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Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2003

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable Catherine Hollingsworth, Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen Town of Elton, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Elton, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit 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, and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations". Those 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 statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Elton, Louisiana as of December 31, 2003, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 2 to the basic financial statements, the Town adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, <u>Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments</u>, Statement No. 33, <u>Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions</u>, Statement No. 37, <u>Basic Financial Statements - And Management's Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments: Omnibus</u>, Statement No. 38 <u>Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures</u>, and Interpretation No. 6, <u>Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements</u>. This results in a change in the format and content of the financial statements.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued a report dated May 4, 2004 on our consideration of the Town of Elton, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and our tests on certain provisions of its compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The required supplementary information on pages 38 through 39 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Town of Elton has not presented management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Elton Louisiana's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information on pages 42 through 75 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (page 70) is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the financial statements of the Town of Elton, Louisiana. Such information, except for that portion marked "unaudited" on which we express no opinion, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial information for the preceding year which is included for comparative purposes was taken from the financial report for that year in which we expressed an unqualified opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Elton, Louisiana.

Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Oberlin, Louisiana May 4, 2004 BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

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Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2003

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS	ACTIVITIOS	Tiotivitios	
Current assets:			
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 1,162,424	\$ 82,540	\$ 1,244,964
Receivables, net	24,733	22,604	47,337
Internal balances	696	(696)	
Due from other governmental units	183,979		183,979
Total current assets	1,371,832	104,448	1,476,280
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted assets:			
Cash and interest-bearing deposits		123,215	123,215
Capital assets, net	1,270,072	2,305,868	3,575,940
Total noncurrent assets	1,270,072	2,429,083	3,699,155
Total assets	2,641,904	2,533,531	5,175,435
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts and other payables	86,007	9,502	95,509
Due to other governmental units	30,604	2,313	32,917
Bonds payable	111,000	26,000	137,000
Accrued interest	22,202	<u>508</u>	22,710
Total current liabilities	249,813	38,323	288,136
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Customers' deposits payable	-	34,606	34,606
Bonds payable	948,000	27,000	975,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	948,000	61,606	1,009,606
Total liabilities	1,197,813	99,929	1,297,742
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	211,072	2,278,868	2,489,940
Restricted for debt service	565,171	62,101	627,272
Unrestricted	667,848	92,633	<u>760,481</u>
Total net assets	\$ 1,444,091	\$2,433,602	\$ 3,877,693

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

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for general purposes 152,756 - 60,506 - 24,560 - 24,560 - 583,783 - 21,838 7,359		Property t	axes, levied for general	purposes		47,344		47,344
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1,006,926 2,453,577 \$1,444,091 \$2,433,602		Char	nge in net assets			437,165	(19,975)	417,190
\$1,444,091 \$2,433,602		Net assets - Jar	uary 1, 2003			1,006,926	2,453,577	3,460,503
		Net assets - De	cember 31, 2003			\$1,444,091	\$2,433,602	\$3,877,693

Total governmental activities

Business-type activities:

Interest on long-term debt

Animal control

Education

Housing rehabilitation

Parks and recreation

Highways and streets

Governmental activities:

General government

Public safety:

Police

Fire

Total business-type activities

Sanitation

Sewer

Water

Total

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

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MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

General Fund

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

Coushatta Tribe Community Grant Fund

To assist in the construction, maintenance and repair of Elton public schools and to assist with the purchase of books, equipment and supplies to further the educational needs of students attending Elton public schools; to provide fire protection to the reservation of the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana; to assist in the furnishing of municipal police services; to assist in the construction, maintenance and repair of municipal infrastructure and housing.

Debt Service Fund

Debt service funds are used to accumulate resources to be used to make debt service principal and interest payments on general obligation long-term debt.

Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2002

To accumulate monies for payment of the 2002 \$800,000 Certificates of Indebtedness. Debt service is financed by the Coushatta Community Grant Fund.

Capital Projects Funds

Capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources received and used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of capital facilities not reported in the other governmental funds.

Drainage Improvements Fund

To account for the \$800,000 proceeds from the 2002 Certificates of Indebtedness to be used for drainage improvements.

Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Fund (LCDBG)

To account for the administration of grant funds received from the State of Louisiana Division of Administration for housing rehabilitation.

Enterprise Fund

Utility Fund >

To account for the provision of water, sewer, and sanitation (garbage) services to residents of the Town. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing related debt service, and billing and collection.

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds December 31, 2003

With Comparative Totals for December 31, 2002

		Coushatta Tribe	2002 Certificates		Community Development			
		Community	of	Drainage	Block	Nonmajor	Totals	als
	General	Grant	Indebtedness	Improvements	Grant	Funds	2003	2002
ASSETS								
Cash	\$10,263	, &	\$ 78,733	- 5/3	• •	\$ 105,995	\$ 194,991	\$ 107,757
Interest-bearing deposits	•	171,073	413,800	316,109	•			 -
Keceivables -					•			
Taxes	4,888	ŧ	•	•	1	19,845	24,733	21,637
Due from other funds	10,550		•	9,377	•	8,228	28,155	18,301
Due from other governmental units	1,547	182,432	•		•		183,979	162,497
Total assets	\$27,248	\$353,505	\$492,533	\$325,486	· 6-3	\$ 200,519	\$1,399,291	\$1,518,287
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable	\$ 9,605	, ⇔	• /	ا جع	, (4)	, € 3	\$ 9,605	\$ 28,831
Contracts payable	•	•	•	28,185	•	1	28,185	•
Retainage payable	•	•	•	47,438	•	•	47,438	1
Accrued liabilities	4179	•	ı	•	•	1	179	•
Due to other funds	8,228	9,854	9,377	•	•	ı	27,459	17,605
Due to other governments	1	30,604		•	•	•	30,604	21,590
Total liabilities	18,612	40,458	9,377	75,623	•		144,070	68,026
Fund balances -								
Reserved for debt service	1	•	483,156	•	•	104,217	587,373	295,302
Designated for street improvements	•	•	•	249,863	•	57,442	307,305	830,626
Unreserved, undesignated	8,636	313,047			•	38,860	360,543	324,333
Total fund balances	8,636	313,047	483,156	249,863	•	200,519	1,255,221	1,450,261
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$27,248	\$353,505	\$492,533	\$325,486	- -	\$ 200,519	\$1,399,291	\$1,518,287

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2003

Total fund balances for governmental funds at December 31, 2003		\$ 1,255,221
Total net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources		
and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:		
Land	\$ 77,858	
Buildings and improvements, net of \$253,827 accumulated depreciation	121,054	
Infrastructure, net of \$264,583 accumulated depreciation	874,245	
Equipment, furniture, and fixtures net of \$123,474 accumulated depreciation	196,915	1,270,072
Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2003:		
Bonds payable	(1,059,000)	
Accrued interest payable	(22,202)	(1,081,202)
Total net assets of governmental activities at December 31, 2003		\$ 1,444,091

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2003
With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2002

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

Total net changes in fund balances at December 31, 2003 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances		\$ (195,040)
The change in net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2003	\$ 574,114 (75,760)	498,354
Governmental funds report bonded debt repayments as expenditures. However, this expenditure does not appear in the statement of activities since the payment is applied against the bond payable balance on the statement of net assets.		139,000
Difference between interest on long-term debt on modified accrual basis versus interest on long-term debt on accrual basis		(5,149)

\$ 437,165

Total changes in net assets at December 31, 2003 per Statement of Activities

Comparative Statement of Net Assets Proprietary Fund December 31, 2003 and 2002

	Enterpr	ise Fund
	2003	2002
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 21,165	\$ 9,985
Interest-bearing deposits	61,375	60,083
Receivables -		
Accounts	22,604	22,949
Total current assets	<u>105,144</u>	93,017
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted assets-		
Revenue bond and interest sinking fund -		
Interest-bearing deposits	7,400	9,696
Revenue bond reserve fund -		
Interest-bearing deposits	29,247	27,641
Capital additions and contingencies fund -		
Interest-bearing deposits	51,962	45,075
Customers' deposits -		
Cash	3,325	2,617
Interest-bearing deposits	31,281	31,154
Total restricted assets	123,215	116,183
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	2,305,868	2,370,351
Total noncurrent assets	2,429,083	2,486,534
Total assets	2,534,227	2,579,551
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	9,502	10,501
Due to other funds	696	696
Due to other governmental units	2,313	2,237
Payable from restricted assets -		
Revenue bonds payable	26,000	25,000
Interest payable	508	769
Total current liabilities	39,019	39,203
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Customers' deposits	34,606	33,771
Revenue bonds payable	27,000	53,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	61,606	86,771
Total liabilities	100,625	125,97 <u>4</u>
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,278,868	2,317,351
Restricted for debt service	62,101	56,643
Unrestricted	92,633	79,583
Total net assets	\$2,433,602	\$2,453,577
The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.		

Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets Proprietary Fund Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	Enter	prise Fund
	2003	2002
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services -		
Water charges	\$ 116,896	\$ 115,646
Sewer charges	89,481	88,546
Sanitation charges	60,698	61,671
Miscellaneous	<u>7,359</u>	7,877
Total operating revenues	274,434	273,740
Operating expenses:		
Water department	137,027	146,518
Sewer department	118,269	115,754
Sanitation department	66,109	64,544
Total operating expenses	321,405	326,816
Operating loss	(46,971)	(53,076)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Interest income	2,203	2,997
Grant revenue	5,925	-
Interest and fiscal charges	(3,639)	(4,823)
Total nonoperating income (expenses)	4,489	(1,826)
Loss before transfers	(42,482)	(54,902)
Transfers in	22,507	56,053
Change in net assets	(19,975)	1,151
Net assets, beginning	2,453,577	2,452,426
Net assets, ending	\$ 2,433,602	\$ 2,453,577

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Comparative Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Fund Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	Enterpr	ise Fund
	2003	2002
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	\$270,200	\$ 272,501
Payments to suppliers	(205,399)	(219,106)
Payments to employees	(55,226)	(58,011)
Other receipts	7,359	<u>7,877</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	16,934	3,261
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
Transfers from other funds	22,507	56,053
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Acquisition of capital assets	-	(14,190)
Principal paid on revenue bond maturities	(25,000)	(23,000)
Interest paid on revenue bonds	(3,900)	(5,050)
Proceeds from federal grant	5,925	+
Increase in meter deposits	<u>835</u>	221
Net cash used by capital and related		
financing activities	(22,140)	<u>(42,019</u>)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of investments	(104,271)	(107,061)
Proceeds from maturities of investments	107,061	54,666
Interest received on interest-bearing deposits	2,203	<u>2,997</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	4,993	(49,398)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	22,294	(32,103)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	79,190	111,293
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$101,484</u>	\$ 79,190

Comparative Statement of Cash Flows (Continued) Proprietary Fund Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	2003	2002
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Operating loss	<u>\$ (46,971)</u>	\$ (53,076)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss		
to net cash provided by operating activities -		
Depreciation	64,484	65,623
Changes in current assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	345	(1,105)
Decrease in accounts payable	(999)	(8,256)
Increase in due to other governments	75	75
Total adjustments	63,905	56,337
Net cash provided by operating		
activities	\$ 16,934	<u>\$ 3,261</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period -		
Cash - unrestricted	\$ 9,985	\$ -
Cash - restricted	2,617	12,382
Interest-bearing deposits - unrestricted	60,083	58,262
Interest-bearing deposits - restricted	113,566	95,315
Less: Certificates of deposit with a maturity		
over three months when purchased	(107,061)	(54,666)
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>79,190</u>	111,293
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period -		
Cash - unrestricted	21,165	9,985
Cash - restricted	3,325	2,617
Interest-bearing deposits - unrestricted	61,375	60,083
Interest-bearing deposits - restricted	119,890	113,566
Less: Certificates of deposit with a maturity	·	·
over three months when purchased	(104,271)	(107,061)
Total cash and cash equivalents	101,484	79,190
Net increase (decrease)	\$ 22,294	\$ (32,103)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Town of Elton was incorporated under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Town operates under the Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Town of Elton conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The Town applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989 unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

A. Financial Reporting Entity

As the municipal governing authority, for reporting purposes, the Town of Elton is considered a separate financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (municipality), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the 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 (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Town of Elton 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 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 municipality.
- 2. Organizations for which the municipality does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the municipality.
- 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature of significance of the relationship.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

As required by generally accepted accounting principals, these financial statements present the Town of Elton (the primary government) and its component units. By applying the above criteria, there are no component units of the Town of Elton.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net assets and statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the business-type activities of the Town and for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the Town are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The various funds of the Town are classified into two categories: governmental and proprietary. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Town or meets the following criteria:

a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The major funds of the Town are described below:

Governmental Funds -

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund

Coushatta Tribe Community Grant Fund -

The Coushatta Tribe Community Grant Fund is used to account for funds collected for assisting in the construction, maintenance and repair of Elton public schools, purchasing books, equipment and supplies to further the education needs of students attending Elton public schools; providing fire protection to the reservation of the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana; assisting in the furnishing of municipal police services; and assisting in the construction, maintenance and repair of municipal infrastructure and housing.

Debt Service Fund

Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2002

The Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2002 Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of the 2002 \$800,000 Certificates of Indebtedness.

Capital Projects Funds

Drainage Improvements Fund

The Drainage Improvements Fund is used to account for the proceeds and expenditure of the 2002 Certificates of Indebtedness, which is to be used for drainage improvements.

Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Fund (LCDBG)

The LCDBG Fund is used to account for the administration of grant funds received form the State of Louisiana Division of Administration for housing rehabilitation.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Proprietary Fund -

Enterprise Fund

Enterprise 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. The Town of Elton's enterprise fund is the Utility Fund.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net assets and the statement of activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

- a. All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b. The proprietary fund utilizes an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net assets (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net assets.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net assets and statement of activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

The proprietary fund utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity

Cash and interest-bearing deposits

For purposes of the statement of net assets, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the Town.

Under state law, the Town may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. Investments are stated at amortized cost.

For the purpose of the proprietary fund statement of cash flows, "cash and cash equivalents" include all demand and savings accounts, and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of three months or less.

Interfund receivables and payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds." Short-term interfund loans are reported as "interfund receivables and payables."

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Long-term interfund loans (noncurrent portion) are reported as "advances from and to other funds." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the statement of net assets.

Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include sales and use taxes. Business-type activities report customer's utility service receivables as their major receivables. Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes and customer's utility receivables are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. Although the specific charge-off method is not in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), no allowance for uncollectible receivables is recorded due to immateriality at December 31, 2003 and 2002.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide or financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Town maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net assets. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Buildings	20 years
Infrastructure	10-30 years
Equipment	5-15 years
Utility system and improvements	30-70 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same as in the government-wide statements.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets include cash and interest-bearing deposits of the proprietary fund that are legally restricted as to their use. The restricted assets are related to the revenue bond accounts and utility meter deposits.

Long-term debt

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources are reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists primarily of the revenue bonds payable and utility meter deposits payable.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest reported as expenditures. The accounting for proprietary fund long-term debt is the same in the fund financial statements as it is in the government-wide statements.

Compensated Absences

Vacation and sick leave are recorded as expenditures of the period in which paid. Vacation must be taken in the year accrued and cannot be carried over. Sick leave is accumulated by employees at a rate dependent upon number of years of employment. Although sick leave is available for employees when needed, it does not vest nor is it payable at termination of employment. At December 31, 2003, the Town has no material accumulated leave benefits required to be reported in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16 "Accounting for Compensated Absences".

Equity Classifications

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net assets Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

c. Unrestricted net assets – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved, with unreserved further split between designated and undesignated. Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

E. Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities.

In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds - By Character:

Proprietary Fund - By Operating and Nonoperating

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources. Proprietary funds report expenses relating to use of economic resources.

Interfund Transfers

Permanent reallocations of resources between funds of the reporting entity are classified as interfund transfers. For the purposes of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

F. Revenue Restrictions

The Town has various restrictions placed over certain revenue sources from state or local requirements. The primary restricted revenue sources include:

Revenue Source	Legal Restrictions of Use		
Sales tax	See Note 4		
Water, sewer and sanitation revenue	Debt service and utility operations		

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The Town uses unrestricted resources only when restricted resources are fully depleted.

G. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Town follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. Prior to December 15, the Town Clerk submits to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1.
- 2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
- 3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
- 4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted through passage of a resolution prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- 5. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one department, program or function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the Board of Aldermen.
- 6. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- 7. Budgets for all funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board of Aldermen. Such amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations.

H. <u>Capitalization of Interest Expense</u>

It is the policy of the Town of Elton to capitalize material amounts of interest resulting from borrowings in the course of the construction of capital assets. At December 31, 2003, there was no interest expense capitalized.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

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

J. Report Classification

Certain previously reported amounts for the year ended December 31, 2002 have been reclassified to conform to the December 31, 2003 classifications.

(2) Changes in Accounting Principles

During the year ended December 31, 2003, the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. GASB Statement No. 34 creates new basic financial statements for reporting on the Town's financial activities. The financial statements now include government-wide financial statements prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, and fund financial statements which present information for individual major funds rather than by fund type which has been the mode of presentation in previously issued financial statements. The Town also implemented GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions, No. 37, Basic Financial Statements – And Management's Discussion and Analysis – For State and Local Governments: Omnibus, No. 38, Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures, and Interpretation No. 6, Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements. At December 31, 2002, there was no effect on fund balance as a result of implementation of GASB Statement No. 33.

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 34 caused the opening fund balance at December 31, 2003 to be restated in terms of "net assets" as follows:

Total fund balances - Governmental Funds - at December 31, 2002		\$ 1,450,261
Add: Cost of capital assets at December 31, 2002 Less: Accumulated depreciation at December 31, 2002	\$ 1,345,842 (574,124)	771,718
Less: Bond principal at December 31, 2002	(1,198,000)	
Accrued interest payable at December 31, 2002	(17,053)	(1,215,053)
Net assets at December 31, 2002		\$ 1,006,926

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(3) Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the Town in September or October and are actually billed to taxpayers in November or December. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. The Town bills and collects its own property taxes using the assessed values determined by the Tax Assessors of Jefferson Davis and Allen Parishes. Town property tax revenues are budgeted in the year billed.

For the year ended December 31, 2003, taxes of 14.44 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$3,340,230 and were dedicated as follows:

General corporate purposes	6.24 mills
Debt Service purposes:	
Sewer department	4.10 mills
Town sewer	<u>4.10</u> mills
	14.44 mills

Total taxes levied were \$48,233. Taxes receivable at December 31, 2003 and 2002 were \$11,311 and \$10,715, respectively.

(4) <u>Dedication of Sales Tax Proceeds</u>

Proceeds of a 1 percent sales and use tax (accounted for in the 1975 Sales Tax Fund – a special revenue fund) levied by the Town of Elton (2003 collections \$76,378; 2002 collections \$73,651) are dedicated to the following purposes:

Opening, constructing, paving, resurfacing, and improving streets, sidewalks and bridges, constructing and purchasing street lighting facilities; constructing and improving drains, drainage canals and sub-surface drainage; constructing and purchasing fire department stations and equipment; constructing and purchasing police department stations and equipment; constructing and purchasing garbage disposal and health and sanitation equipment and facilities; constructing public buildings; purchasing, constructing and improving public parks and recreational facilities and acquiring the necessary equipment and furnishings therefore; purchasing equipment and furnishings therefore; purchasing equipment for civil defense; improving any work of permanent public improvement; and purchasing and acquiring all equipment and furnishings for the public works, buildings, improvements and facilities of the Town of Elton, Louisiana, title to which all shall be in the public.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Proceeds of a 1 percent sales and use tax (accounted for in the 1991 Sales Tax Fund – a special revenue fund) levied by the Town of Elton (2003 collections \$76,378; 2002 collections \$73,724) are dedicated to the following purpose:

Maintenance, repair and upkeep of the streets in the Town of Elton, Louisiana and payment of the 2001 certificates of indebtedness.

(5) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Demand deposits

Under state law, the Town may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Town may invest in certificates and time deposits of the state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2003, the Town had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$1,368,179 as follows:

Money market accounts and certificates of deposit	1,148,698
Total	\$1,368,179

\$ 219,481

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting 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 bank. 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. Deposit balances (bank balances) at December 31, 2003 were secured as follows:

Bank balances	\$1,404,388
Federal deposit insurance	\$ 404,206
Pledged securities (Category 3)	1,000,182
Total FDIC insurance and pledged securities	\$1,404,3 <u>88</u>

Pledged securities in Category 3 include uninsured or unregistered investments, for which securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Town's name. Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3), Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Town that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(6) Receivables

Receivables at December 31, 2003 of \$47,337 consist of the following:

	Other			
	General	Governmental	Utility	Total
Accounts	\$ -	\$ -	\$22,604	\$ 22,604
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	4,888	6,423	-	11,311
Sales tax		13,422		13,422
Totals	<u>\$ 4,888</u>	\$19,845	\$22,604	\$ 47,337

(7) <u>Due from Other Governmental Units</u>

The amount due from other governmental units consisted of the following at December 31, 2003:

Amount due from State of Louisiana for beer taxes earned		
for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2003	\$	530
Amount due from State of Louisiana for video poker revenue		
earned for the months of November and December, 2003		1,017
Amount due from the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana for the Town's		
share of gaming revenues earned for the quarter ended December, 2003	_13	82,432
	\$13	83,979

(8) Restricted Assets - Proprietary Fund Type

Restricted assets consisted of the following at December 31:

	2003	2002
Revenue bond sinking fund	\$ 7,400	\$ 9,696
Revenue bond reserve fund	29,247	27,641
Capital additions and contingency fund	51,962	45,075
Customers' deposits	34,606	33,771
Total restricted assets	\$123,215	\$116,183

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(9) <u>Capital Assets</u>

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2003 was as follows:

	Balance 01/01/03	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/03
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 77,858	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,858
Other capital assets:				
Buildings	374,881	_	-	374,881
Infrastructure	575,582	563,246	-	1,138,828
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	317,521	10,868	8,000	320,389
Totals	1,345,842	574,114	8,000	1,911,956
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	245,863	7,964	-	253,827
Infrastructure	232,029	32,554	-	264,583
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	96,232	35,242	8,000	123,474
Total accumulated depreciation	574,124	75,760	8,000	641,884
Governmental activities,	,			
capital assets, net	\$ 771,718	\$ 498,354	\$ -	\$ 1,270,072
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land - water system	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Other capital assets:				
Water system -				
Plant and lines	1,295,917	-	-	1,295,917
Equipment	32,276	-	-	32,276
Autos and trucks	11,250		-	11,250
Office equipment	16,056	-	-	16,056
Sewer system -				
Plant and lines	2,191,347	-	-	2,191,347
Equipment	43,507	-	-	43,507
Autos and trucks	2,700	-	-	2,700
Office equipment	<u>715</u>	-	-	<u>715</u>
Totals	3,603,768			3,603,768
Less accumulated depreciation				
Water system	550,111	28,938	-	579,049
Sewer system	683,306	35,545		718,851
Total accumulated depreciation	1,233,417	64,483	-	1,297,900
Business-type activities,				
capital assets, net	\$ 2,370,351	\$ (64,483)	\$ -	\$ 2,305,868

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

General government	\$ 25,521
Police	20,880
Highways and streets	23,373
Parks and recreation	5,197
Animal control	<u>789</u>
Total depreciation expense	\$ 75,760
Depreciation expense was charged to business-type activities as follows:	
Water	\$ 28,939
Sewer	35,545
Total depreciation expense	\$ 64,484

(10) Accounts and Other Payables

The accounts and other payables of \$95,509 consisted of the following at December 31, 2003:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
Accounts	\$ 9,605	\$ 9,502	\$ 19,107	
Contracts payable	28,185	-	28,185	
Retainage payable	47,438	_	47,438	
Other liabilities	<u>779</u>		<u>779</u>	
Totals	\$ 86,007	\$ 9,502	\$ 95,509	

(11) Changes in Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2003:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Long-term debt payable, January 1, 2003	\$ 1,198,000	\$ 78,000	\$1,276,000
Long-term debt issued	_	-	-
Long-term debt retired	(139,000)	(25,000)	(164,000)
Long-term debt payable, December 31, 2003	\$ 1,059,000	\$ 53,000	\$1,112,000

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2003 is comprised of the following individual issues:

General Obligation Bonds:

\$224,000 Sewerage District No. 1 sewer bonds dated October 22, 1980; due in	1
annual installments of \$12,000 to \$18,000 through October 22, 2005; interest at 5	5
percent; payable from ad valorem taxes	

34,000

Certificates of Indebtedness:

\$380,000 certificates of indebtedness dated July 1, 2001; due in semi-annual installments of \$15,000 to \$25,000 through July 1, 2011; interest starting at 4.65 percent and increasing to 5.30 percent from July 1, 2001 through July 1, 2011; payable from sales taxes.

