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DISTRICT NO.4 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
OF ST. LANDRY PARISH
WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
 District No. 4 Public Works
 Commission of St. Landry Parish
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We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of District No. 4 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish, a component unit of the St. Landry Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of District No. 4 Public Works Commission's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of District No. 4 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish, as of December 31, 2003, the results of its operations for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 28, 2004 on our consideration of District No. 4 Public Works Commissions internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

John S. Dowling & Company

Opelousas, Louisiana
 June 28, 2004

DISTRICT No. 4 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH
WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>ACCOUNT GROUPS</u>				TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	<u>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE</u>		<u>GENERAL</u>		
	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>LONG-TERM DEBT</u>	<u>2003</u>	
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash	\$60,421			\$60,421	\$218,769
Ad valorem taxes receivable,	311,947			311,947	109,499
Revenue sharing receivable	36,294			36,294	36,787
District 6 receivable	2,525			2,525	431
Utility deposit	250			250	250
Furniture, building, and equipment		\$415,403		415,403	299,158
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt			\$306,290	306,290	265,000
<u>Total assets</u>	<u>411,437</u>	<u>415,403</u>	<u>306,290</u>	<u>1,133,130</u>	<u>929,894</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>					
<u>LIABILITIES</u>					
Accounts payable	\$6,475			\$6,475	\$16,298
Payroll taxes payable	627			627	2,618
Bonds payable			\$305,000	305,000	265,000
Compensated absences payable			1,290	1,290	882
<u>Total liabilities</u>	<u>7,102</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>306,290</u>	<u>313,392</u>	<u>284,798</u>
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>					
Investment in general fixed assets		\$415,403		415,403	299,158
Fund balance					130
Reserved for debit service					345,808
Unreserved, undesignated	404,335			404,335	645,096
<u>Total fund equity</u>	<u>404,335</u>	<u>415,403</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>819,738</u>	<u>929,894</u>
<u>Total liabilities and fund equity</u>	<u>411,437</u>	<u>415,403</u>	<u>306,290</u>	<u>1,133,130</u>	<u>929,894</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

DISTRICT NO. 4 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH
WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Taxes		
Property taxes	\$325,821	\$279,457
Intergovernmental		
State revenue sharing	36,294	36,787
Interest		
On property taxes	267	366
On checking	837	1,618
On sinking	51	
Miscellaneous		
FEMA reimbursement	2,976	
Income from road damages	9,374	
District 6 Public Works - rental	1,404	351
Other income	1,945	431
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>378,969</u>	<u>319,010</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Current operating		
Labor cost		
Salaries - administration	37,440	24,165
Salaries - operators	66,773	42,581
Contract labor		189
Compensated absences	(882)	882
Payroll taxes	10,318	5,106
Public works		
Materials	38,888	72,996
Hauling	7,371	11,974
Workmen's compensation	7,471	3,471
Other insurance	24,276	19,447
Advertising	1,365	2,092
Election		2,554
Licenses and fees	217	197
Telephone	4,477	2,816
Travel	321	369
Utilities	1,216	782
Professional fees	3,500	560
Property and equipment		
Equipment rental	812	26,050
Repairs and maintenance	20,775	17,225
Fuel and oil	21,292	18,709
Parts and supplies	5,946	9,144
Office and supplies	3,557	5,584
Bank charges	20	
Capital outlay		
Furniture		4,681
Machinery and equipment	116,245	274,295
Portable building		20,182
Debt service		
Principal retirement	60,000	60,000
Interest	11,774	9,108
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>443,172</u>	<u>635,159</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	GENERAL FUND	
	2003	2002
<u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES</u> <u>OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$ (64,203)</u>	<u>\$ (316,149)</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>		
Expense reimbursement -		
District 6	22,600	5,035
General obligation bond proceeds	100,000	325,000
Bond issue expenditures	_____	<u>(5,470)</u>
<u>Total other financing</u> <u>sources</u>	<u>122,600</u>	<u>324,565</u>
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER</u> <u>FINANCING SOURCES OVER</u> <u>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER (USES)</u>	58,397	8,416
<u>FUND BALANCES, beginning of year</u>	<u>345,938</u>	<u>337,522</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES, end of year</u>	<u>404,335</u>	<u>345,938</u>

