

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Financial Report

Year Ended June 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

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The Honorable Justin Darbonne, Mayor,
and Members of the Board of Aldermen
Village of Chataignier, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the major fund of the Village of Chataignier, Louisiana, (Village), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with *Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services* promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA, and the standards applicable to review engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of the Village, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountant's Conclusion

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that budgetary comparison information, page 28 – 29, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Such information is the responsibility of management. We have not audited, reviewed, or compiled the required supplementary information and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on it.

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

Supplementary Information

The accompanying justice system funding schedule, page 31, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in our review of the basic financial statements. We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the supplementary information. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana
September 19, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 101,419	\$ 2,974	\$ 104,393
Receivables	2,659	3,521	6,180
Capital assets:			
Nondepreciable	25,964	10,000	35,964
Depreciable, net	<u>104,929</u>	<u>956,189</u>	<u>1,061,118</u>
Total assets	<u>234,971</u>	<u>972,684</u>	<u>1,207,655</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts and other payables	3,542	1,477	5,019
Customers deposits	<u>-</u>	<u>4,448</u>	<u>4,448</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>3,542</u>	<u>5,925</u>	<u>9,467</u>
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	130,893	966,189	1,097,082
Unrestricted	<u>100,536</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>101,106</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 231,429</u>	<u>\$ 966,759</u>	<u>\$ 1,198,188</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position		
		Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 151,654	\$ 1,415	\$ -	\$ 47,100	\$ (103,139)	\$ -	\$ (103,139)
Public safety	35,979	176,589	-	-	140,610	-	140,610
Public works	76,068	2,970	7,608	-	(65,490)	-	(65,490)
Culture and recreation	2,947	-	-	-	(2,947)	-	(2,947)
Total governmental activities	266,648	180,974	7,608	47,100	(30,966)	-	(30,966)
Business-type activities:							
Sewer	179,311	40,024	52,542	-	-	(86,745)	(86,745)
Total	<u>\$ 445,959</u>	<u>\$ 220,998</u>	<u>\$ 60,150</u>	<u>\$ 47,100</u>	<u>(30,966)</u>	<u>(86,745)</u>	<u>(117,711)</u>
General revenues:							
Taxes -							
Ad valorem tax, levied for general purposes					5,120	-	5,120
Sales tax, levied for general purposes					34,315	-	34,315
Franchise tax					24,525	-	24,525
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs -							
Beer taxes					154	-	154
Miscellaneous					25,185	-	25,185
Gain on sale of capital asset					503	-	503
Transfers					(12,077)	12,077	-
Total general revenues					<u>77,725</u>	<u>12,077</u>	<u>89,802</u>
Change in net position					46,759	(74,668)	(27,909)
Net position, beginning					<u>184,670</u>	<u>1,041,427</u>	<u>1,226,097</u>
Net position, ending					<u>\$ 231,429</u>	<u>\$ 966,759</u>	<u>\$ 1,198,188</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

General Fund

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Enterprise Fund

Sewer Fund -

To account for the provision of sewerage services to residents of the Village. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing and related debt service, and billing and collection.

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Balance Sheet
Governmental Fund - General Fund
June 30, 2024

ASSETS

Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 101,419
Receivables	<u>2,659</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 104,078</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,840
Accrued liabilities	<u>1,702</u>
Total liabilities	3,542
Fund balance:	
Unassigned	<u>100,536</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 104,078</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Total fund balance for the governmental fund at June 30, 2024		\$ 100,536
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:		
Land	\$ 25,964	
Buildings, net of \$268,363 accumulated depreciation	32,539	
Equipment, net of \$46,023 accumulated depreciation	72,390	
Infrastructure, net of \$343,648 accumulated depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>130,893</u>
Net position at June 30, 2024		<u>\$ 231,429</u>

