



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY  
AUDIT DIVISION

REPORT NO. 97-02-12

CHARBONNE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
FARMERVILLE, LOUISIANA

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April 5, 1998

Board of Supervisors  
D'Arbonne Soil and Water Conservation District  
606 E. Water Street  
Farmerville, Louisiana 71241

Gentlemen:

We have audited the accompanying Balance Sheet of the D'Arbonne Soil and Water Conservation District, as of June 30, 1997, and the related Statements of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Our audit was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the D'Arbonne Soil and Water Conservation District as of June 30, 1997, and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balance for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Tillman  
Audit Director

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cc. State Soil and Water Conservation Committee  
Legislative Auditor

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Management of the D'Arbonne Soil and Water Conservation District is responsible for the District's compliance with state and local regulations. As part of our audit, we selected and tested transactions and records to determine the extent to which the Soil and Water Conservation District complied with material laws and regulations of the State of Louisiana.

Our testing of transactions and records disclosed no instances of noncompliance.

## EXHIBIT A

## AUDITED COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

	GENERAL FUND	SPEC. REVENUE FUND	GENERAL FOOD SERVICE	FUND BALANCE 1987	FUND BALANCE 1988
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash	\$14,174.08		\$0.00	\$14,174.08	\$12,088.00
Petty Cash	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$12,000.00		\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Due From Other Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Money Market	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Savings	\$1,084.28		\$0.00	\$1,084.28	\$471.88
Prepaid Insurance	\$82.00		\$0.00	\$82.00	\$82.00
Prepaid Maintenance	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Furniture & Equipment		\$14,073.08		\$14,073.08	\$24,811.77
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$27,321.36</b>	<b>\$14,073.08</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$41,571.36</b>	<b>\$46,432.18</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accrued Salaries	\$1,018.25		\$0.00	\$1,018.25	\$817.00
Accrued FICA	\$77.74		\$0.00	\$77.74	\$62.00
Accrued Retirement	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accrued Loans	\$2,886.07		\$0.00	\$2,886.07	\$1,335.83
Due To Other Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$3,984.06</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,984.06</b>	<b>\$2,497.83</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>					
Fund Balance-Res.-Group Insurance	\$0.00			\$0.00	(\$11.27)
Fund Balance-Res.-Other Insurance	\$82.00			\$82.00	\$82.00
Fund Balance-Res.-Maintenance	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Balance-Special Revenue			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Balance-Unreserved Investments in G. F. A.	\$23,256.48	\$14,073.08		\$23,256.48	\$24,811.77
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$23,338.48</b>	<b>\$14,073.08</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$37,491.96</b>	<b>\$47,334.83</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$27,321.36</b>	<b>\$14,073.08</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$41,571.36</b>	<b>\$46,432.18</b>

The accompanying notes are an  
integral part of this statement.

## EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

	GENERAL FUND 1997	SPECIAL REVENUE	TOTAL FUND 1997	TOTAL FUND 1996
<b>REVENUE</b>				
DCO (141)	\$0.00	\$28,595.48	\$28,595.48	\$0.00
DMH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$811.84	\$0.00	\$811.84	\$560.73
Local	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$000.81
Rentals	\$117.80	\$0.00	\$117.80	\$0.00
Navigation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Seedlings	\$1,419.80	\$0.00	\$1,419.80	\$2,081.08
Special Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$87,388.27
State Funds	\$74,323.28	\$0.00	\$74,323.28	\$88,637.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$76,652.22</b>	<b>\$28,605.48</b>	<b>\$1,053,077.73</b>	<b>\$151,028.03</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Annual Report	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$24.00
Area Meeting	\$79.95	\$0.00	\$79.95	\$81.80
Awards, Contests, Promotions	\$1,155.00	\$0.00	\$1,155.00	\$1,348.87
Bath Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81.14
Board Meetings-per diem	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,848.00
Board Meetings-transport	\$558.32	\$0.00	\$558.32	\$278.24
DCO (file thru)	\$0.00	\$27,878.04	\$27,878.04	\$84,103.81
Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,188.80	\$0.00	\$1,188.80	\$1,188.80
Equipment Purchase	\$2,889.81	\$0.00	\$2,889.81	\$0.00
Field Materials/Supplies	\$87.50	\$0.00	\$87.50	\$0.00
Fuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance-group health	\$3,188.28	\$0.00	\$3,188.28	\$2,488.00
Insurance-officer	\$274.88	\$0.00	\$274.88	\$1,218.48
Insurance-unemployment	\$188.18	\$0.00	\$188.18	\$118.41
Maintenance & Repairs	\$344.88	\$0.00	\$344.88	\$158.78
Miscellaneous	\$3,118.00	\$0.00	\$3,118.00	\$880.31
Office Supplies	\$471.80	\$0.00	\$471.80	\$322.00
Prints	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$1,137.00	\$0.00	\$1,137.00	\$358.98
Rent	\$3,800.00	\$0.00	\$3,800.00	\$0.00
Rentals & Leases	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,580.80
Salaries	\$47,881.17	\$1,824.00	\$49,705.17	\$81,386.74
FOIA	\$3,884.88	\$0.00	\$3,884.88	\$3,810.33
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Telephone	\$474.28	\$0.00	\$474.28	\$574.58
Travel	\$1,489.82	\$0.00	\$1,489.82	\$1,887.24
Trees	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$725.00	\$685.08
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$76,676.28</b>	<b>\$28,208.04</b>	<b>\$1,044,984.32</b>	<b>\$154,918.28</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,725.94</b>	<b>(\$398.56)</b>	<b>\$1,084.31</b>	<b>\$5,109.75</b>