320,000

\$800,000 certificates of indebtedness dated October 1, 2002; due in semi-annual installments of \$30,000 to \$75,000 through July 1, 2008; interest starting at 3.65 percent and increasing to 4.05 percent from January 1, 2003 through July 1, 2008; payable from Coushatta Community Grant funds.

705,000

Total Certificate of Indebtedness

\$1,025,000

Revenue Bonds:

\$394,000 Sewer Utility Bonds dated October 22, 1980; due in annual installments of \$26,000 to \$27,000 through October 22, 2005; interest at 5 percent

\$ 53,000

The bonds and certificates are due as follows:

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
Year ending June 30,	Principal payments	Interest payments	Principal payments	Interest payments
2004	\$ 176,000	\$ 43,816	\$ 26,000	\$ 2,650
2005	188,000	36,681	27,000	1,350
2006	180,000	28,693	-	-
2007	190,000	21,131	-	-
2008	190,000	13,159	-	-
2009-2011	135,000	13,032		
Total	\$1,059,000	\$ 156,512	\$ 53,000	\$ 4,000

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(12) Flow of Funds; Restrictions on Use - Utilities Revenues

Revenue Bond

Under the terms of the Sewer Utility Revenue indenture dated October 22, 1980, all income and revenues (hereinafter referred to as revenue) of every nature, earned or derived from operation of the sewer utility system, are pledged and dedicated to the retirement of said bonds, and are to be set aside into the following special funds:

Each month, there will be set aside into a fund called the "Bond and Interest Sinking Fund" an amount constituting 1/12 of the next maturing installment of principal and interest on the outstanding bonds. Such transfers shall be fully sufficient to assure the prompt payment of principal and interest installments as they become due and may be used only for such payments.

There shall also be set aside into a "Sewer Utility Bond Reserve Fund" an amount equal to 5% of the amount required to be paid into the Sinking Fund during the current fiscal year until there shall have been accumulated in the reserve account an amount equal to the maximum principal and interest requirements in any one maturity year. Such amount may be used only for the payment of maturing bonds and interest coupons for which sufficient funds are not on deposit in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund and as to which there would otherwise be default.

Funds will also be set aside into a "Sewer Utility Depreciation and Contingency Fund" at the rate of \$118 each month. Money in this fund may be used for the making of extraordinary repairs or replacements to the system which are necessary to keep the system in operating condition and for which money is not available as a maintenance and operation expense. Money in this fund may also be used to pay principal or interest on the bonds falling due at any time there is not sufficient money for payment in the other bond funds.

All of the revenues received in any fiscal year and not required to be paid in such fiscal year into any of the above noted funds shall be regarded as surplus and may be used for any lawful corporate purpose.

(13) Employee Retirement

All employees of the Town of Elton participate in the Social Security System. For the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, the Town and its employees contributed a percentage of each employee's salary to the System (7.65% contributed by the Town, 7.65% by the employees). The Town's contribution during the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 amounted to \$17,721 and \$18,576, respectively.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(14) Segment Information for the Enterprise Fund

The Town of Elton maintains one enterprise fund with three departments which provide water, sewerage and sanitation services. Segment information for the year ended December 31, 2003, was as follows:

	Water Department	Sewer Department	Sanitation Department	Total Enterprise Fund
Operating revenues	<u>\$124,255</u>	\$ 89,481	\$ 60,698	<u>\$ 274,434</u>
Operating expenses:				
Depreciation	28,939	35,545	-	64,484
Other	108,088	82,724	66,109	256,921
Total operating expenses	137,027	118,269	66,109	321,405
Operating loss	\$ (12,772)	\$ (28,788)	\$ (5,411)	\$ (46,971)

(15) <u>Compensation of Town Officials</u>

A detail of compensation paid to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the year ended December 31, 2003 follows:

Mayor:	
Catherine Hollingsworth (July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003)	\$ 9,013
Roger D. Laughlin, (January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003)	6,587
	15,600
Aldermen:	
Malcom Bertrand	2,900
Durffey Fontenot, Jr.	2,900
George Foster, Jr.	1,100
Kimberly Guidry	200
Catherine Hollingsworth	1,313
Margaret Langley	2,900
Tracie Treme	2,900
	14,213
	\$29,813

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(16) Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains commercial insurance coverage for each of those risks of loss. Management believes coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town.

(17) Pending Litigation

There were several lawsuits pending against the Town of Elton involving monetary liability at December 31, 2003; however management and counsel believe insurance coverage is sufficient to pay any claims.

(18) Water Contract

Under a contract dated January 1, 2003, the Town of Elton is required to purchase its water from the East Allen Parish Waterworks District until December 31, 2003. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, the Town's water purchases amounted to \$49,640. These purchases included \$3,451 owed at December 31, 2003 for water purchased for the month of December.

(19) Interfund Transactions

A. Receivables and Payables

Interfund receivables and payables consisted of the following at December 31, 2003:

Due to the Utility Fund from the General Fund representing short-term loans	\$ 696
Due to the Drainage Improvements Fund from the 2002 Certificates of Indebtedness	
Fund representing short-term loans	9,377
Due to the General Fund from the Coushatta Tribe Community Grant Fund representing	
short-term loans	9,854
Due to the 1980 Public Improvement Bond Fund from the General Fund representing	
short-term loans	 8,228
Total	\$ 28,155

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

B. Operating transfers

Operating transfers consisted of the following at December 31, 2003:

	Operating Transfers In	Operating Transfers Out
Major governmental funds:		
General Fund	\$150,000	\$ -
Coushatta Tribe Community Grant Fund	_	527,499
2002 Certificates of Indebtedness Fund	400,892	-
Non-major governmental funds:		
1975 Sales Tax Fund	-	45,900
1991 Sales Tax Fund	-	47,194
2001 Certificates of Indebtedness Fund	47,194	
Proprietary Fund:		
Enterprise Fund	22,507	_
Total	\$620,593	\$620,593

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the different funds to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Buc	iget		Variance with Final Budget Positive	2002
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)	Actual
Revenues:					
Taxes	\$ 74,500	\$ 82,500	\$ 81,032	\$ (1,468)	\$ 73,126
Licenses and permits	42,000	40,000	29,817	(10,183)	39,542
Intergovernmental	46,700	51,032	56,527	5,495	48,546
Fines and forfeits	50,000	45,000	42,846	(2,154)	45,624
Miscellaneous	19,350	17,000	18,113	1,113	25,627
Total revenues	232,550	235,532	228,335	(7,197)	232,465
Expenditures:	•				
Current -					
General government	117,550	119,175	120,832	(1,657)	112,974
Public safety - police	144,300	143,425	166,186	(22,761)	146,210
Highways and streets	101,960	95,000	81,837	13,163	103,500
Parks and recreation	2,150	2,200	1,935	265	2,723
Animal control	6,310	5,980	6,176	(196)	5,069
Capital outlay		1,836	1,836		22,859
Total expenditures	372,270	367,616	378,802	(11,186)	393,335
Deficiency of revenues over					
expenditures	(139,720)	(132,084)	(150,467)	(18,383)	(160,870)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in	165,000	150,000	150,000	-	166,844
Transfers out	(10,000)				(10,000)
Total other financing					
sources (uses)	155,000	150,000	150,000		156,844
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over					
expenditures and other uses	15,280	17,916	(467)	(18,383)	(4,026)
Fund balance, beginning	9,103	9,103	9,103		13,129
Fund balance, ending	\$ 24,383	\$ 27,019	\$ 8,636	\$(18,383)	\$ 9,103

