounts are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available that would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable.

**5. Levied Taxes**

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the District during the year, are billed to taxpayers, and become due in November. Billed taxes become delinquent on December 31. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted and recognized as revenue in the year billed. The Livingston Parish Sheriff bills and collects the property taxes using the assessed value determined by the Livingston Parish Assessor. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year. For 2020, the District levied 10.14 mills for a total tax levy of \$1,230,886. An allowance for uncollectible property taxes was recorded at 3.0% of the balance due.

**6. User Fees**

For the year 2020, a user fee of \$32 was assessed on each household within the District's boundaries. Total fees levied were \$295,586. At December 31, 2020, the user fee receivable was \$295,586. User fees receivable at December 31, 2020, are recorded net of a 3.0% allowance for uncollectible fees (\$8,868).

**7. Tax Abatements**

The Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) is a state incentive program that offers attractive tax incentive for manufacturers within the state. The program abates, for up to ten years, local ad valorem on a manufacturer's new investment and annual capitalized additions related to the manufacturing site. This exemption is granted per contract with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and will specify the buildings and / or personal property items covered by the exemption. For the District, there are currently twelve (12) tax abatements, related to three (3) companies, under the Louisiana ITEP. For the 2020 calendar year, estimated forgone ad valorem taxes due to this abatement program was \$4,586.

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**8. Capital Assets**

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, are as follows:

	Balance 12/31/19	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/20
Capital Assets Not Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 77,312	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,312
Construction in Progress	20,388	57,498	-	77,886
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Furniture & Fixtures	38,786	1,130	-	39,916
Buildings	880,803	-	-	880,803
Vehicles	3,859,976	-	-	3,859,976
Equipment	987,161	2,340	-	989,501
Total Capital Assets Depreciated	5,766,726	3,470	-	5,770,196
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Furniture & Fixtures	37,746	1,158	-	38,904
Buildings	477,085	24,936	-	502,021
Vehicles	2,547,720	168,555	-	2,716,275
Equipment	925,512	24,868	-	950,380
Total Accumulated Depreciation	3,988,063	219,517	-	4,207,580
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	1,778,663	(216,047)	-	1,562,616
Total	<u>\$ 1,876,363</u>	<u>\$ (158,549)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,717,814</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2020, totaled \$219,517.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings and Building Improvements	10 - 40	Year Life
Furniture and Fixtures	5 - 10	Year Life
Vehicles	5 - 15	Year Life
Equipment	5 - 10	Year Life

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**9. Payables**

Accounts payables at December 31, 2020, are as follows:

Accounts Payable	\$ 91,105
Federal Payroll Taxes Payable	6,877
State Withholding Tax Payable	2,628
Accrued Payroll & Related Liabilities	8,166
Total	<u>\$ 108,776</u>

**10. On-Behalf Payments**

Supplementary salary payments are made by the State of Louisiana directly to certain District employees. The District is not legally responsible for these salaries. Therefore, the basis for recognizing the revenue and expenditure payments is actual contributions made by the State. For the 2020 calendar year, the State paid supplemental salaries to the District's employees in the amount of \$37,384.

**11. Deferred Compensation Plan**

The District offers its employees the LPFPD5 Retirement Plan (the "Plan"). This plan is a type of retirement plan commonly referred to as a Governmental Eligible 457(b) Plan, a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to all employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property, or rights shall be held for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries. As of December 31, 2020, the total employer contributions for the year was \$24,120.

**12. Compensation Paid to Board Members**

The following schedule of per diem payments to Board members is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. As authorized by LRS 40:1498, each member of the Board shall be reimbursed \$30 for attending meetings of the Board, not to exceed two meetings in any one calendar month, and may be reimbursed any expenses incurred in performing the duties imposed upon them by virtue of their serving as members. The following is a breakdown of per diem paid to Board members:

Tony Sibley	\$ 405
Wesley Sorenson	495
Susan Mack	450
Robert Jeansonne	360
Chris Kinchen	225
Total	<u>\$ 1,935</u>

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**13. Contingent Liabilities**

The 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, and natural disasters. These risks of loss are covered by a comprehensive commercial insurance policy and workers compensation insurance. Claims resulting from these risks have historically not exceeded insurance coverage. Therefore, no accrual for any loss contingency has been made in the financial statements.