The accompanying notes are an

**EXHIBIT C**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

	GENERAL FUND 1996	SPEC. REVENUE FUND	TOTAL FUND 1997	TOTAL FUND 1996
Fund Balance-Unreserved Beginning of the Year	\$22,192.17	\$0.00	\$22,192.17	19098.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures	\$4,792.67	(\$58.58)	\$1,294.31	\$128.24
Less: Prior Period Adjustment	(\$598.66)	\$598.68	\$0.00	\$0.00
Less: Statute P. B.-Reserved for Other Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Less: Statute P. B.-Reserved for Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Balance-Unreserved End of the Year	\$22,386.18	\$0.00	\$22,386.18	\$22,192.17
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Fund Balance-Reserved for Group Insurance (Beg. Balance)	(\$11.21)	\$0.00	(\$11.21)	(\$34.50)
Plus: Paid-in by Supervisors	\$2,811.77	\$0.00	\$2,811.77	\$2,809.35
Less: Paid-out by District	(\$2,800.50)	\$0.00	(\$2,800.50)	\$2,777.65
Less: Prior Period Correction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Balance Reserved for Group Insurance (Ending Balance)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$11.21)
Fund Balance-Reserved for Other Insurance (Beg. Balance)	\$02.00	\$0.00	\$02.00	\$02.00
Plus: Paid-in	\$914.66	\$0.00	\$914.66	\$1,216.66
Less: Paid-out	(\$914.66)	\$0.00	(\$914.66)	(\$1,216.66)
Fund Balance Reserved for Other Insurance (Ending Balance)	\$02.00	\$0.00	\$02.00	\$02.00
Fund Balance-Reserved for Maintenance (Beg. Balance)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Plus: Paid-in	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Less: Paid-out	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Balance Reserved for Maintenance (Ending Balance)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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are presented as if the accounts were organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which would be considered a separate accounting entity. Since the District has financial resources which are required to be accounted for in other funds, a general fund and a special revenue fund were both employed.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, the O'Arbonne Soil and Water Conservation District began receiving funds which it considers Special Revenue Funds and the financial records have been prepared accordingly.

**B. FIXED ASSETS**

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

This account group is not a "fund." It is concerned with the measurement of financial position, not with measurement of operations.

**C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The records are maintained on a cash basis and the accompanying financial statements have been converted to a modified accrual basis of accounting using the following practices:

(1) Revenue

State Funds are recorded when the District is entitled to the funds.

Newsletter sponsors and equipment rental are recorded in the year earned.

Interest income on time deposits is recorded when the deposits have matured and the income is available.

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Rents and royalties are recorded in the year earned.

Subsequently all other revenues are recorded when received.

(2) Expenditures

Expenditures were recognized in the accounting period in which the liabilities are both measurable and incurred.

D. BUDGETARY PRACTICES

A budget was submitted to the Office of Soil and Water Conservation, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. State Funding for the year was based upon the allocation procedures established in the program rules and regulations.

E. ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE

Employees earn and accumulate annual and sick leave at various rates depending on their years of service. Unused annual and sick leave accumulates without limit. The number of hours of unused annual leave for which an employee may receive a lump sum payment upon termination from District employment may not exceed 300 hours.

At June 30, 1997 (fiscal close), the D'Arbonne Soil and Water Conservation District had accumulated and vested \$2,888.07 in leave privileges, required to be accrued under SFAS 43. Current year expenditures for salary and leave privileges total \$49,515.17.

F. PENSION PLAN  
SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Substantially all employees of the D'Arbonne Soil and Water Conservation District

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and members of the Social Security System. The Employee contribution was 7.52% of gross salary from July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997. The District contributed an additional 7.55% of gross salary from July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997. The District does not guarantee the benefits granted by the Social Security System.

**2. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**

The General Fixed Assets of the D'Arbonne Soil and Water Conservation District had a net decrease of \$10,236.08 for the year ended June 30, 1997.

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4. COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS

The schedule of compensation paid to the D'Arbonne Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Compensation of the D'Arbonne Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors is included in the general administrative expenditures of the General Fund. Members of the governing board receive compensation pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 3:1207.

PER DIEM/LEAGE PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1987

BOARD MEMBER	MEETINGS REIMBURSED	PER DIEM	MELEAGE	TOTAL AMOUNT
Spence Allen	6	\$ 210.00	\$ 53.12	\$ 263.12
George Emerson	11	\$ 365.00	\$242.60	\$ 607.60
James Land	13	\$ 455.00	\$ 53.96	\$ 508.96
Leonard Martin	5	\$ 175.00	\$ 5.20	\$ 180.20
Thad Spurlock	13	\$ 455.00	\$201.54	\$ 656.54
	TOTALS	\$1,560.00	\$566.32	\$2,236.32

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOARD MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR WAS 12.