

LAFOURCHE PARISH FIFTH WARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL
THIBODIAUX, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996 and 1995

INTRODUCTION

The Fifth Ward Gravity Drainage District No. 5 of Lafourche Parish was created by the Lafourche Parish Council on February 16, 1965, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 18:1151. The district is governed by a board of five commissioners who are appointed by the Lafourche Parish Council. The board of commissioners has elected to receive no compensation for their services. The district is authorized to open and maintain all natural drains in the district, where drainage is accomplished using the natural force of gravity. This may be accomplished by cutting and opening new drains, ditches, and canals. The district covers the entire Fifth Ward of Lafourche Parish and has two full-time employees. The district maintains approximately 18 miles of major drainage canals and 22 miles of smaller drainage canals and ditches.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Lafourche Parish Drainage 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. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Lafourche Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Lafourche Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (Police Jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Lafourche Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criteria for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

MEETINGS

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised by LSA-RS 41:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

LaGrange Parish (Drainage District NO. 5) is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the district's office building. The district does not have an office and holds its meetings of the board at the accountant's office. No postings of the meetings or the agenda were noted.

DEBT

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

We inspected copies of all bank statements for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

ADVANCES AND BONUSES

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

A reading of the minutes of the district for the years indicated no approval for the payments noted. We also inspected payroll records for the years and noted no instances which would indicate payments to employees which would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

**CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS
AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by USA,RS 42:1101-1104 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

Management provided us with the required list.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

None of the employees included on the list of employees provided by management (agreed-upon procedure (3)) appeared on the list provided by management in agreed-upon procedure (2) except for Andre Bourgeois, who is a son of Raoul Bourgeois, a board member. However, he was an employee prior to his father serving on the board.

BUDGETING

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

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget. There were no amendments to the budget during the year.

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

We traced the adoption of the original budget to the minutes of meeting held on June 2, 1994, which indicated that the budget for

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

May 5, 1997

To the Management of
Lafourche Parish Drainage District NO. 5
Thibodaux, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the Louisiana Government Audit Guide and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Lafourche Parish Drainage District NO. 5 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about Lafourche Parish Drainage District NO. 5's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the two years ended December 31, 1996 included in the accompanying Louisiana Allocation Questionnaire. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specific users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

PUBLIC BID LAW

1. Select all expenditures made during the years for material and supplies exceeding \$5,000, or public works exceeding \$50,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2214 (the public bid law).

There were no expenditures over \$5,000 made during the years for materials or supplies, and no expenditures for public works exceeding \$50,000. Therefore, the district did not have any transactions during the years subject to the public bid law.

LAFAYETTE PARISH FIFTH WARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL
THIBODIAUX, LOUISIANA
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1990

COMPENSATION RAIL BOARD MEMBERS

The schedule of compensation paid board members is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1989 Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

There were no compensated board members.

"See Accountant's Report"

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

6. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance 1/31/96	Additions	Balance 12/31/96
vehicles, tools, equipment	\$58,824	350	\$59,174
Total	\$58,824	350	\$59,174

7. PENSION PLAN

The employees of the district participate in the federal social security program. The district is required to contribute an amount equal to the employee contribution to the Social Security Administration.

8. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The district does not provide any other postemployment benefits.

9. OFF-SHIFT PAYMENTS FOR POLICE MEMBERS AND SALARIES

Certain operating expenditures of the district are paid by the parish police jury and are not included in the accompanying financial statements. These expenditures are summarized as follows:

The parish police jury provides poison spray for vegetation at certain times.

10. INVESTMENTS

The district did not have any outside investments at December 31, 1996.

Lafourche Parish Fifth Ward
 Precinct District No. 5
 Lafourche Parish Council
 Thibodaux, Louisiana
 Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Demand deposits	\$ 1,187
Time deposits	78,226
Other - Money market account	<u>91,325</u>
Total	171,338

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the remaining 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 fiscal agent. 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. At December 31, 1996, the district has \$171,338 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$171,338 of federal deposit insurance, and, if needed pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 1).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 1) under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 50:1529 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the district that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

5. RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 1996.

	General <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 50,490	\$ 50,490
Revenue sharing	<u>2,335</u>	<u>2,335</u>
Total	52,825	52,825

The district receives the ad valorem taxes receivable in the amount collected by the sheriff before year end and remitted to the district in the current year. Some collections are remitted to the district during the year for delinquent taxes, but this amount is immaterial. Therefore, no bad debts or write-offs are recorded in the books of the district. By closing out the prior years receivables to increase the prior year receivables not collected are substantially written-off.