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VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -
 Governmental Fund - General Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Revenues:	
Taxes -	
Ad valorem tax	\$ 5,120
Sales tax	34,315
Franchise tax	24,525
Licenses and permits	1,415
Intergovernmental -	
Beer tax	154
Highway maintenance	2,970
State grant	7,608
Federal grant	47,100
Fines and forfeits	176,589
Rental income	10,054
Miscellaneous	<u>15,131</u>
Total revenues	<u>324,981</u>
Expenditures:	
Current -	
General government	150,754
Public safety	96,075
Public works	3,574
Recreation	1,347
Capital Outlay	<u>63,812</u>
Total expenditures	<u>315,562</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>9,419</u>
Other financing sources (uses):	
Proceeds from sale of assets	503
Transfers out	<u>(12,077)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(11,574)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(2,155)
Fund balance, beginning	<u>102,691</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 100,536</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Fund
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Total net change in fund balance for year ended June 30, 2024 per the
statement of revenues, expenditures and change in fund balance \$ (2,155)

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

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

Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance	\$ 63,812	
Depreciation expense	<u>(14,898)</u>	<u>48,914</u>

Change in net position for year ended June 30, 2024 per the statement of activities \$46,759

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Fund - Enterprise Fund
June 30, 2024

ASSETS

Current assets:		
Cash		\$ 2,974
Accounts receivable		<u>3,521</u>
Total current assets		6,495
Noncurrent assets:		
Capital assets, net		<u>966,189</u>
Total assets		<u>972,684</u>

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:		
Accrued liabilities		1,477
Customers' deposits		<u>4,448</u>
Total liabilities		<u>5,925</u>

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets		966,189
Unrestricted		<u>570</u>
Total net position		<u>\$ 966,759</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
 Proprietary Fund - Enterprise Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	<u>\$ 40,024</u>
Operating expenses:	
Bank charges	146
Chemicals	10,078
Depreciation expense	65,726
Office expense	552
Professional fees	4,643
Repairs and maintenance	73,175
Salaries and related benefits	9,655
Supplies	744
Utilities	<u>14,592</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>179,311</u>
Operating loss	(139,287)
Nonoperating revenue:	
State grant revenue	<u>52,542</u>
Loss before transfers	(86,745)
Transfers in	<u>12,077</u>
Change in net position	(74,668)
Net position, beginning	<u>1,041,427</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 966,759</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
 Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Receipts from customers	\$ 40,803
Payments to supplies	(104,710)
Payments to employees	<u>(9,655)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(73,562)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Proceeds from grants	52,542
Transfer from other funds	<u>12,077</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>64,619</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(8,943)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>10,136</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 1,193</u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (139,287)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities -	
Depreciation	65,726
Changes in current assets and liabilities -	
Accounts receivable	-
Accounts payable	<u>(1)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>\$ (73,562)</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Village of Chataignier was incorporated in 1972, under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Village operates under a Mayor-Board of Alderman form of government and provides the following services: public safety, highway and streets, sanitation, culture and recreation, and general administrative services.

This report includes all funds and activities that are controlled by the Village as an independent political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. There are no component units required to be reported in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The government-wide financial statements provide operational accountability information for the Village as an economic unit. The government-wide financial statements report the Village's ability to maintain service levels and continue to meet its obligations as they come due. The statements include all governmental activities and all business-type activities of the Village.

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

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The accounts of the Village are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund balance/net position, revenues, expenditures/expenses, and transfers. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The funds of the Village are classified into two categories: governmental and proprietary. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The General Fund is always a major governmental fund. Other individual major governmental and enterprise funds are determined as funds whose revenues, expenditures/expenses, assets and deferred outflows of resources, or liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, are at least ten percent of the corresponding totals for all funds of that category or type (total governmental or enterprise fund) and at least five percent of the corresponding total for all governmental fund and enterprise funds combined or funds designated as major at the discretion of the Village. Funds not classified as a major fund are aggregated and presented in a single column in the fund financial statements.

Governmental Funds -

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The Village reports these major governmental funds and fund types:

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

Proprietary Fund - Enterprise Fund

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes. The Village's enterprise fund is the Sewer Fund.

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement Focus

The measurement focus determines the accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund.

The governmental and business-type activities within the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The economic resources measurement focus meets the accounting objectives of determining net income, net position, and cash flows.