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DISTRICT No. 4 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (CASH BASIS) AND ACTUAL
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Taxes			
Property taxes	\$308,000	\$325,821	\$17,821
Intergovernmental			
State revenue sharing	36,780	36,294	(486)
Interest			
On property taxes	275	267	(8)
On checking	800	837	37
On sinking	60	51	(9)
Miscellaneous			
FEMA reimbursement		2,976	2,976
Income from road damages		9,374	9,374
District 6 public works - rental	1,404	1,404	
Other income	<u>15,000</u>	<u>1,945</u>	<u>(13,055)</u>
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>362,319</u>	<u>378,969</u>	<u>16,650</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Current Operating			
Labor cost			
Salaries - administration	38,000	37,440	560
Salaries - operators	70,000	66,773	3,227
Contract labor		(882)	882
Payroll taxes	9,600	10,318	(718)
Public works			
Materials	40,000	38,888	1,112
Hauling	8,500	7,371	1,129
Advertising	1,500	1,365	135
Workmen's compensation	7,500	7,471	29
Insurance - other	24,500	24,276	224
Licenses and fees	200	217	(17)
Office and supplies	3,400	3,557	(157)
Telephone	4,400	4,477	(77)
Utilities	1,000	1,216	(216)
Travel	400	321	79
Professional fees	3,500	3,500	
Property and equipment			
Equipment rental	900	812	88
Repairs and maintenance	22,000	20,775	1,225
Fuel and oil	22,000	21,292	708
Parts and supplies	7,000	5,946	1,054
Bank charges		20	(20)
Debt service			
Principal	60,000	60,000	
Interest	11,800	11,774	26
Capital outlay			
Machinery and equipment	117,000	116,245	755
Building	<u>2,000</u>		<u>2,000</u>
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>455,200</u>	<u>443,172</u>	<u>12,028</u>

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (CASH BASIS) AND ACTUAL
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
<u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$(92,881)</u>	<u>\$(64,203)</u>	<u>\$28,678</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>			
General obligation bond proceeds	100,000	100,000	
Expense reimbursement District 6	<u>23,100</u>	<u>22,600</u>	<u>(500)</u>
<u>Total other financing sources (uses)</u>	<u>123,100</u>	<u>122,600</u>	<u>(500)</u>
<u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER (USES)</u>	<u>30,219</u>	58,397	<u>28,178</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES, beginning of year</u>		<u>345,938</u>	
<u>FUND BALANCES, end of year</u>		<u>404,335</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

DISTRICT NO. 4 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH
WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

District No. 4 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish, is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and possesses all the powers necessary to construct, acquire, operate, and maintain roads, bridges, and road drainage facilities as well as the rights, powers, and authority enumerated for road districts in Part II of Chapter 2 of Title 48. The Commission was created by Louisiana Revised Statute 48:600.1.

The Commission is governed by 11 commissioners appointed by the St. Landry Parish Police Jury. Presently, the commissioners receive no compensation for their service.

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of District No. 4 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles (GAAP) generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standards-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the St. Landry Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for St. Landry 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 St. Landry Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion 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:

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.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

B. REPORTING ENTITY - Continued

Because the police jury appoints the commissioners of District No. 4 Public Works Commission and the function of the Commission serves as a substantial contribution to similar services provided by the police jury, the Commission was determined to be a component unit of the St. Landry Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Commission 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 Commission 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 designated 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 Commission are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the Commission's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term debt.

The Commission uses the following governmental fund:

General Fund - The General Operating Fund of District No. 4 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

The Commission uses two account groups as follows:

General Fixed Assets Account Group - established to account for all fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations.