Lafourche Parish Fifth Ward
 Precinct District No. 5
 Lafourche Parish Council
 Thibodaux, Louisiana
 Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Designated Fund Balances
 Designated fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources. The district did not have any designated fund balances at December 31, 1996.

N. TOTAL COLUMNS ON STATEMENTS

The total columns on the statements are captioned Memorandum only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

O. LEVIED TAXES

The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

	<u>Authorized</u> <u>Millions</u>	<u>Levied</u> <u>Millions</u>
General Maintenance	5.11	5.11

The following are the principal taxpayers for the parish:

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Assessed</u> <u>Valuation</u>	<u>Percentage of</u> <u>Total Assessed</u> <u>Valuation</u>
Louisiana Power & Light - Utility	\$1,824,250	15.57%
Wal-Mart Stores - Retail	1,434,070	11.58%
Coca Machinery & Equipment - Production	843,630	6.88%
Texas Eastern Trans. - Gas Trans.	486,568	3.95%
Caldwell Sugars - Production	487,888	3.95%
Total	4,264,388	100.00%

P. FUND DEFICITS

There were no fund deficits at December 31, 1996.

Q. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 1996, the district has cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) totaling \$171,328 as follows:

Expenditures are recognized when the items are purchased. Inventories at year-end are equally offset by fund balance reserves. However, no inventories existed at December 31, 1988.

I. PREPAID ITEMS

There were no prepaid items at December 31, 1988.

J. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased or constructed, and the related assets are capitalized (reported) in the general fixed assets account group. Public domain or infrastructures are not capitalized. Interest costs incurred during construction are capitalized. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

K. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The district has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

The district adopted a vacation and sick leave policy which allows thirteen (13) paid holidays a year, vacation and sick leave accrue each pay period according to the employee's length of service.

GAAP Statement No. 18 governs the reporting of compensated absences. The current portion of the liability for compensated absences should be reported in the fund. The remainder of the liability, if any, should be reported in the general long-term obligations account group.

L. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from governmental funds are reported in the general long-term obligations account group. Expenditures for principal and interest payments for long-term obligations are recognized in the governmental funds when due. The district does not have any long-term obligations at December 31, 1988.

M. FUND EQUITY

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriate for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use. The district did not have any reserves at December 31, 1988.

Lafourche Parish Fifth Ward
Business District No. 5
Lafourche Parish Council
Thibodaux, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Interest Income -

Interest earned on the money market account or certificates of deposit are recorded as revenue each month as received.

Expenditures -

Expenditures are recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The major expenditures are salaries and related benefits, repairs, materials and supplies, fuel and insurance.

E. BUDGET PRACTICES

The district adopted a budget for the general fund for the year ended December 31, 1996, as required by Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:1345. The budget was prepared on a modified accrual basis of accounting and was adopted on March 4, 1996. Budget integration was not employed as a management control device during the year, and there were no amendments to the original adopted budget. Appropriations lapse at year end, and the district does not employ encumbrance accounting. The board of commissioners reserves all authority to make changes to the budget. The district did not budget beginning or ending fund balance.

F. ENCUMBRANCES

The district does not use encumbrance accounting.

G. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. 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.

Under state law, 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 are stated at cost.

H. INVENTORY

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market. Inventories consist of expendable supplies held for consumption.

Management of Lafourche Parish

Drainage District NO. 5

May 5, 1987

page 5

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Lafourche Parish Drainage District NO. 5 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



John D. Butler & Company, APAC
by: John D. Butler, CPA

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - (a) the ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - (b) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.
2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the police jury's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship, the district was determined to be a component unit of the Lafourche Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The district uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Funds of the district are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the district's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the recording of

1995 had been adopted by the board with a unanimous vote. Also, the minutes of the March 25, 1996 meeting indicated that the board adopted the budget for 1996 by a unanimous vote. No amendments were made to the budget during the year.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues or expenditures exceed amounts by more than 5%.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures for the two years. Actual revenues and expenditures for the year 1995 did not exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%. However the following accounts in 1995 exceeded the budgeted amounts; Accounting - 45%, Materials and Supplies - 75%, and Repairs - 46%.