The fund financial statements use either the current financial resources measurement focus or the economic resources measurement focus as appropriate. Governmental funds use the current financial resources measurement focus. This measurement focus is based upon the receipt and disbursement of current available financial resources rather than upon net income. The measurement focus of the proprietary fund type, the flow of economic resources, is based upon determination of net income, net position, and cash flows.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Both governmental and business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Property taxes are reported in the period for which levied. Other nonexchange revenues, including intergovernmental revenues and grants, are reported when all eligibility requirements have been met. Fees and charges and other exchange revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. An exception to this is grants collected on a reimbursement basis. Those reimbursable grants are recognized as revenue when reimbursable expenditures are made. Property tax revenues are recognized in the period for which levied provided they are also available. Expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include principal and interest on long-term debt and employee vacation and sick leave, which are recognized when due and payable.

The proprietary fund utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, or economic asset used.

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Program revenues

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

Allocation of indirect expenses

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

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

Cash and interest-bearing deposits

For purposes of the statement of net position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the Village. For the purpose of the proprietary fund statement of cash flows, "cash and cash equivalents" include all demand and savings accounts, and certificates of deposit or short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased.

Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include sales and use taxes and franchise taxes. Business-type activities report customer's utility service receivables as their major receivable. Uncollectible utility service receivables are recognized as bad debts at the time written off.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include buildings and improvements, equipment, sewer system and improvements, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their acquisition value at the date of donation. The Village maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

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

Buildings	30 years
Equipment	5 years
Utility system and improvements	20-40 years
Infrastructure	20 years

In the fund financial statements, the acquisition of capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same as in the government-wide statements.

Compensated Absences

The Village has no policy relating to compensated absences. Any liability the Village might have in this regard at June 30, 2024 is considered immaterial; therefore, no liability has been recorded in the accounts.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB requires a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively. There are no deferred inflows of resources or deferred outflows of resources as of June 30, 2024.

Equity Classifications

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

- a. Net investment in capital assets consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets.

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

- b. Restricted net position consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets. It is the Village's policy to use restricted net position prior to the use of unrestricted net position when both restricted and unrestricted net position are available for an expense which has been incurred.
- c. Unrestricted net position consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as follows:

- a. Nonspendable includes amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- b. Restricted includes amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- c. Committed includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the Village's Mayor and Board of Aldermen, which is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Village.
- d. Assigned includes amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the Village's adopted policy, only the Board of Aldermen may assign amounts for specified purposes.
- e. Unassigned includes fund balance amounts which have not been classified within the above-mentioned categories.

It is the Village's policy to use restricted amounts first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless prohibited by legal or contractual provisions. Additionally, the Village uses committed, assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of fund balance in that order when expenditures are made.

Enterprise (Utility) Fund equity at the fund level is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

E. Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes are recorded in the year taxes are due and payable. Interest income on deposits is recorded as revenues when earned. Sales taxes, franchise fees, and intergovernmental revenues are recorded when the Village is entitled to the funds. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

In the propriety funds, operating revenues and expenses are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the statement of activities. In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified by character for governmental funds and by operating and nonoperating for proprietary funds. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources. Proprietary funds report expenses relating to use of economic resources.

Interfund Transfers

Permanent reallocations of resources between funds of the reporting entity are classified as interfund transfers. For the purposes of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

F. Use of Estimates

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

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the Village may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Village may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At June 30, 2024, the Village has cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) as follows:

Demand deposits	\$ 57,420
Time and savings deposits	<u>46,973</u>
Total	<u>\$ 104,393</u>

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Village's deposits may not be recovered or the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party will not be recovered. 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 similar federal security, or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) at June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$111,114 were secured in total by federal deposit insurance. The Village does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

(3) Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2024 consist of the following:

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Business-type</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accounts	\$ -	\$ 3,521	\$ 3,521
Franchise tax	<u>2,659</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,659</u>
	<u>\$ 2,659</u>	<u>\$ 3,521</u>	<u>\$ 6,180</u>

