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FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 1999

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

The Honorable Mayor of Goldonna
and Village Aldermen
Village of Goldonna, Louisiana

We have compiled the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Village of Goldonna as of June 30, 1999 and for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The financial statements have been prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is the generally accepted accounting method established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for governmental units.

A compilation is limited to presenting, in the form of financial statements, information that is the representation of the Village's 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.

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October 5, 1999
Natchitoches, Louisiana

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

Village of Goldonna, Louisiana

Combined Balance Sheet-All Fund Types and Account Groups
June 30, 1999

	<u>Governmental Fund Type</u>	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fixed Assets</u>	<u>6-30-99</u>
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash	\$12,843	\$ 5,246	\$ 0	\$ 18,089
Accounts Receivable	0	8,073	0	8,073
Restricted Assets-				
Note Fund	0	25	0	25
Sinking Fund	0	2,450	0	2,450
Depreciation Fund	0	2,759	0	2,759
Reserve Fund	0	5,196	0	5,196
Plant and Equipment	0	823,876	0	823,876
Less, Accumulated				
Depreciation	0	(193,711)	0	(193,711)
Land, Equipment, and Buildings	0	0	17,741	17,741
Total Assets	<u>\$12,843</u>	<u>\$ 653,914</u>	<u>\$17,741</u>	<u>\$ 684,498</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Payable from Restricted Assets-				
Customer's Meter Deposits	\$ 0	\$ 9,000	\$ 0	\$ 9,000
Revenue Notes Payable	0	138,939	0	138,939
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 147,939</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 147,939</u>
<u>Fund Equity</u>				
Contributed Capital	\$ 0	\$ 626,380	\$ 0	\$ 626,380
Investment in General Fixed Assets	0	0	17,741	17,741
Retained Earnings-				
Deficit	0	(120,405)	0	(120,405)
Fund Balances-				
Unreserved-				
Undesignated	12,843	0	0	12,843
Total Fund Equity	<u>\$12,843</u>	<u>\$ 505,975</u>	<u>\$17,741</u>	<u>\$ 536,559</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>\$12,843</u>	<u>\$ 653,914</u>	<u>\$17,741</u>	<u>\$ 684,498</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' compilation report.

Village of Goldonna, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-
Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
General Fund Type
Year Ended June 30, 1999

	General Fund		Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budget	Actual	
REVENUES:			
Tobacco Taxes	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,255	\$ (45)
Franchise Fees	18,600	16,785	(1,815)
Miscellaneous	<u>6,500</u>	<u>8,195</u>	<u>1,695</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$27,400</u>	<u>\$27,235</u>	<u>\$ (165)</u>
Expenditures:			
Current-			
General Government	\$16,300	\$13,931	\$ 2,369
Public Safety	6,100	5,680	420
Capital Outlay	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$27,400</u>	<u>\$24,611</u>	<u>\$ 2,789</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 0	\$ 2,624	\$ 2,624
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	<u>10,219</u>	<u>10,219</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$10,219</u>	<u>\$12,843</u>	<u>\$ 2,624</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' compilation report.

Village of Goldonna, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Retained Earnings-
Proprietary Fund Type-Enterprise Fund
Year Ended June 30, 1999

REVENUES:	
Water Sales	\$ 43,971
Interest Income	<u>317</u>
Total Revenues	\$ <u>44,288</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Depreciation	\$ 16,478
General & Administrative	13,950
Utilities	6,336
Repairs & Maintenance	<u>7,481</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$ <u>44,245</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 43
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Interest on Notes Payable	<u>(7,847)</u>
Net Income	\$ (7,804)
Retained Earnings (Deficit)- Beginning of Year	<u>112,601</u>
Retained Earnings (Deficit)- End of Year	\$ <u>(120,405)</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' compilation report.

Village of Goldonna, Louisiana

Proprietary Fund Type
Enterprise Fund
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended June 30, 1999

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Net Income (Loss) for the Year	\$ (7,804)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	16,478
Increase in Accounts Receivables	(3,464)
Increase in Restricted Assets	(1,618)
Increase in Customer's Deposits	<u>711</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used by) Operating Activities	\$ 4,303
Cash Flows Used by Investing Activities:	0
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:	
Repayment of Long-Term Debt	<u>(3,958)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ 345
Cash at Beginning of Year	<u>4,901</u>
Cash at End of Year	<u>\$ 5,246</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' compilation report.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Village of Goldonna, Louisiana
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 1999

1. **The Reporting Entity:**

The Village of Goldonna, Louisiana, is incorporated under the Lawrason Act with a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government. The executive branch of government is headed by the Mayor and a Legislative branch consisting of three Aldermen.