General Long-term Debt Account Group - established to account for all long-term obligations.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

D. 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 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.

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.

All governmental fund types are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property tax revenues and revenue sharing revenues received from the State of Louisiana are recognized when susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

Purchase of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased. The costs of governmental fund type inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased and items on hand at year-end, if material, are recorded as assets. Expenditures for insurance and similar services which extend over more than one accounting period are accounted for as expenditures of the period of acquisition.

E. BUDGETS

The Commission legally adopted a budget for the year ended December 31, 2003. The budget is prepared on an accrual basis. At year-end all appropriations lapse. The budget amounts shown in the financial statements are the final authorized amounts as revised for the year. The level of budgetary control is by total appropriations; however, for reporting purposes, the budgetary information has been expanded.

F. ENCUMBRANCES

The Commission does not employ the encumbrance system of accounting.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

G. INVESTMENTS IN CASH

Investments, if any, are stated at cost or amortized cost, which approximates market.

Louisiana statutes authorize the District to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates, time certificates of deposit in state and national banks, or any other federally insured investment. At December 31, 2003, the District did not hold any investments.

H. FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Fixed assets of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures at the time they are purchased or constructed, and the related assets are capitalized (reported) in the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

The Commission has elected not to capitalize public domain (infrastructure) fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, including roads, bridges, and drainage systems. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. Interest costs during construction are not capitalized. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from governmental fund types are accounted for in the General Long-term Debt Account Group, not in the governmental funds.

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

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types excludes amounts represented by noncurrent liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities. They are instead reported as liabilities in the General Long-term Debt Account Group.

I. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Annual vacation leave is provided to all full-time employees and they are encouraged to take an annual vacation. Employees earn 40 hours of vacation time for the first year of service, 80 hours for the second year, and 120 hours beginning on the eleventh year. Vacation time in excess of 20 days may not be accumulated for a period more than one year in addition to the present year in which the vacation time is being earned.

Sick leave is earned at the rate of 2.77 hours per bi-weekly period. Any unused sick leave is carried over on December 31 of each year. Upon termination or resignation accrued sick leave will not be paid to the employee.

Employees also may accumulate compensatory time for hours worked in excess of 40 per week. Compensatory time will not be paid upon termination or resignation.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

J. TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS

Total columns on the combined 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, 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.

2. CASH

At December 31, 2003, cash is made up of the following:

Petty cash	\$200
Checks on hand	12,672
Cash in Washington State Bank	
Operating account	47,514
Sinking account	<u>35</u>
	<u>60,421</u>

At December 31, 2003 the bank and book balances of cash in checking accounts were as follows:

	<u>Bank</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Book</u> <u>Balance</u>
Interest-bearing	\$43,879	\$47,549

At year-end, \$43,879 of the bank balance was covered by FDIC insurance.

3. AD VALOREM TAXES

District No. 4 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish levies a special tax of fifteen (15) mills on all taxable property. This tax, which was approved at a special election held on July 21, 2002, will be assessed for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2002 and ending with the year 2010, for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, operating and maintaining the roads, bridges and road drainage facilities of the Commission and acquiring the necessary equipment therefor.

The Commission's ad valorem property tax is levied each October 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property located in the District. Property taxes are due on October 1 and become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. The St. Landry Parish Sheriff bills, collects, and distributes the property taxes for the District using the assessed values determined by the Tax Assessor of St. Landry Parish.