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(4) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:				
Land	\$ 25,964	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,964
Buildings and improvements	300,902	-	-	300,902
Equipment	54,601	63,812	-	118,413
Street improvements	343,648	-	-	343,648
Totals	<u>725,115</u>	<u>63,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>788,927</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	265,126	3,237	-	268,363
Equipment	35,961	10,062	-	46,023
Street improvements	342,049	1,599	-	343,648
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>643,136</u>	<u>14,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>658,034</u>
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 81,979</u>	<u>\$ 48,914</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 130,893</u>
Business-type activities:				
Land	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Systems and extensions	2,191,625	-	-	2,191,625
Equipment	5,236	-	-	5,236
Totals	2,206,861	-	-	2,206,861
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,174,946</u>	<u>65,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,240,672</u>
Business-type activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,031,915</u>	<u>\$ (65,726)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 966,189</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

General government	\$ 900
Public safety	3,716
Public works	8,682
Culture and recreation	1,600
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 14,898</u>

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(5) Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1st of each year. Taxes are levied in October and billed to the taxpayers in December. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1st of the following year.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, taxes of 5.36 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$1,089,690. Total taxes levied were \$5,841.

(6) Compensation of Village Officials

A detail of compensation paid to the Board of Aldermen for the year ended June 30, 2024 follows:

Tom Frank	\$ 1,800
Carolyn Arvie	1,800
Maria Calvin	<u>1,800</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,400</u>

(7) Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head

A detail of compensation, benefits, and other payments to Mayor, Justin Darbonne for the year ended June 30, 2024 follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	
Salary	\$ 7,200
Payroll taxes	705
Phone allowance	<u>600</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,505</u>

(8) Interfund Transactions

Interfund transfers consist of the following at June 30, 2024:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
Major governmental funds:		
General fund	\$ -	\$ 12,077
Proprietary fund - Sewer Fund	<u>12,077</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 12,077</u>	<u>\$ 12,077</u>

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

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

(9) Risk Management

The Village is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of general and auto liability, property hazards, and workers' compensation. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year nor have settlements exceeded coverage for the past three years.

(10) Pending Litigation

At June 30, 2024, the Village was not involved in any lawsuits that would have a material adverse effect on the Village's financial position.

**REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

General Fund
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budget		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget
				Positive
				(Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes -				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,115	\$ 5,120	\$ 5
Sales taxes	32,000	31,217	34,315	3,098
Franchise tax	60,000	25,465	24,525	(940)
Licenses and permits	1,200	1,415	1,415	-
Intergovernmental -				
Beer tax	-	-	154	154
Highway maintenance	1,500	1,485	2,970	1,485
State grant	-	-	7,608	7,608
Federal grant	60,000	48,100	47,100	(1,000)
Fines and forfeitures	42,000	176,269	176,589	320
Rental income	12,000	10,054	10,054	-
Miscellaneous	26,850	25,599	15,131	(10,468)
Total revenues	<u>243,050</u>	<u>324,719</u>	<u>324,981</u>	<u>262</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government	154,900	140,801	150,754	(9,953)
Public safety	61,500	95,851	96,075	(224)
Public works	3,750	3,525	3,574	(49)
Recreation	500	-	1,347	(1,347)
Capital Outlay	1,000	68,358	63,812	4,546
Total expenditures	<u>221,650</u>	<u>308,535</u>	<u>315,562</u>	<u>(7,027)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>21,400</u>	<u>16,184</u>	<u>9,419</u>	<u>(6,765)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from sale of property	-	503	503	-
Transfers out	-	(12,879)	(12,077)	802
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,376)</u>	<u>(11,574)</u>	<u>802</u>
Net change in fund balance	21,400	3,808	(2,155)	(5,963)
Fund balance, beginning	<u>119,612</u>	<u>102,691</u>	<u>102,691</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 141,012</u>	<u>\$ 106,499</u>	<u>\$ 100,536</u>	<u>\$ (5,963)</u>

See independent accountant's review report and notes to required supplementary information.

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

(1) Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Village Clerk prepares and submits the proposed budget to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen prior to the fifteenth day of the fiscal year for which the budget is to be applicable. The budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the Village of Chataignier.