This report includes all funds and account groups which are controlled or dependent on the Village of Goldonna's executive and legislative branches (the Mayor and Aldermen). Control by or dependence on the Village of Goldonna was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of government body, and other general oversight responsibility.

The Village's operations include police, streets and drainage, and general and administrative services. In addition, the Village operates a Utility System which provides water services.

2. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

The accounting and reporting policies of the Village of Goldonna conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the *Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide*, and to the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices:

Fund Accounting The accounts of the Village of Goldonna are organized on the basis of funds and an account group, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into three generic funds types and two broad fund categories as follows:

Governmental Funds-

General Fund-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.

Special Revenue Funds-Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. The Village did not maintain such funds during the year ended June 30, 1999.

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Proprietary Fund-

Enterprise Fund-The Enterprise Fund is 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 cost (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 the periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

Fixed Assets-The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets and long-term liabilities associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus and only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets.

Fixed Assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, and are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund types when purchased. Assets are valued at historical cost. The Village has elected not to capitalize public domain ("infrastructure") fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, including roads, bridges, sidewalks, and drainage improvements. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

The account group is not a "fund". It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position, and is not involved with the measurement of results of operations.

The proprietary fund is accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus, and all assets and all liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with its activity are included on the balance sheet.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by the proprietary fund is charged as an expense against the operations. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method.

Water System - Pre 1998	40 years
Improvements Water System - 1998 Improvements	50 years
Building	10 years

Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and expendable trust funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

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June 30, 1999

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental fund types and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (*i.e.*, when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means that the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Tobacco taxes and franchise fees are recognized when received because they are not objectively measurable. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

The proprietary fund is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Village utilizes the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

1. The Clerk prepares the budget which is to be submitted to the Board of Aldermen at the May meeting of the Board. The budget is to be voted on at the June meeting.
2. The budget can be amended after adoption, by the Clerk submitting an amended budget to the Board, and adoption by the Board.
3. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
4. Budgets for the General and Enterprise funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Inventories

Water system supplies used in the proprietary fund are expensed when purchased since the amount on hand, if any, is not material in amount.

Retirement Commitments

The employees of the Village of Goldonna are not covered by any pension system, other than the social security system.

Unpaid Accumulated Vacation and Sick Pay

At June 30, 1999 there was no unpaid accumulated vacation or sick pay.

Encumbrance Accounting

The Village of Goldonna does not employ the use of "encumbrance" accounting methods.

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Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consists of utility charges to customers. Uncollectible amounts due for customer's utility receivables are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. Uncollectible amounts represent less than 5% of accounts receivable. Accordingly, no provision is made for uncollectible amounts.

Total Columns on Combined Statements - Overview

Total columns on the combined statements-overview are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

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 and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. Restricted Assets - Proprietary Fund Type:

The following is a schedule of changes in assets restricted for revenue debt service for the year ended June 30, 1999:

	<u>Sinking</u>	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Reserve</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash, 7-1-98	\$ 2,539	\$2,234	\$4,024	\$ 15	\$ 8,812
Interest Earned	119	69	128	0	316
Transfers from Operating Accounts	8,000	456	1,044	11,815	21,315
Transfers from (to) Operating Accounts	(8,200)	0	0	0	(8,200)
Disbursements-					
Bond Interest	0	0	0	(7,847)	(8,155)
Bond Principal	0	0	0	(3,958)	(3,650)
Supplies	(8)	0	0	0	(8)
Cash, 6-30-99	<u>\$ 2,450</u>	<u>\$2,759</u>	<u>\$5,196</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$10,430</u>

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4. Changes in General Fixed Assets:

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Furniture & Fixtures</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at July 1, 1998	\$11,868	\$ 233	\$640	\$12,741
Additions for year ended 6-30-99	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Balance at June 30, 1999	<u>\$11,868</u>	<u>\$5,233</u>	<u>\$640</u>	<u>\$17,741</u>

5. Long-Term Liabilities:

The Village entered into an agreement with the Farmers Home Administration to borrow \$59,000, to construct a waterworks system. As evidence of this loan, the Village issued a revenue promissory note in the amount of \$59,000, bearing interest at the rate 3.75% per annum which would be payable in monthly amortized installments beginning on January 1, 1968, and on each succeeding month thereafter, until the face amount of the note plus interest thereon is fully paid, except that the final payment of the entire indebtedness if not sooner paid shall be due and payable forty (40) years from the date of the note. So long as such note is held or insured by the United States of America, such principal and interest shall be payable to the office of the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Coushatta, Louisiana, or at such other place as may be designated by the Government.