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

8. Randomly select six disbursements made during the period under examination and: (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee, (b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account, and (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

- (a) We examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements, for 1995 and 1996, and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.
- (b) All six payments for 1995 and 1996 were properly coded to the correct general ledger account.
- (c) Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements, for 1995 and 1996, indicated approvals from the accountant and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

LAFAYETTE PARISH FIFTH WARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL
THIBODOX, LOUISIANA
ENVIRONMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP/Non-GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996 and 1995

Statement C

REVENUES	1996		Variance Revenue/ Unfavorable
	Budget	Actual	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 48,000	\$ 52,404	\$ 4,404
Revenue sharing	23,000	23,700	700
Interest earnings	4,000	3,800	2,000
Total Revenues	75,000	79,904	4,904
EXPENDITURES			
Accounting	3,800	3,763	(367)
Material & supplies	4,800	3,016	(1,784)
Office supplies & expense	100	150	50
Fuel	2,500	2,000	500
Legal advertising	20	20	0
Insurance	1,000	2,720	1,720
Repairs	4,500	6,504	2,004
Salaries & related benefits	35,000	36,240	1,240
Licenses	200	20	180
Portion fund assessments	1,500	1,500	0
None	1,500	1,200	300
Total Expenditures	58,920	62,263	(2,657)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	1,575	4,674	3,099
Other Financing Sources	-0-	-0-	-0-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	1,575	4,674	3,099
Fund Balance (Deficit) at Beginning of Year	258,266	258,266	-0-
Fund Balance (Deficit) at End of Year	262,841	262,942	4,601

See Accompanying Notes and Accountant's Report

LAFAYETTE PARISH FIFTH WARD DISTRICT NO. 5
LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL,
TERBOURN, LOUISIANA
GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GRAND/NO-CRAB BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996 and 1995

Statement C

REVENUES	1996		Variance Favorable (Unfavor- able)
	Budget	Actual	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,892	\$ 892
Revenue sharing	11,000	10,363	(637)
Interest earnings	5,800	6,875	1,075
Total Revenue	69,800	71,130	1,330
EXPENDITURES			
Accounting	3,880	2,100	880
Material & supplies	6,880	2,708	5,288
Office supplies & expenses	380	119	261
Fuel	2,480	2,506	(26)
Legal advertising	25	20	5
Insurance	3,000	2,952	4,068
Repairs	6,500	6,827	1,627
Salaries & related benefits	38,000	32,392	4,008
Licenses	100	20	80
Pension fund assessment	1,800	1,784	116
Rent	1,500	1,200	300
Total Expenditures	68,520	53,490	18,030
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	470	26,380	26,380
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-0-	-0-	-0-
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	470	26,380	26,380
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	288,142	288,142	-0-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	288,612	288,122	16,705

See Accompanying Notes and Accountant's Report

LAFAYETTE PARISH FIFTH WARD DEWEAVER DISTRICT NO. 5
 LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL
 THIBODAOX, LOUISIANA
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996 AND 1995

Statement B

REVENUES	1996	1995
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 53,682	\$ 53,484
Intergovernmental revenues:		
State revenue sharing (net)	18,704	18,700
Interest earnings	<u>8,075</u>	<u>8,809</u>
Total Revenues	70,461	69,993
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries and related benefits	33,397	36,240
Legal and accounting	3,500	3,165
Insurance	2,952	2,124
Office supplies	119	150
Repairs and maintenance	12,888	16,580
Other	<u>3,934</u>	<u>3,890</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>53,688</u>	<u>62,249</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	16,773	7,744
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (DEBIT)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER DEBTS	16,773	7,744
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>264,142</u>	<u>258,208</u>
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	280,915	265,952

See Accompanying Notes and Accountant's Report.