**14. Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated the subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued May 18, 2021. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.



**Required Supplemental Information:**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**

**Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5**  
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**Budgetary Comparison Schedule (GAAP Basis) – General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Favorable / (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,094,443	\$ 997,625	\$ 1,230,886	\$ 233,261
User Fees	-	-	295,586	295,586
State Revenue Sharing	83,500	85,407	86,081	674
Fire Insurance Rebate	56,500	57,644	57,644	-
On Behalf Payments	36,000	36,000	37,384	1,384
Grant Revenues	-	2,423	45,546	43,123
Other Revenues	36,000	30,793	31,292	499
Interest	6,000	13,761	16,572	2,811
Total Revenues	1,312,443	1,223,653	1,800,991	577,338
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Public Safety - Fire Protection:				
Salaries & Related Benefits	672,300	812,503	805,077	7,426
Insurance	235,000	222,000	242,657	(20,657)
Repairs & Maintenance	94,500	118,500	105,728	12,772
Supplies	84,200	138,700	127,813	10,887
Professional Fees	116,150	127,717	155,670	(27,953)
Bad Debts	32,833	32,833	28,927	3,906
Utilities	55,100	59,200	53,590	5,610
Miscellaneous	500	500	967	(467)
Training	4,000	6,000	8,111	(2,111)
Dues & Subscriptions	1,000	3,000	2,977	23
Tax, License, Permits	100	100	-	100
Travel & Entertainment	2,000	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	4,000	17,905	60,968	(43,063)
Total Expenditures	1,301,683	1,538,958	1,592,485	(53,527)
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	10,760	(315,305)	208,506	523,811
<b>Fund Balance:</b>				
Beginning of the Year	1,948,224	1,948,224	1,948,224	-
End of the Year	\$ 1,958,984	\$ 1,632,919	\$ 2,156,730	\$ 523,811

See auditor's report.

**Other Supplemental Information:**

**Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to  
Agency Head**

**Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5**  
**Denham Springs, Louisiana**  
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Schedule 2

Agency Head: Joe Koczrowski, Fire Chief

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 57,352
Benefits - Insurance	17,490
Benefits - Retirement	4,020
Benefits - Short Term Disability & Accident Policy	3,526
Deferred Compensation	-
Car Allowance	-
Vehicle Provided by Government	-
Vehicle Rental	-
Cell Phone	-
Dues	-
Per Diem	-
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration Fees	-
Conference Travel	-
Housing	-
Unvouchered Expenses	-
Special Meals	-
Other	-
	<u>\$ 82,388</u>

See auditor's report.

**Other Independent Auditor's Reports and  
Findings, Recommendations, and Responses**

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and  
Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with  
Government Auditing Standards

To the Members of the Board of Commissioners of  
Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5  
Denham Springs, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5, a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 18, 2021.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5'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.

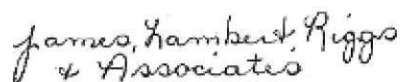
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not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

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Lambert Riggs & Associates".

James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc.  
Hammond, Louisiana

May 18, 2021

**Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5**  
**Denham Springs, Louisiana**  
Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings, Recommendations, and Responses  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 18, 2021. Our audit of the basic financial statements resulted in an unmodified opinion.

**Section I – Summary of Auditor's Reports**

**1. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements**

**Internal Control:**

Material Weakness	<u>      </u>	Yes	<u>  X  </u>	No
Significant Deficiencies	<u>      </u>	Yes	<u>  X  </u>	No

**Compliance:**

Compliance Material to the Financial Statements	<u>      </u>	Yes	<u>  X  </u>	No
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**2. Management Letter**

Was a management letter issued?	<u>      </u>	Yes	<u>  X  </u>	No
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**Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

None

**Compliance and Other Matters**

None



**Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5**  
**Denham Springs, Louisiana**  
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

<u>Ref.#</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Findings Initially Occurred</u>	<u>Description of Findings</u>	<u>Corrective Action Taken</u>
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**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

None

**Compliance and Other Matters**

None