The note, together with the interest thereon, is to be payable solely from the income and revenues to be derived from the operation of the water system, a sufficient portion of which is pledged in payment of the note and said note shall be additionally secured by a mortgage on the lands, buildings, machinery, and equipment comprising such waterworks system.

The annual requirements to amortize the note payable of the Farmer's Home Administration are as follows:

Year Ending <u>June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1999	\$ 2,339	\$ 601	\$ 2,940
2000	2,422	518	2,940
2001	2,512	428	2,940
2002	2,600	340	2,940
Thereafter	<u>7,124</u>	<u>1,696</u>	<u>8,820</u>
Totals	<u>\$16,997</u>	<u>\$3,583</u>	<u>\$20,580</u>

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All income and revenues from the operation of the System are to be set aside into a separate and special fund designated as "Waterworks Revenue Fund". Each month there is to be transferred to "Waterworks Operation and Maintenance Fund" sufficient funds to pay current expenses of the system for that month. Additionally, there is to be transferred each month into "Waterworks Revenue Note Fund" a \$245 monthly payment to accumulate funds for the monthly payment of principal and interest to Farmers Home Administration. It has also been agreed by the Village to maintain a reserve of \$1,500.00, in the "Waterworks Revenue Note Fund".

An additional account has been set up by the Village as a sinking fund for the waterworks system which is herein referred to as "Waterworks Depreciation Fund". The Village is required to deposit \$25 per month into this sinking fund for replacements made necessary by the depreciation of the system.

Water Revenue Bonds Payable at June 30, 1999:

The Village entered into a bond agreement with the Farmers Home Administration on March 10, 1988 for \$134,600.00 with repayments due in annual installments of \$8,864.76 for a term of forty (40) years. Interest is to be fixed at a rate of 5.875% per annum, and payment is to be made on March 10 of each year through the year 2028.

Under the terms of the Revenue Bonds, the following monthly payments should be made to the "Waterworks Sinking Fund", "Waterworks Reserve Fund", and the "Waterworks Contingency Fund":

Monthly Payments:

<u>Period (Mo./Yr.)</u>	<u>Sinking Fund</u>	<u>Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Contingency Fund</u>
3/20/97 - 2/20-2028	\$800.00	\$36.94/mo. until \$8,864.75 has Accumulated	\$38.00

The annual requirements to amortize the revenue bonds payable of the Farmers Home Administration are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1999	\$ 1,686	\$ 7,179	\$ 8,865
2000	1,775	7,090	8,865
2001	1,870	6,995	8,865
2002	1,970	6,895	8,865
Thereafter	<u>114,641</u>	<u>107,185</u>	<u>221,826</u>
Totals	<u>\$121,942</u>	<u>\$135,344</u>	<u>\$257,286</u>

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6. Litigation:

At June 30, 1999, there was no pending civil suits against the Village.

7. Cash and Investments:

The Village's cash is held in separate cash accounts, and accounted for separately in each of the Village's funds. At June 30, 1999, the Village's cash totaled \$18,089. All of this cash is held by banks, and is covered by FDIC insurance.

The Village's cash is categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Village at June 30, 1999. Category 1 includes cash held by the Village which is insured and held in the Village's name. Category 2 would include cash and investments held in the Village's name which is uninsured or unregistered. Category 3 would include the Village's cash held by a trustee or other third party not in the Village's name and uninsured and unregistered.

	Category <u>1</u>	Category <u>2</u>	Category <u>3</u>	Carrying <u>Value</u>
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$18,089	\$0	\$0	\$18,089
FDIC Insurance	<u>18,089</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,089</u>
Balance Uninsured	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

8. Year 2000 Issue:

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 as early as fiscal year 1999. The Village office has no computer system or other electronic equipment that may be affected by the Year 2000 issue and that are necessary to conducting its operation.

Because of the unprecedented nature of the Year 2000 issue, its effects and the success of related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the Year 2000 and thereafter, the Village cannot assure that it will be Year 2000 ready because parties with whom the Village office does business may not be Year 2000 ready.