LAFAYETTE PARISH FIFTH WARD SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 2
LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL
TERREBORE, LOUISIANA
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 1984 AND 1985

Statement A

	Gov't	Account	Totals	
	Funds	Groups	1984	1985
	General	General	(Memorandum Only)	
	Fund	Fund		
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS				
Cash & cash equivalents	\$171,338	\$ -	\$171,338	\$156,577
Receivables	57,829	-	57,829	55,914
land, buildings, & equipment	-	57,174	57,174	56,814
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	229,167	57,174	286,342	269,305
LIABILITIES, EQUITY, AND OTHER CREDITS				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	3,153	-	3,153	3,153
Payroll deductions and withholdings payable	68	-	68	505
total liabilities	3,221	-	3,221	3,658
Equity and Other Credits:				
Investment in general fixed assets	-	59,174	59,174	58,154
Fund Balances:				
Unreserved - undesignated	225,946	-	225,946	209,310
Total Equity and Other Credits and Fund Balances	225,946	59,174	285,120	267,464
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY, OTHER CREDITS, AND FUND BALANCES	229,167	57,174	286,342	269,305

See Accompanying Notes and Accountant's Report

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 3, 1957

Office of Legislative Auditor
Attention: Ms. Dorothy Milner
1638 North Third
P. O. Box 54397
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-0397

Dear Ms. Milner:

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514, enclosed are the annual financial statements for the Lafourche Parish 5th Ward Drainage District as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1955 and 1956. The report includes all funds under the control and oversight of the district. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Sincerely,

Officer

Enclosure

JOHN D. BUTLER & COMPANY
A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
P. O. BOX 20
BAKER, LOUISIANA 70302

(504) 775-4900

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

May 6, 1987

Fifth Ward Gravity Drainage District
No. 5 of Lafourche Parish
Lafourche Parish Council
Thibodaux, Louisiana 70321

We have compiled the accompanying balance sheets of Fifth Ward Gravity Drainage District No. 5 of Lafourche Parish, a component unit of the Lafourche Parish Council, as of December 31, 1986 and 1985, and the related Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances, and Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual for the years then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

In accordance with the terms of our engagement, we have also issued a report on applying agreed-upon procedures dated May 6, 1987.

John D. Butler & Co., INC.
John D. Butler & Co., INC.

FIFTH WARD GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
 OF LAFOUCHE PARISH
 LAFOUCHE PARISH COUNCIL
 THIBODAX, LOUISIANA

COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
 INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORTS
 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1994 AND FOR THE YEAR
 ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994 AND 1995

CONTENTS

	<u>Statement</u>	<u>Page</u>
Independent Accountant's Completion Report on the Financial Statements		3
Component Unit Financial Statements:		
Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups	A	3
Governmental Funds:		
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	B	4
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (BWAP Basis) and Actual - General Fund	C	6
Notes to the Financial Statements		7
Supplementary Information		15
Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire		27
Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures		30



158
RECEIVED

JUN 18 1997

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FIFTH WARD SEWAGE TREATMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
OF LAPOURVILLE PARISH

COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S
REPORT ON APPLYING
NARRATED-UPON PROCEDURES

DECEMBER 31, 1996 and 1995

Under provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of the report has been submitted to the auditor, or receiver, entity and other appropriate public officials. This report is available for public inspection at the Baton Rouge office of the Legislative Auditor and, where appropriate, at the office of the parish clerk of court.

JUL 07 1997
Release Date _____

general long-term debt. Governmental funds of the district include:

1. General Fund - the general operating fund of the district and accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.
2. Debt Service Fund - accounts for transactions relating to resources retained and used for the payment of principal and interest on those long-term obligations recorded in the general long-term obligations account group.
3. Capital Projects Fund - accounts for financial resources received and used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities not reported in the other governmental funds.

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental funds. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues -

Revenues of the district consist of the following:

Ed Wilcox Tax -

The college due the district is billed through the parish tax and collected by the Sheriff. The tax is assessed in November of each year for that calendar year. The district accrues the assessed amount as a receivable at year end and records it as a revenue. The tax is collected by the Sheriff and remitted to the district the following year beginning in January with the taxes collected in November and December of the tax year.

Revenue Sharing -

This revenue is received from the State through the Sheriff three times each year. The amounts are recorded as revenue when received, except the final two payments are accrued at year end and actually received in April or May of the following year.