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Coushatta Tribe Community Grant Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 2002

		2003				
	Pu	Budget		Variance with Final Budget Positive	2002	
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)	Actual	
Revenues:	•	dr.	de .	•	e 20.700	
Intergovernmental - state grant	\$ - 700 961	\$ - 720.730	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,700	
Community grant revenue Miscellaneous - interest	798,861 2,500	729,730 2,700	729,729 2,968	(1) 268	764,295 2,483	
				267		
Total revenues	801,361	732,430	732,697		<u>796,478</u>	
Expenditures:						
Current -						
General government: Professional fees	_	4,500	4,400	100	_	
Repairs and maintenance	7,500	12,000	25,415	(13,415)	103,453	
Miscellaneous	1,000	500	472	28	1,018	
Total general government	8,500	17,000	30,287	(13,287)	104,471	
						
Public safety:		1 600	1.500			
Police training		1,500	1,500			
Appropriation to Fire District - fire protection	54,600	50,000	43,784	6,216	45,858	
Highways and streets:						
Repairs and maintenance	45,000					
Education:						
Public schools	127,400	100,000	102,162	(2,162)	107,001	
Capital outlay -						
General government:						
Land	75,000	-	-	-	•	
Equipment	25,000	2,500	2,032	468	-	
Highways and streets:			0.000	(0.000)	05.550	
Bridge repair		•	9,800	(9,800)	85,750	
Building Equipment	50,000	30,000	- 7,000	23,000	259,288	
Public safety:	30,000	50,000	7,000	23,000	•	
Equipment - police	25,000	-	-	_	28,904	
Parks and recreation:	•				•	
Improvements	5,000				4,803	
Total capital outlay	180,000	32,500	18,832	13,668	378,745	
Total expenditures	415,500	201,000	196,565	4,435	636,075	
Excess of revenues						
over expenditures	385,861	531,430	536,132	4,702	160,403	
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers to General Fund	(135,000)	(115,000)	(115,000)	-	(98,844)	
Transfers to Utility Fund		(18,000)	(11,607)	6,393	(35,553)	
Transfers to Debt Service Fund	(117,700)	(385,000)	(400,892)	(15,892)	(209,293)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	(252,700)	_(518,000)	(527,499)	(9,499)	(343,690)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
over expenditures and other uses	133,161	13,430	8,633	(4,797)	(183,287)	
Fund balance, beginning	304,414	304,414	304,414		487,701	
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$437,575</u>	\$ 317,844	<u>\$313,047</u>	\$ (4,797)	\$ 304,414	

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Revenues Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Bu	dget		Variance with Final Budget Positive	2002
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)	Actual
Taxes:					
Ad valorem	\$ 19,500	\$ 19,500	\$ 20,526	\$ 1,026	\$ 19,166
Franchise tax	55,000	63,000	60,506	<u>(2,494</u>)	53,960
Total taxes	74,500	82,500	<u>81,032</u>	_(1,468)	<u>73,126</u>
Licenses and permits:				•	
Occupational licenses	42,000	40,000	29,817	(10,183)	39,542
Intergovernmental:					
Federal grant - FEMA	-	7,832	7,832	_	-
State of Louisiana -					
State revenue sharing	6,000	6,000	5,702	(298)	5,901
Beer taxes	4,000	4,000	2,396	(1,604)	4,090
Video poker	19,000	17,500	16,462	(1,038)	17,735
Supplemental pay	10,800	10,800	15,200	4,400	14,040
Grants	3,000	1,000	5,035	4,035	2,880
Jeff Davis Parish Police Jury	3,900	3,900	3,900		3,900
Total intergovernmental	46,700	51,032	56,527	5,495	48,546
Fines and forfeits	50,000	45,000	42,846	(2,154)	<u>45,624</u>
Miscellaneous:					
Interest income	350	200	175	(25)	25 8
Fire protection fees	6,500	6,500	6,354	(146)	6,476
Other	12,500	10,300	11,584	1,284	18,893
Total miscellaneous	19,350	17,000	18,113	1,113	25,627
Total revenues	\$232,550	\$235,532	\$228,335	\$ (7,197)	\$232,465

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 2002

	2003									
	Budget			Variance with Final Budget Positive			2002			
	Ori	ginal		Final	A	ctual	(N	egative)	A	ctual
Current:			-							
General government -										
Coroner fees	\$	500	\$	1,500	\$	1,173	\$	327	\$	350
Dues and subscriptions		1,000		550		716		(166)		920
Fire assessments		6,500		6,500		6,354		146		6,476
Insurance	2	7,000		25,500		24,921		579		19,813
Janitorial supplies		3,000		2,000		2,017		(17)		3,651
Legal and professional	1	0,000		10,000		11,444		(1,444)		10,441
Mayor's expense		1,500		1,000		740		260		2,226
Miscellaneous		850		900		2,743		(1,843)		2,355
Office expenditures		5,500		8,700		7,357		1,343		7,087
Payroll taxes		3,250		3,200		3,270		(70)		3,234
Publishing and recording		750		925		897		28		623
Rent - fire hydrant		3,900		3,900		3,900		-		3,900
Salaries	4	12,500		41,800		41,859		(59)		41,229
Telephone		3,500		4,200		4,488		(288)		2,937
Meetings, workshops, and conventions		500		600		483		117		604
Repairs and maintenance		1,000		500		1,735		(1,235)		1,341
Utilities		6,300		7,400	_	6,735		665	<u></u>	5,787
Total general government	_1	17,550		119,175		20,832	_	(1,657)	_1	12,974
Public safety - police -										
Auto expenditures		7,500		12,500		11,000		1,500		4,337
Insurance		7,500		8,600		8,694		(94)		6,988
Salaries	•	98,000		86,500	•	102,765		(16,265)		99,135
Miscellaneous		200		1,000		559		441		574
Payroll taxes		9,800		6,625		7,952		(1,327)		7,652
Prisoners' expenditures		1,800		2,000		3,511		(1,511)		2,720
Supplies		3,000		5,000		9,661		(4,661)		3,000
Repairs and maintenance		10,000		13,000		12,497		503		15,150
State court costs		1,200		1,200		1,396		(196)		1,493
Training academy		1,000		1,200		1,389		(189)		1,799
Telephone and utilities		3,500		4,300		5,075		(775)		2,630
Uniforms		800		1,500		1,687		(187)		732
Total public safety	_1	44,300	_	143,425		166,186	_	(22,761)		146,210
-									(co	ntinued)

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures (Continued) Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 2002

				Variance with Final Budget	
	_	dget		Positive	2002
	Original	<u>Final</u>	Actual	(Negative)	Actual
Highways and streets -					
Auto expenditures	2,000	2,200	1,882	318	2,037
Insurance	2,500	3,500	3,462	38	2,292
Miscellaneous	100	100	62	38	254
Payroll taxes	2,760	2,600	2,268	332	2,811
Repairs and maintenance	45,000	35,000	24,573	10,427	45,461
Salaries	36,000	33,000	32,404	596	35,959
Supplies	600	1,600	1,303	297	580
Utilities	13,000	17,000	15,883	1,117	14,106
Total highways and streets	101,960	95,000	81,837	13,163	103,500
Parks and recreation -					
Repairs and maintenance	750	1,200	949	251	1,537
Utilities	1,400	1,000	986	14	1,186
Total parks and recreation	2,150	2,200	1,935	265	2,723
Animal control -					
Insurance	300	430	422	8	273
Miscellaneous	_	-	269	(269)	-
Payroll taxes	310	300	347	(47)	290
Salaries	4,000	3,750	3,728	22	3,740
Supplies	1,700	1,500	1,410	90	766
Total animal control	6,310	5,980	6,176	(196)	5,069
Capital outlay:					
Public safety - police					
Equipment	-	1,836	1,836	-	9,287
Highways and streets -					
Equipment	_	-	-	-	11,442
Animal control -					
Equipment	_	_	-		2,130
Total capital outlay		1,836	1,836		22,859
Total expenditures	\$372,270	\$367,616	\$378,802	\$(11,186)	\$393,335