(2) Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

The General Fund incurred expenditures in excess of appropriations in the amount of \$7,027 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VILLAGE OF CHATAIGNIER, LOUISIANA

Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity
As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session

Cash Basis Presentation	First Six Month Period Ended <u>December 31, 2023</u>	Second Six Month Period Ended <u>June 30, 2024</u>
Beginning balance of amounts collected	<u>\$ 6,942</u>	<u>\$ 16,125</u>
Add: Collections		
Criminal fines - other	<u>86,566</u>	<u>90,023</u>
Subtotal Collections	<u>86,566</u>	<u>90,023</u>
Less Disbursements to Governments & Nonprofits		
Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory, Criminal Fines - other	8,540	9,720
LA Commission of Law Enforcement, Criminal Fines - Other	500	666
LA Supreme Court, Criminal Fines - Other	156	140
State Treasury CMIS, Fines - other	227	340
LA Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, Criminal Fines - Other	1,420	1,615
Less Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency		
Amount "self-disbursed" to collecting agency		
Criminal Fines - Other	<u>66,540</u>	<u>78,846</u>
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	<u>77,383</u>	<u>91,327</u>
Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained	<u>\$ 16,125</u>	<u>\$ 14,821</u>

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION REPORT

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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The Honorable Justin Darbonne, Mayor,
Members of the Board of Aldermen, and the
Louisiana Legislative Auditor
Village of Chataignier, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Village of Chataignier's (Village) compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The Village's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Village 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 Village's compliance with the laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor 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:

Public Bid Law

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$60,000, or public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551 - 39:1755 (the state procurement code) or R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), or the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office, whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

There were no expenditures made during the year which exceeded \$60,000 for materials and supplies or \$250,000 for public works.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by R.S. 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

Management provided us with the requested information.

3. Obtain a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

Management provided us with the requested information.

4. Report whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

None of the employees included on the list provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 3 appeared on the list provided by management in agreed-upon Procedure 2.

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interests of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.

Budgeting

6. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of the original and amended budgets.

7. Trace documentation for the adoption of the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there are any exceptions.

We traced adoption of the original budget and the amended budget to documentation in the minutes of the meeting of the Village's board of alderman held on April 17, 2023 and June 17, 2024 respectively.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Budgeted revenues for the year did not exceed actual revenue by five percent or more. Actual expenditures for the year did not exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more.

Accounting and Reporting

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and: (a) report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation, (b) report whether the six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account, and (c) report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Each of the six selected disbursements agreed with the amount and payee in the supporting documentation, were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account and were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Meetings

10. Obtain evidence from management to support that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by R.S. 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law); and report whether there are any exceptions.

We viewed the affidavit of publication for the monthly meetings minutes, noting no exceptions. Management represented that the Village posts a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the Village Hall door and at the post office.

Debt

11. Obtain bank deposit slips for the fiscal year and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness. If any such proceeds are identified, obtain from management evidence of approval by the State Bond Commission, and report any exceptions.

We scanned copies of all bank deposit slips for the fiscal year and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

12. Obtain a list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

We scanned payroll disbursements and read the meeting minutes of the Village's board of aldermen for the fiscal year. We found no payments or approval for payments to employees that would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

State Audit Law

13. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The Village's report was submitted by the due date of December 31st.

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

Management represented that the Village was not on the noncompliance list at any time during the fiscal year.

Prior-Year Comments

15. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

Management has represented that all prior year comments have been resolved.

We were engaged by the Village 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 the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. 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 the Village's compliance with the foregoing matters. 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 Village 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 the Village's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana
September 19, 2024

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

APPENDIX A

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

September 16, 2024

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants
P.O. Box 588
Ville Platte, LA 70586

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of June 30, 2024 and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

Public Bid Law

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Budgeting

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Accounting and Reporting

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

Meetings

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

Yes No [] N/A []

Debt

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

Yes No [] N/A []

Advances and Bonuses

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

Yes No [] N/A []

Prior-Year Comments

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

Yes No [] N/A []

General

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

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

Yes No [] N/A []

We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws

and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

<u><i>Sept Rubin</i></u>	Mayor	<u>9-16-24</u>	Date
<u><i>Anne Mahler</i></u>	Clerk	<u>9-16-24</u>	Date