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**EVANGELINE PARISH  
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 1999

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The President and Members of  
the Board of Commissioners  
Evangeline Parish Communications District  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Evangeline Parish Communications District, a component unit of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The year 2000 supplemental information (page 11) is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and do not express an opinion on it. In addition, we do not provide assurance that the Evangeline Parish Communication District is or will become year 2000 compliant, that the District's year 2000 remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with which the District does business are or will become year 2000 compliant.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Evangeline Parish Communications District and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 1, 2000 on our consideration of the Evangeline Parish Communications District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts.

The financial information for the preceding year, which is included for comparative purposes, was taken from the financial report for that year in which we expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the Evangeline Parish Communications District.

***Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Rainey, LLC***  
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana  
March 1, 2000

**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW)**

Evangeline Parish Communications District  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Combined Balance Sheet - All Governmental Fund Types and Account Group  
December 31, 1999

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Fund Type</u> <u>General</u>	<u>Account</u> <u>Group</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Totals</u> <u>(Memorandum Only)</u> <u>1999</u> <u>1998</u>	
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$239,172	\$ -	\$239,172	\$152,037
Revenue receivable	136,557	-	136,557	120,139
Fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>244,696</u>	<u>244,696</u>	<u>247,847</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$375,729</u>	 <u>\$244,696</u>	 <u>\$620,425</u>	 <u>\$520,023</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 17,602</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 17,602</u>	<u>\$ 29,564</u>
Fund equity:				
Investment in general fixed assets	-	244,696	244,696	\$247,847
Fund balance - unreserved, undesignated	<u>358,127</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>358,127</u>	<u>242,612</u>
 Total fund equity	 <u>358,127</u>	 <u>244,696</u>	 <u>602,823</u>	 <u>490,459</u>
 Total liabilities and fund equity	 <u>\$375,729</u>	 <u>\$244,696</u>	 <u>\$620,425</u>	 <u>\$520,023</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Evangeline Parish Communications District  
 Ville Platte, Louisiana  
 General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance -  
 Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual  
 Year Ended December 31, 1999  
 With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	1999		Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)	1998 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Ad valorem tax	\$ 93,050	\$103,168	\$10,118	\$ 97,346
Telephone surcharges	227,547	246,748	19,201	179,499
Miscellaneous	2,000	2,541	541	8,076
Interest on deposits	6,000	7,261	1,261	2,362
Total revenues	<u>328,597</u>	<u>359,718</u>	<u>31,121</u>	<u>287,283</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
<b>Current -</b>				
Advertising	1,400	1,905	(505)	1,398
Auto expense	3,784	1,309	2,475	2,431
Bank charges	-	187	(187)	219
Dues and subscriptions	635	615	20	566
Repairs and maintenance	3,319	6,467	(3,148)	5,949
Insurance	2,243	4,131	(1,888)	4,498
Miscellaneous	3,000	1,331	1,669	2,013
Seminar/Convention	20,000	5,960	14,040	3,927
Equipment lease	47,738	49,339	(1,601)	39,334
Office	6,867	4,190	2,677	5,091
Postage	300	2,934	(2,634)	2,562
Supplies	1,500	2,737	(1,237)	16,661
Telephone	8,000	8,583	(583)	6,974
Professional fees	3,800	3,300	500	8,360
Salaries & related benefits	135,419	141,352	(5,933)	126,974
Pension	-	3,125	(3,125)	2,971
Other	-	-	-	140,441
<b>Capital outlay -</b>				
Equipment	5,000	6,738	(1,738)	102,773
Building improvements	-	-	-	12,165
Total expenditures	<u>243,005</u>	<u>244,203</u>	<u>(1,198)</u>	<u>485,307</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	85,592	115,515	29,923	(198,024)
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>242,612</u>	<u>242,612</u>	-	<u>440,636</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$328,204</u>	<u>\$358,127</u>	<u>\$29,923</u>	<u>\$242,612</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

EVANGELINE PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Evangeline Parish Communications District (hereafter referred to as the "District") has been created by and in accordance with provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute Title 33, Chapter 31, Section 9101-9106 for the purpose of establishing an Enhanced Emergency 911 Service. The District's board consists of seven members who are appointed by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury and serve four year terms. Board members receive no compensation.

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Evangeline Parish Communications District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. Financial Reporting Entity

This report includes all funds which are controlled by or dependent on the District and legislative branches (the President and Board of Commissioners). Control by or dependence on the District was determined on the basis of general oversight responsibility.