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3. AD VALOREM TAXES - Continued

The Commission is required to remit a percentage of the total ad valorem taxes per the tax roll to a State Pension Fund. This amount is determined by the legislative auditor each year. Since the Sheriff collects all taxes for the parish, the tax collected in the first month is reduced by the Sheriff for the Pension Fund amount owed and the remainder is remitted to the taxing district. Therefore, the ad valorem tax receivable and revenue are shown net of Pension Fund distributions. A breakdown of taxes receivable is as follows:

	<u>Total Per Tax Roll</u>	<u>Pension Fund Requirements</u>	<u>Tax Received In December</u>	<u>Tax Receivable</u>
2003	\$341,687	\$10,720	\$19,020	\$311,947

4. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in General Fixed Assets for the year 2003 is as follows:

	<u>Balance Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance End of Year</u>
Furniture and fixtures	\$4,681			\$4,681
Equipment	274,295	\$116,245		390,540
Portable building	<u>20,182</u>			<u>20,182</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>299,158</u>	<u>116,245</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>415,403</u>

5. LONG-TERM DEBT

On January 25, 2002, the Commission issued \$325,000 of Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2002 bearing interest at the rate of 4.80 percent and had a final maturity of April 1, 2006. The certificates were secured by a pledge and dedication of the Commission's 15 mills property tax and were issued for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, operating, and maintaining road, bridges, and road drainage facilities.

On August 5, 2003, the Commission issued \$100,000 of Certificates of Indebtedness Series 2003, of which \$85,000 bears interest at the rate of 4.15 percent and \$15,000 bears interest at the rate of zero percent and had a final maturity of April 1, 2008. The certificates were secured by a pledge and dedication of the Commission's 15 mills property tax and were issued for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining roads and bridges.

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5. LONG-TERM DEBT - Continued

A summary of changes in long-term debt is as follows:

<u>Description Of Debt</u>	<u>Balance 1/1/03</u>	<u>2003 Increase</u>	<u>2003 Decrease</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/03</u>
2002 General obligation bonds at 4.80%	\$265,000		\$60,000	\$205,000
2003 General obligation bonds at 4.15%		\$85,000		85,000
2003 General obligation bonds at 0%	<u> </u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>265,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>305,000</u>

Maturities of long-term debt are scheduled as follows:

<u>General Obligation Bonds Year Ended December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2004	\$84,000	\$11,513	\$95,513
2005	89,000	7,641	96,641
2006	90,000	3,562	93,562
2007	21,000	1,121	22,121
2008	<u>21,000</u>	<u>373</u>	<u>21,373</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>305,000</u>	<u>24,210</u>	<u>329,210</u>

6. FUND BALANCE

The District does not have a deficit fund balance for the year ended December 31, 2003.

7. BOARD MEMBERS

Board members do not get paid for serving on the board. A list of board members as of December 31, 2003 is as follows:

Gerald Cormier	Mary Lavergne
Dwight Fontenot	Miles Briley
Steve Hartman (Resigned December, 2003)	Raynold Soileau
Jessie Howard	Mark Tompkins
Red Tate	Hugh Richard
Glen Frilot	

8. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

On October 1, 2003, District No. 4 Public Works Commission entered into an intergovernmental agreement with District 6 Public Works Commission. The agreement states that District 4 will be reimbursed by District 6 for one-half of the joint office expenses as well as one-hundred percent of any expenses incurred solely for District 6. The agreement may be terminated at any time by a majority vote of the parties involved and any party may withdraw from the agreement by giving thirty days written notice.



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

To the Board of Commissioners
District No. 4 Public Works
Commission of St. Landry Parish
Washington, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of District No. 4 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003 and have issued our report thereon dated June 28, 2004. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 District No. 4 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish'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 audits, we considered District No. 4 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish'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. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses.

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. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Commission of St. Landry Parish
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John S. Dowling & Company

Opelousas, Louisiana
June 28, 2004

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DISTRICT NO. 4 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH
WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2003

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the general purpose financial statements of District No. 4 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish.
2. No reportable condition relating to the audit of the financial statements is reported in the Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of General Purpose Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
3. No instance of noncompliance material to the financial statements of District No. 4 Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish was disclosed during the audit.
4. There was no single audit required under OMB Circular A-133.

DISTRICT NO. 4 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH
WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS DECEMBER 31, 2003

SECTION I - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

No findings.

SECTION II - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS

N/A

SECTION III - MANAGEMENT LETTER

No findings.