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA 2002 Certificates of Indebtedness Debt Service Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Buc			Variance with Final Budget Positive	2002
Darramasa	Original	<u>Final</u>	Actual	(Negative)	Actual
Revenues: Miscellaneous - interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ _	\$ -	\$ 3,248
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Expenditures:					
General government-					
Professional fees	-		_	-	12,220
Miscellaneous		-	_	<u> </u>	405
Total general government			-	-	12,625
					
Debt service -					
Principal retirement	95,000	95,000	95,000	-	-
Interest	22,700	22,632	22,632	-	20
Total debt service	117,700	117,632	117,632	<u>-</u>	20
Total expenditures	117,700	117,632	117,632	<u></u>	12,645
Deficiency of					
revenues over					
expenditures	(117,700)	(117,632)	(117,632)	-	(9,397)
Other financing sources:					
Transfers from Coushatta Tribe					
Community Grant Fund	117,700	385,000	400,892	15,892	209,293
Excess of revenues and					
other sources over					
		267.269	202 260	15 902	100 906
expenditures	-	267,368	283,260	15,892	199,896
Fund balance, beginning	199,896	199,896	199,896		
Fund balance, ending	\$199,896	<u>\$467,264</u>	\$483,15 <u>6</u>	\$15,892	\$199,896

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Drainage Improvements Capital Projects Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2002

		_			
				Variance with Final Budget	
	Buc	dget		Positive	2002
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)	Actual
Revenues:					
Miscellaneous - interest	<u>\$ - </u>	\$ 3,500	<u>\$ 3,419</u>	<u>\$ (81)</u>	<u>\$ 789</u>
Expenditures:					
General government -					
Administration and other	14,495	-	110	(110)	25
Capital outlay -					
Construction costs	700,000	530,000	553,446	(23,446)	7,852
Total expenditures	714,495	_530,000	<u>553,556</u>	(23,556)	<u> 7,877</u>
Deficiency of					
revenues over					
expenditures	(714,495)	(526,500)	(550,137)	(23,637)	(7,088)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	-	-	-	800,000
Transfers to other funds -					
1991 Sales Tax Fund	-				(4,407)
Total other financing					
sources (uses)					795,593
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other					
sources over expenditures					
and other uses	(714,495)	(526,500)	(550,137)	(23,637)	788,505
Fund balance, beginning	800,000	800,000	800,000		11,495
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 85,505</u>	\$273,500	\$249,863	\$ (23,637)	\$800,000

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Community Development Block Grant Capital Projects Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2002

		ıdget	Variance with Final Budget Positive		2002	
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)	Actual	
Revenues:						
Intergovernmental - federal grant	\$169,700	\$332,900	\$333,050	<u>\$ 150</u>	<u>\$ 71,551</u>	
Expenditures:		•				
Housing rehabilitation -						
Cost relocation	144,700	282,900	282,875	25	58,633	
Administration and other	25,000	50,000	50,175	(175)	12,918	
Total expenditures	169,700	332,900	333,050	(150)	71,551	
Excess of revenues						
over expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	
Fund balance, beginning				-		
Fund balance, ending	\$ -	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Combining Balance Sheet December 31, 2003 With Comparative Totals for December 31, 2002

	Special	Special	Debt	То	tals
	Revenue	Service	2003	2002	
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 82,880	\$ 23,115	\$105,995	\$ 54,340	
Interest-bearing deposits	<u>-</u>	66,451	66,451	57,273	
Receivables:				•	
Taxes	13,422	6,423	19,845	17,007	
Due from other funds		8,228	8,228	8,228	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 96,302	\$104,217	\$200,519	\$136,848	
FUND BALANCES					
Fund balances:					
Reserved for debt service	\$ -	\$104,217	\$104,217	\$ 95,406	
Unreserved, designated for street improvements	57,442	•	57,442	30,626	
Unreserved, undesignated	38,860	<u> </u>	38,860	10,816	
Total fund balances	\$ 96,302	\$104,217	\$200,519	\$136,848	

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Totals for Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Special	Debt	Totals	
	Revenue	Service	2003	2002
Revenues:		·		
Taxes -				
Sales	\$152,756	\$ -	\$152,756	\$ 147,375
Ad valorem	-	26,818	26,818	23,603
Miscellaneous		<u>598</u>	<u>598</u>	1,571
Total revenues	<u>152,756</u>	27,416	<u>180,172</u>	<u>172,549</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Professional fees	1,279	1,500	2,779	5,763
Collection fees	3,206	-	3,206	3,326
Miscellaneous	317	611	928	<u>831</u>
Total general government	4,802	2,111	6,913	9,920
Debt service -			_	
Principal retirement	-	44,000	44,000	44,000
Interest and fiscal charges		19,688	19,688	21,786
Total debt service		<u>63,688</u>	63,688	65,786
Total expenditures	4,802	65,799	70,601	75,706
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	147,954	(38,383)	109,571	96,843
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	-	47,194	47,194	73,291
Transfers out	(93,094)		(93,094)	(147,384)
Total financing sources (uses)	(93,094)	<u>47,194</u>	(45,900)	(74,093)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures				
and other uses	54,860	8,8 11	63,671	22,750
Fund balances, beginning	41,442	95,406	136,848	114,098
Fund balances, ending	\$ 96,302	\$104,217	\$200,519	\$ 136,848

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

1975 Sales Tax Fund

To account for the receipt and use of proceeds of the Town's 1% sales and use tax. These taxes are dedicated to the opening, constructing, paving, resurfacing and improving streets, sidewalks and bridges, constructing and purchasing street lighting facilities; constructing and improving drains, drainage canals and sub-surface drainage; constructing and purchasing fire department stations and equipment; constructing and purchasing garbage disposal and health and sanitation equipment and facilities; constructing public buildings, purchasing, constructing and improving public parks and recreational facilities and acquiring the necessary equipment and furnishing thereof; purchasing equipment for civil defense; improving any work of permanent public improvement; and purchasing and acquiring all equipment and furnishings for the public works, buildings, improvements and facilities of the Town of Elton, Louisiana.

1991 Sales Tax Fund

To account for the receipt and use of proceeds of the Town's 1% sales and use tax. These taxes are dedicated to the maintenance, repairs, and upkeep of streets in the Town of Elton, Louisiana.

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

Combining Balance Sheet December 31, 2003 With Comparative Totals for December 31, 2002

	1975 Sales	1991 Sales	То	tals
	Tax	<u>Tax</u>	2003	2002
ASSETS				
Cash	\$32,149	\$ 50,731	\$82,880	\$30,520
Taxes receivable	6,711	<u>6,711</u>	13,422	10,922
Total assets	\$38,860	\$ 57,442	\$96,302	\$41,442
FUND BALANCES				
Fund balances:				
Designated for street improvements	\$ -	\$57,442	\$57,442	\$30,626
Unreserved, undesignated	38,860		38,860	10,816
Total fund balances	\$38,860	\$57,442	\$96,302	\$41,442

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Totals for Year Ended December 31, 2002

	1975	1991		
	Sales	Sales	Tot	als
	Tax	Tax	2003	2002
Revenues:				
Taxes - sales	\$76,378	\$76,378	\$152,756	\$147,375
Miscellaneous - interest	<u> </u>		<u>-</u>	456
Total revenues	76,378	76,378	152,756	147,831
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Professional fees	514	765	1,279	3,950
Collection fees	1,603	1,603	3,206	3,326
Miscellaneous	<u>317</u>		317	<u>46</u>
Total general government	2,434	2,368	4,802	7,322
Excess of revenues over expenditures	73,944	74,010	147,954	140,509
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers to General Fund	(35,000)	_	(35,000)	(68,000)
Transfers to Utility Fund	(10,900)	-	(10,900)	(10,500)
Transfers to 2001 Cert of Indebtedness Fund	_	(47,194)	(47,194)	(73,291)
Transfer from Drainage Improvements Fund	-	_	-	4,407
Total other financing sources (uses)	(45,900)	(47,194)	(93,094)	(147,384)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other				
sources over expenditures and other uses	28,044	26,816	54,860	(6,875)
Fund balances, beginning	10,816	30,626	41,442	48,317
Fund balances, ending	\$38,860	<u>\$57,442</u>	\$ 96,302	\$ 41,442

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund 1975 Sales Tax Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 2002