The Evangeline Parish Communications District is a component unit of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, the primary government. The Commissioners of the Communications District are appointed by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury. The component unit financial statements of Evangeline Parish Communications District only includes funds and activities that are within the general oversight responsibility of the District.

C. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which are considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of the funds are accounted for with a set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Government resources are accounted for in an individual fund based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The fund presented in the financial statements is described as follows:

**General Fund**

The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources of the District. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.



EVANGELINE PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The District's records are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

E. Budgetary Accounting

A budget for the General Fund was prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principals (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally prepared or amended by the District. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

F. Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, savings deposits, and time deposits. Under state law, the district may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States. Interest-bearing deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market.

G. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in the governmental fund. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

H. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the District as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the funds.

I. Total Columns on Combined Balance Sheet – Overview

Total columns on the combined balance sheet – overview is captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

EVANGELINE PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(2) Interest-bearing deposits

At December 31, 1999, the District had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balance) totaling \$239,172 as follows:

Demand deposits	\$ 8,461
Interest-bearing deposits	<u>230,711</u>
Total	<u>\$239,172</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting bank balance) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent 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) of \$238,871 at December 31, 1999, are secured in total by federal deposit insurance.

(3) Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes are collected and remitted to the District by the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's office. Billed taxes became delinquent on January 1 of the following year.

For the year ended December 31, 1999, taxes of 1.00 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$102,269,770.

Total taxes levied in 1999 were \$102,270. Taxes receivable were \$97,201 at December 31, 1999.

(4) Board of Commissioners' Compensation

No per diem or other compensation was paid to commissioners of the Evangeline Parish Communications District for the year ended December 31, 1999.

(5) Intergovernmental Agreements

The Evangeline Parish Communications District contracts with the Evangeline Parish Police Jury and the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Department in an intergovernmental agreement in which the Police Jury and Sheriff provide all employees necessary to operate the District. The District subsequently reimburses the Police Jury and Sheriff for all salaries and related benefits, including payroll taxes, insurance and pension.

EVANGELINE PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(6) General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>December 31, 1998</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>December 31, 1999</u>
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$159,295	\$ 6,844	\$ -	\$166,139
Automobile	28,103	-	9,995	18,108
Building and improvements	<u>60,449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,449</u>
 Total general fixed assets	 <u><u>\$247,847</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 6,844</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 9,995</u></u>	 <u><u>\$244,696</u></u>

(7) Litigation

There is no litigation pending against the Evangeline Parish Communication District at December 31, 1999.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

EVANGELINE PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Impact of Year 2000 on Computer Programs (Unaudited)

The Year 2000 issue is the result of shortcomings in many electronic data processing systems and other electronic equipment that may adversely affect the government's operations.

The Evangeline Parish Communications District has completed an inventory of computer systems and other electronic equipment that may be affected by the year 2000 issue and that are necessary to conducting the District's operations. The financial reporting system and 911 police and fire emergency reporting system have been tested and validated.

Because of the unprecedented nature of the Year 2000 issue, its effect and the success of related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the year 2000 and thereafter. Management cannot assure that the District is or will be Year 2000 ready, that the District's remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with whom the District does business will be year 2000 ready.

**INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE**

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

The President and Members of  
the Board of Commissioners  
Evangeline Parish Communications District  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Evangeline Parish Communications District, a component unit of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999 and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2000. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Evangeline Parish Communications District's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Evangeline Parish Communications District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Evangeline Parish Communications District's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. The reportable condition noted is described as item number 99-1 in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the information of the Board of Commissioners and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

***Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Rainey, LLC***  
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana  
March 1, 2000



EVANGELINE PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT  
Ville Platte, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plan  
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred	Description of finding	Corrective Action Taken	Corrective Action Planned	Name of Contact Person	Anticipated Completion Date
CURRENT YEAR (12/31/99) -					
Compliance: There were no compliance findings noted for the year ending 12/31/99.					
Internal Control: 99-1	1995 Due to the small number of employees, the District did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.	No	Based upon the size of the operation and the cost benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.	Kent Fontenot	N/A
Management Letter: There were no management letter comments for the year ending 12/31/99.					
PRIOR YEAR (12/31/98) -					
Compliance: There were no compliance findings for the year ending 12/31/98.					
Internal Control: See finding 99-1 above.					
Management Letter: 98-1	1995 The District failed to comply with certain provisions of the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act when it did not adequately document actions taken to adopt and otherwise finalize and implement the budget for the ensuing fiscal year.	Yes	N/A	Kent Fontenot	N/A