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**BAYOU DESIARD - BAYOU BARTHOLOMEW CUT-OFF
LOOP WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**

**Primary Government Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997**

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DECEMBER 31, 1998 and 1997

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Bayou DeSiard - Bayou Bartholomew Cut-Off
Loop Water Conservation Board**

We have compiled the accompanying balance sheet of **Bayou DeSiard - Bayou Bartholomew Cut-Off Loop Water Conservation Board** (the Board - a political agency of the state of Louisiana), as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related statements of income and changes in retained earnings, and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with the Statements 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, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Luffey, Huffman & Monroe (APAC)

March 30, 1999

**BAYOU DESIARD - BAYOU BARTHOLOMEW CUT-OFF
LOOP WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
BALANCE SHEETS**

	December 31,	
	1998	1997
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash in Checking	\$ 50,780	\$ (7)
Cash in Savings	-	51,086
Interest Receivable	-	56
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 50,780	\$ 51,135
LIABILITIES AND RETAINED EARNINGS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 100
Total Liabilities	-	100
Retained Earnings		
Reserved for Capital Improvements	9,650	9,650
Reserved for Pumping Power	23,001	23,001
Designated for Repairs	18,129	18,384
Total Retained Earnings	50,780	51,035
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ 50,780	\$ 51,135

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

**BAYOU DESIARD - BAYOU BARTHOLOMEW CUT-OFF
 LOOP WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
 STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997**

	Year Ended December 31,	
	1998	1997
Operating Revenues		
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	-	-
Operating Expenses		
Pumping Expenses	-	10,782
Office and Administrative Expenses	1,571	1,510
Total Operating Expenses	1,571	12,292
Operating Income (Loss)	(1,571)	(12,292)
Nonoperating Income		
Interest Income	1,316	1,325
Net Income (Loss)	(255)	(10,967)
Retained Earnings at Beginning of Year	51,035	62,002
RETAINED EARNINGS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 50,780	\$ 51,035

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

**BAYOU DESIARD - BAYOU BARTHOLOMEW CUT-OFF
 LOOP WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
 STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997**

	Year Ended December 31,	
	1998	1997
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (1,571)	\$ (12,292)
Adjustments to Reconcile Loss From Operations to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities :		
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	56	3
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(100)	100
Total Adjustments	(44)	103
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(1,615)	(12,189)
 Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Interest Income	1,316	1,325
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	1,316	1,325
 Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(299)	(10,864)
 Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	51,079	61,943
 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 50,780	\$ 51,079

SHOWN ON ACCOMPANYING BALANCE SHEETS AS:

Current Assets:		
Cash in Checking	\$ 1,156	\$ (7)
Cash in Savings	49,624	51,086
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 50,780	\$ 51,079

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

**BAYOU DESIARD - BAYOU BARTHOLOMEW CUT-OFF
LOOP WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 and 1997**

NOTE 1 - GENERAL

Bayou DeSiard-Bayou Bartholomew Loop Cut-Off Water Conservation Board (the Board) was created by the Louisiana Legislature as a political agency of the State of Louisiana pursuant to R.S. 38:2751-2757, as amended. It is governed by a board of six members. The Ouachita Parish Police Jury appoints three members: one member is appointed directly by the Jury, one member is appointed from a list of three candidates submitted by the Monroe Utilities Commission, and one member is appointed from a list of three candidates submitted by the town council of the Town of Sterlington. The Morehouse Parish Police Jury appoints three members: one member is appointed directly by the Jury, one member is appointed from a list of three candidates submitted by the City of Bastrop, and one member is appointed from a list of three candidates submitted by the Bastrop Association of Commerce and Industry.

The Board was created to establish, maintain, and protect a favorable level of fresh water in the Bayou DeSiard - Bayou Bartholomew Cut-Off Loop water system for all beneficial uses and purposes. Subject to certain limitations, the Board is empowered to construct, operate, and maintain any facilities necessary to accomplish the above responsibilities. The oversight body for the Board is the Louisiana Department of Agriculture, as that state department administers water conservation rules.

The Board's activity is accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. This means that all assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activity are included on their balance sheet. The Board's reported equity (net total assets) is segregated into retained earnings components. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets.

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

**BAYOU DESIARD - BAYOU BARTHOLOMEW CUT-OFF
 LOOP WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 and 1997**

NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH IN SAVINGS

Statutes require that the Board invest surplus cash balances in obligations of the United States Treasury, time certificates of deposit, or any other federally insured investments. The Board considers all checking and money market accounts as cash equivalents.

The Board's deposits and investments at December 31, 1998 and 1997, were entirely insured by the coverage of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The Board's deposits at December 31, 1998 and 1997, are shown below:

	Carrying Amount		Bank Balance	
	1998	1997	1998	1997
Cash	\$ 1,156	\$ (7)	\$ 1,156	\$ (7)
Money Market	49,624	51,086	49,624	51,086
Total Deposits	\$ 50,780	\$ 51,079	\$ 50,780	\$ 51,079

The money market account earned interest at the rate of 4.54% and 2.62% at December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

NOTE 3 - RETAINED EARNINGS

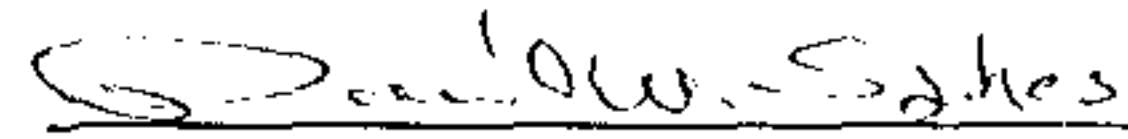
Prior to 1986, the City of Monroe contributed \$35,000 to be used in making capital improvements to the Aquifer System of which \$25,350 has been used, as of December 31, 1998, for the Carp Barriers for the Aquatic Plant Control leaving a balance of \$9,650. Retained earnings have been reserved for these improvements. The City of Monroe provides funds to be used to cover the operating expenses of the water pumps, as the City of Monroe owns them. In fiscal year 1996, the City of Monroe contributed \$25,000 for pumping reserves. This amount, combined with the previous balance of \$8,783 totaled \$33,783 of which \$10,782 has been paid to the City of Monroe for pumping services, leaving a balance in the reserve of \$23,001 at December 31, 1998. In addition to the previously described reserved funds, the Board has dedicated \$19,000 for repairs to the pumping equipment, of which \$18,129 was available for dedication as of December 31, 1998.

**BAYOU DESIARD - BAYOU BARTHOLOMEW CUT-OFF
LOOP WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
OUACHITA PARISH
MONROE, LOUISIANA**

AFFIDAVIT

Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, David Stokes, who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position of the Bayou DeSiard - Bayou Bartholomew Cut-Off Loop Water Conservation Board as of December 31, 1998, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting described within the accompanying financial statements.

In addition, David Stokes, who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the Bayou DeSiard - Bayou Bartholomew Cut-Off Loop Water Conservation Board received \$50,000 or less in revenues and other sources for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1998, and, accordingly, is not required to have an audit for the previously mentioned fiscal year end.



Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this Thirtieth Day of March, 1999.



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