		2003		
			Variance -	
			Favorable	2002
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$73,800	<u>\$76,378</u>	<u>\$ 2,578</u>	\$73,651
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Professional fees	3,000	514	2,486	2,100
Collection fees	2,000	1,603	397	1,663
Miscellaneous	350	317	33	44
Total general government	5,350	2,434	2,916	3,807
Excess of revenues over expenditures	68,450	73,944	5,494	69,844
Other financing uses:				
Transfers to General Fund	(50,000)	(35,000)	15,000	(68,000)
Transfers to Utility Fund	(9,900)	(10,900)	(1,000)	(10,500)
Total other financing uses	(59,900)	(45,900)	14,000	(78,500)
Excess of revenues				
over expenditures and other uses	8,550	28,044	19,494	(8,656)
Fund balance, beginning	10,816	10,816		19,472
Fund balance, ending	\$19,366	\$38,860	\$19,494	\$10,816

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund 1991 Sales Tax Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 2002

		2003		
	•		Variance -	
			Favorable	2002
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$73,800	\$76,378	\$ 2,578	\$73,724
Miscellaneous - interest	5,000		(5,000)	456
Total revenues	78,800	76,378	_(2,422)	74,180
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Professional fees	3,000	765	2,235	1,850
Collection fees	2,000	1,603	397	1,663
Miscellaneous		-		2
Total general government	5,000	2,368	2,632	<u>3,515</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	73,800	74,010	210	70,665
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfer from Drainage Improvements Fund	-	-	-	4,407
Transfers to 2001 Certificates of Indebtedness	(47,288)	(47,194)	<u>94</u>	(73,291)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(47,288)	(47,194)	94	(68,884)
Excess of revenues and other sources				
over expenditures and other uses	26,512	26,816	304	1,781
Fund balance, beginning	30,626	30,626		28,845
Fund balance, ending	\$ 57,138	\$57,442	<u>\$ 304</u>	\$30,626

NONMAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

Public Improvement Bonds dated 10/22/80

To accumulate monies for payment of the 1980 \$224,000 Public Improvement Sewer Bonds. Debt Service is financed by the levy of a specific ad valorem tax.

Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2001

To accumulate monies for payment of the 2001 \$380,000 Certificates of Indebtedness. Debt service is financed by the levy of a 1% sales and use tax.

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Nonmajor Debt Service Funds

Combining Balance Sheet December 31, 2003 With Comparative Totals for December 31, 2002

	1980 Public	2001 Certificates	T-4	1
	Improvement	of	Tot	
	<u>Bond</u>	Indebtedness	2003	2002
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ -	\$ 23,115	\$ 23,115	\$ 23,820
Interest-bearing deposits	66,451	-	66,451	57,273
Receivables			,	,
Taxes	6,423	-	6,423	6,085
Due from other funds	8,228	-	8,228	8,228
Total assets	\$81,102	\$23,115	\$ 104,217	\$ 95,406
FUND BALANCES				
Fund balances:				
Reserved for debt service	\$81,102	\$23,115	\$ 104,217	\$ 95,406

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Nonmajor Debt Service Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Totals for Year Ended December 31, 2002

	1980 Public	2001 Certificates		
	Improvement	of	Tot	
	Bond	Indebtedness	2003	2002
Revenues:				
Taxes - Ad valorem	¢ 26 010	•	¢ 26.919	e 22.602
Miscellaneous -	\$26,818	\$ -	\$ 26,818	\$ 23,603
Interest on deposits	598	_	598	1,115
•				
Total revenues	<u>27,416</u>	-	27,416	<u>24,718</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Professional fees	1,500	-	1,500	1,813
Miscellaneous	-	<u>611</u>	<u>611</u>	<u>785</u>
Total general government	1,500	<u>611</u>	2,111	2,598
Debt service -				
Principal retirement	14,000	30,000	44,000	44,000
Interest	2,400	17,288	19,688	21,786
Total debt service	16,400	47,288	63,688	65,786
Total expenditures	<u>17,900</u>	47,899	65,799	68,384
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	9,516	(47,899)	(38,383)	(43,666)
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in		<u>47,194</u>	47,194	73,291
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures	9,516	(705)	8,811	29,625
Fund balances, beginning	71,586	23,820	95,406	65,781
Fund balances, ending	\$81,102	<u>\$23,115</u>	\$104,217	\$ 95,406

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Nonmajor Debt Service Fund 1980 Public Improvement Bond Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 2002

		2003		
			Variance -	
			Favorable	2002
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues:				
Taxes -ad valorem	\$23,000	\$26,818	\$ 3,818	\$23,603
Miscellaneous - interest	500	598	98	1,115
Total revenues	23,500	27,416	3,916	24,718
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Professional fees	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,813
Debt service -				
Principal retirement	14,000	14,000	-	14,000
Interest	2,400	2,400		3,100
Total debt service	16,400	16,400		17,100
Total expenditures	18,900	17,900		18,913
Excess of revenues over expenditures	4,600	9,516	4,916	5,805
Fund balance, beginning	. 71,586	71,586		65,781
Fund balance, ending	\$76,186	\$81,102	\$ 4,916	<u>\$71,586</u>

Nonmajor Debt Service Fund 2001 Certificates of Indebtedness Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual Year Ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 2002

	<u></u>	2003	Variance - Favorable	2002
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues:	\$ -	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$</u> -
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Miscellaneous	500	<u>611</u>	(111)	<u>785</u>
Debt service -				
Principal retirement	30,000	30,000	-	30,000
Interest	15,870	17,288	(1,418)	18,686
Total debt service	45,870	47,288	(1,418)	48,686
Total expenditures	46,370	47,899	(1,529)	49,471
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(46,370)	(47,899)	(1,529)	(49,471)
Other financing sources:				
Transfers from 1991 Sales Tax Fund	45,870	47,194	1,324	73,291
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
and other sources over expenditures	(500)	(705)	(205)	23,820
Fund balance, beginning	23,820	23,820		
Fund balance, ending	\$23,320	\$23,115	\$ (205)	\$ 23,820

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Enterprise Fund Utility Fund

Schedule of Number of Utility Customers (Unaudited) December 31, 2003

Records maintained by the Town indicated the following number of customers were being served during the months of December, 2003 and 2002:

Department	2003	2002
Water (metered)	537	536
Sewer	500	496
Garbage	510	510

TOWN OF ELTON, LOUISIANA Enterprise Fund Utility Fund

Comparative Statement of Operating Expenses by Department Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	2003	2002
Water department:		
Bad debts	\$ 1,834	\$ 1,623
Bank charges	772	5 86
Depreciation	28,939	30,051
Insurance	3,914	3,376
Legal and professional fees	2,655	4,264
Office expense and supplies	3,242	2,506
Payroll taxes	2,678	3,066
Repairs and maintenance	6,219	10,781
Salaries	35,068	40,436
Supplies	582	-
Truck expense	648	431
Utilities	836	778
Water purchases	<u>49,640</u>	48,620
Total water department	137,027	146,518
Sewer department:		
Bad debts	2,205	1,137
Depreciation	35,545	35,572
Insurance	4,979	3,745
Legal and professional fees	2,799	4,491
Miscellaneous	331	704
Office expense and supplies	212	269
Payroll taxes	1,240	1,022
Repairs and maintenance	24,118	23,500
Salaries	16,240	13,487
Supplies	4,772	5,683
Sewer analysis	1,980	3,673
Truck expense	813	639
Utilities	23,035	21,832
Total sewer department	118,269	115,754
Sanitation department:		
Bad debts	2,245	1,220
Office expense and supplies	174	130
Collection fees	63,690	63,194
Total sanitation department	66,109	64,544
Total operating expenses	<u>\$321,405</u>	\$326,816