9. Related Parties:

The Village had no related party transactions for the year ended June 30, 1999.

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Exhibit E

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

The Honorable Mayor of Goldonna
and Village Aldermen
Village of Goldonna, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Village of Goldonna and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluation management's assertions about the Village of Goldonna's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 1999 included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation 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 specified 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 year for materials and supplies exceeding \$5,000, or public works exceeding \$50,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

No expenditures found to be in violation.

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 LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interest 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 procedures (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedures (2) as immediate family members.

No violations found.

BUDGETING

5. Obtained 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 the Village. It was adopted by a unanimous decision.

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

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual revenues and expenditures for the year did not exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:

- (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee:

We examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

- (b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account:

Each disbursement appeared to be coded correctly.

- (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities:

Inspection of supporting documentation showed written approval. In addition, non-recurring entries were discussed and approved in the minutes.

MEETINGS

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

The Village is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the Village's office building. Management has asserted that such documents were properly posted.

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 any other indebtedness which have not been approved by the State Bond Commission.

We inspected copies of all bank deposits for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds or other indebtedness which had not been approved by the State Bond Commission.

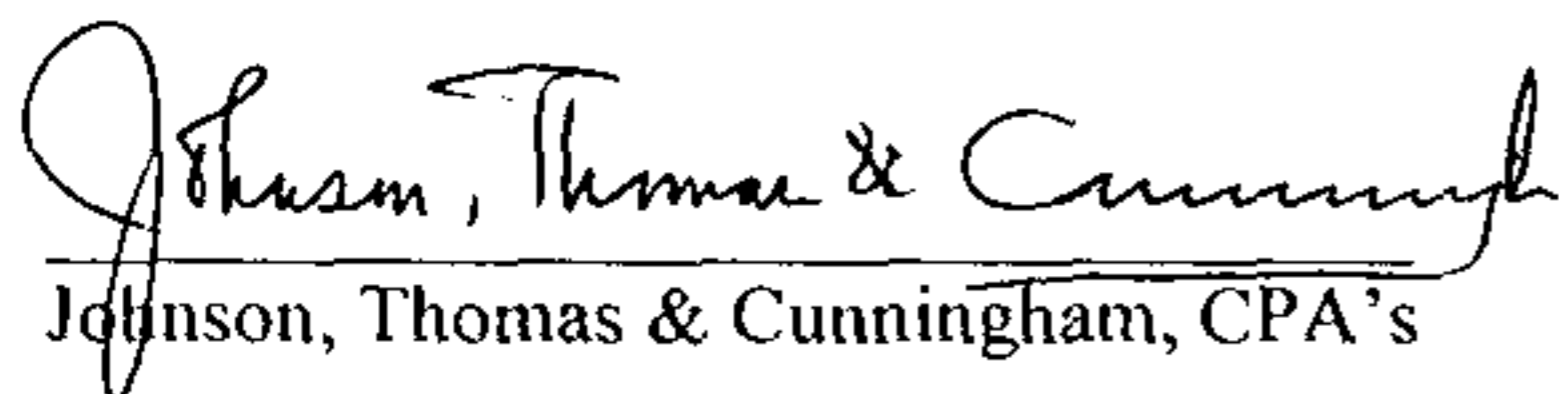
ADVANCES AND BONUSES

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.

No violations found.

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.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Village of Goldonna 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.


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October 5, 1999
Natchitoches, Louisiana

VILLAGE OF GOLDONNA
LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

June 11, 1999

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In connection with your compilation of our financial statements as of June 30, 1999 and for the period then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of the date of this questionnaire.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 38:2212, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office.

Yes No

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 LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.

Yes No

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 LSA-RS 42:1119.

Yes No

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14 or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:43.

Yes No

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 LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes No

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, 33:453, and/or 39:92, as applicable.

Yes No

We have had our financial statements audited or compiled in accordance with LSA-RS 24:513.

Yes No

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in RS 42:1 through 42:12.

Yes No

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 LSA-RS 47:1410.60.

Yes No

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, LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 72-729.

Yes No

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

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance which may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

Secretary Becky Garner

Date 10-1-99

Treasurer _____

Date _____

Mayor M E King

Date 10-5-99

Note - Quasi-public entities should delete reference to the above statutes, unless required to follow such laws by contact with their public funding agencies. The quasi-public entities should include a representation that they have complied with the contractual provisions under which they have received state and/or local funds.

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