Combined Schedule of Interest-Bearing Deposits - All Funds December 31, 2003

	Financial Institution	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Amount
Major governmental funds:				
Coushatta Tribe Community Grant Fund - Money market account	(A)	N/A	variable	<u>\$ 171,073</u>
2002 Certificate of Indebtedness Bond Fund -				
Money market account	(H)	N/A	variable	413,800
Drainage Improvement Fund -				
Money market account	(J)	N/A	variable	316,109
Nonmajor governmental funds:				
Debt Service Funds:				
1980 Public Improvement Bond Fund - Certificate of Deposit	(A)	03/24/04		18,379
Certificate of Deposit	(A)	03/24/04		16,861
Money market account	(A)	N/A	variable	31,211
		- 11 - 4		66,451
Utility Fund:				
Unrestricted assets -				
Certificate of Deposit	(A)	12/10/04	1.61%	10,392
Money market account	(A)	N/A	variable	4,569
Money market account	(A)	N/A	variable	46,414
Total unrestricted assets				61,375
Restricted assets -				
Certificate of Deposit	(A)	12/10/04	1.25%	2,621
Certificate of Deposit	(A)	10/05/04	1.25%	3,073
Certificate of Deposit	(A)	09/29/04	1.25%	2,816
Certificate of Deposit	(A)	10/03/04	1.25%	2,891
Certificate of Deposit	(A)	10/17/04	1.25%	3,087
Certificate of Deposit	(A)	01/30/04	1.25%	3,165
Certificate of Deposit	(A)	03/02/04	1.25%	2,928
Certificate of Deposit	(A)	09/06/04	1.25%	2,541
Certificate of Deposit	(A)	12/04/04	1.25%	2,521
Certificate of Deposit	(A)	12/02/04	1.25%	2,500
Certificate of Deposit	(A)	08/25/06	2.00%	2,500
Money market account	(H)	N/A	variable	21,319
Money market account	(A)	N/A	variable	26,403
Money market account	(A)	N/A	variable	4,878
Money market account	(A)	N/A	variable	7,400
Money market account	(A)	N/A	variable	29,247
Total restricted assets				119,890
Total Utility Fund				<u>181,265</u>
Total - all funds				\$1,148,698

Investments with:

- (A) American Bank, Welsh, Louisiana
- (H) Hibernia National Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana
- (J) Jeff Davis Bank, Jennings, Louisiana

Schedule of Insurance in Force (Unaudited) December 31, 2003

Description of Coverage	Coverage Amounts
Workmen's Compensation:	Statutory
Employer's liability - accident	\$100,000
Employer's liability - disease limit	500,000
Employer's liability - disease each employee	100,000
All risk coverage on water tower	130,000
Sewer equipment coverage	257,107
Surety Bonds:	
Mayor/Council	80,000
Town clerk	30,000
Assistant town clerk	7,000
Fire and wind coverage on Town of Elton buildings:	
Senior citizens building	25,000
City hall and police station	218,000
Contents of city hall and police station	15,000
Old depot building	50,000
Law enforcement and officer liability:	
All coverage (other than products - completed	
operations and errors and omissions injury) aggregate	500,000
Error or omission, aggregate	500,000
Automobile coverage:	
General liability, aggregate	500,000
Bodily injury and property damage	1,000
Uninsured motorist	50,000
Commercial:	
General liability, aggregate	500,000

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

The Honorable Catherine Hollingsworth, Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen Town of Elton, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Elton, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 4, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Elton's 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 one instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> which is described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings as item 03-1(C).

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Elton's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the basic financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings as item 03-1(IC).

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 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. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Town's management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Although the intended use of this report may be limited, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Oberlin, Louisiana May 4, 2004

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

The Honorable Catherine Hollingsworth, Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen Town of Elton, Louisiana

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Town of Elton, Louisiana (the Town) with the types of compliance requirements described in the <u>U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement</u> that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2003. The Town's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Town's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Town's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Town complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on the internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control 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 noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program 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 compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information of the Town's management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Although the intended use of this report may be limited, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Oberlin, Louisiana May 4, 2004

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended December 31, 2003

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through	CFDA	Revenue	
Grantor/Program Name	Number	Recognized	Expenditures
United States Department of Housing and			
Urban Development -			
Community Development Block Grants/			
State's Program - Housing Rehabilitation	14.228	\$ 333,050	\$ 333,050
Federal Emergency Management Agency -			
Disaster Housing Program	83.545	13,757	13,757
Total		\$ 346,807	\$ 346,807

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended December 31, 2003

(1) General

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all federal financial assistance programs of the Town of Elton (the Town). The Town's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the basic financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003. All federal financial assistance received directly from federal agencies is included on the schedule as well as federal financial assistance passed through other government agencies. The Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program was considered a major federal program of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(2) Basis of Accounting

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the Town's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2003

Part I. Summary of Auditors' Results:

- 1. An unqualified opinion was issued on the basic financial statements of the Town of Elton.
- One reportable condition in internal control was disclosed by the audit of the financial statements. This reportable condition was considered to be a material weakness.
- 3. One instance of noncompliance was disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.
- 4. No reportable conditions in internal control over the major program were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.
- 5. An unqualified opinion was issued on compliance for the major program.
- 6. The audit disclosed no compliance findings required to be reported under Section 510(a) of Circular A-133.
- 7. The major program was the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program.
- 8. The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs, as described in Section 520(b) of Circular A-133 was \$300,000.
- 9. The auditee did not qualify as a low-risk auditee under Section 530 of Circular A-133.

Part II. Findings which are required to be reported in accordance with generally accepted Governmental Auditing Standards:

A. Compliance Findings –

See compliance finding 03-1(C) on Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plan.

B. Internal Control Finding –

See internal control finding 03-1(IC) on Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plan.

(continued)

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued) Year Ended December 31, 2003

Part III. Findings and questioned costs for Federal awards which include audit findings as defined in Section 510(a) of Circular A-133:

A. Compliance Findings -

There were no compliance findings to be reported under the above guidance.

B. Internal Control Findings -

There were no internal control findings to be reported under the above guidance.

Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plan December 31, 2003

Ref.	Fiscal Year Finding Initially		Corrective Action		Name of	Anticipated Date of
CURRENT	CURRENT YEAR (12/31/03)	/03)	Taken	Corrective Action Planned	Contact Person	Completion
Compliance				÷		
03-1 (C)	2003	The Town violated R.S. 42:1121 by appointing a former councilmen who had served within the prior two years, to a vacant councilmen position in 2003.	Yes	The Town concurs with this finding and intends to comply with R.S. 42:1121.	Verian Ortego, Assistant Town Clerk	2004
Internal Control	trol					
03-1 (IC)	Unknown	Due to the small number of employees, the Town did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.	N/A	No response is considered necessary.	Verian Ortego, Assistant Town Clerk	N/A
PRIOR YEAR (Compliance	R (12/31/02)					
02-1 (C)	2002	Town resources were used to perform work and make improvements to private property in violation of Article VII, Section 14 (A) of the Louisiana constitution. The town paid \$9,605 to a local contractor for work that was performed on private property.	Yes	The Town's new mayor, appointed on June 9, 2003 and the new council that took office January 1, 2003, concur with this finding. The mayor and council are reviewing operations and making improvements to ensure use of town resources are not used for private purposes in violation of Article VII, section 14(A).	Verian Ortego, Assistant Town Clerk	2003
02-2 (C)	2002	The town failed to comply with R. S. 38:2212 by failing to bid out services paid out to a contractor. Total fees paid to the contractor amounted to over \$80,000. Additionally the town failed to obtain three quotes in the purchase of a police dog amounting to \$9,460 in violation of R. S. 38:2212.	Yes	The Town concurs with this finding and the new mayor and council intend to fully comply with the public bid law in future transactions.	Verian Ortego, Assistant Town Clerk	2003

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Anticipated Date of Completion		N/A	2003	
Name of Contact Person		Verian Ortego, Assistant Town Clerk	Verian Ortego, Assistant Town Clerk	
Corrective Action Planned		No response is considered necessary.	The town concurs with this finding and will not allow adjustment of fines by the mayor.	
Corrective Action Taken		N/A	Yes	
Description of Finding	1/02)	Due to the small number of employees, the Town did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.	The Town should review its procedures regarding adjustment of fines in city court. Per the Town's policy, only the magistrate who is a local attorney, can reduce fines with cause. The mayor should not be involved in this process.	
Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred	AR (12/31/0). 1trol	Unknown	<u>st Letter</u> 2002	it Letter
Ref.	PRIOR YEAR (12/3 Internal Control	02-1 (IC)	Management Letter 02-1(ML) 200	Managemer