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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH AUDITOR'S REPORT
JUNE 30, 2004

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Donnis Brinkley, Mayor
and Members of the Board of Aldermen
Village of Simpson:

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund, of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village of Simpson Louisiana's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I 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. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my 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, and each major fund of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana, as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Honorable Donnis Brinkley, Mayor
Village of Simpson, Louisiana
continued

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated December 10, 2004, on my consideration of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and y tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

The Village of Simpson, Louisiana, has not presented management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's basic financial statements. The schedules of per diem paid to board members, prior year audit findings, and current year audit findings are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedules of per diem paid to board members, prior year audit findings, and current year audit findings have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in the all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedules of per diem paid to board members, prior year audit findings and current year audit findings have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on them.

This report is intended for the information and use of management and the Board of Commissioners, state awarding agencies and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's office of the State of Louisiana and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statue 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Leesville, Louisiana
December 10, 2004

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA

Statement A

Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2004

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business - type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 42,979	\$ 48,490	\$ 91,469
Receivables:			
Franchise taxes	1,508	6,080	7,588
Accounts	—	—	—
Intergovernmental:			
Alcohol taxes	—	—	—
Restricted assets	—	63,297	63,297
Capital assets, net	740	402,598	402,638
Total assets	<u>\$ 45,227</u>	<u>\$ 520,465</u>	<u>\$ 565,992</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 371	\$ 271	\$ 642
Payroll taxes payable	361	243	604
Accrued expenses	—	2,153	2,153
Accrued interest payable	—	260	260
Customer deposits	—	5,060	5,060
Current portion of revenue bonds	—	5,000	5,000
Revenue bonds payable	—	47,000	47,000
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 732</u>	<u>\$ 59,987</u>	<u>\$ 60,719</u>
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 740	\$ 350,338	\$ 351,078
Unrestricted	43,755	110,140	153,895
Total net assets	<u>\$ 44,495</u>	<u>\$ 460,478</u>	<u>\$ 504,973</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA
 Statements of Activities
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Statement B

	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues And Changes in Net Assets			
	Expenses	Fees, Fines and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants And Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Program Activities							
Governmental Activities:							
General Government							
And administration	\$ 18,002	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (18,002)	\$ —	\$ (18,002)
Public safety	8,318	—	—	—	(8,318)	—	(8,318)
Capital Outlay	6,500	—	—	6,500	—	—	—
Total governmental activities	32,820	—	—	6,500	(26,320)	—	(26,320)
Business-type Activities:							
Water and sewer	72,974	69,740	5,000	—	—	1,766	1,766
Total government	\$ 105,794	\$ 69,740	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,500	\$ (26,320)	\$ 1,766	\$ (24,544)
General revenues:							
Taxes:							
Occupational licenses and permits					11,995	—	11,995
Franchise fees					12,909	—	12,909
Investment earnings					75	—	75
Miscellaneous					477	—	477
Transfers					4,815	—	(4,815)
Total general revenues and transfers					30,271	(4,815)	25,456
Change in net assets					3,951	(3,049)	912
Net assets at beginning of year					40,544	463,527	504,061
Net assets at end of year					\$ 44,495	\$ 460,478	\$ 504,973

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON
Balance Sheet Governmental Funds
June 30, 2004

	Major Fund General	Capital Projects Fund	2002 LCDBG Rehab Project	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and cash investments	\$ 42,936	\$ 43	—	\$ 42,979
Receivables	—	—	—	—
Ad valorem taxes	—	—	—	—
Sales taxes	—	—	—	—
Franchise taxes	1,508	—	—	1,508
Intergovernmental	—	—	—	—
State mowing contract	—	—	—	—
Due from other funds	—	—	—	—
Total assets	\$ 44,444	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 44,487

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 371	\$ —	—	\$ 371
Payroll taxes payable	361	—	—	361
Total Liabilities	\$ 732	\$ —	—	\$ 732

Net Assets:

Unreserved, reported in:				
General Fund	\$ 43,712	\$ —	—	\$ 43,712
Special revenue funds	—	43	—	43
Total net assets	\$ 43,712	\$ 43	—	\$ 43,755
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 44,444	\$ 43	—	\$ 44,487

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON

Statement C

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
 To Statement of Net Assets
 June 30, 2004

Total fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ 43,755
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheets.	<u>740</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 44,495</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund BalancesGovernmental FundsFor the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Funds 2002 LCDBG Rehab Project</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues			
Taxes:			
Franchise	\$ 12,909	\$ —	\$ 12,909
Intergovernmental:			
Federal grants - LCDBG	—	6,500	6,500
State grants	—	—	—
Occupational licenses and permits	11,995	—	11,995
Investment income	75	—	75
Fines and forfeitures	—	—	—
Advertising revenue	420	—	420
Other revenues	57	—	57
Total revenues	<u>\$ 25,456</u>	<u>\$ 6,500</u>	<u>\$ 31,956</u>
Expenditures			
General government	18,002	—	18,002
Public Safety	8,318	—	8,318
Capital Outlay	—	6,500	6,500
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 26,320</u>	<u>\$ 6,500</u>	<u>\$ 32,820</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(864)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(864)</u>
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfer in	7,965	—	7,965
Transfer Out	<u>(3,150)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(3,150)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>4,815</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,815</u>
Net change in net assets	<u>3,951</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,951</u>
Net Assets at beginning of year	<u>39,761</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>39,804</u>
Net Assets at end of year	<u>\$ 43,712</u>	<u>\$ 43</u>	<u>\$ 43,755</u>

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the
Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Net Change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 3,951
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</p>	
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the government-wide statement of activities and changes in net assets, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount of capital assets recorded in the current period.</p>	—
<p>Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the government-wide statement of activities and changes in net assets, but they do not require the use of current financial resources. Therefore, depreciation expense is not reported as an expenditure in governmental funds.</p>	(420)
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,531</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON
General Fund

Statement E

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

Budget and Actual

For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amount Budgetary Basis	Budget to GAAP differences Over (under)	Actual Amount GAAP Basis
	Original	Final			
Revenues					
Taxes:					
Franchise fees	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500	\$ 12,909	\$ (1,591)	\$ 12,909
Charges for services	—	—	—	—	—
Intergovernmental:					
Local grants	—	—	—	—	—
Occupational licenses & permits	11,300	11,300	11,995	695	11,995
Investment income	—	—	75	75	75
Advertising Revenue	—	—	420	420	420
Other revenue	—	—	58	58	58
Total revenues	\$ 25,800	\$ 25,800	\$ 25,457	\$ (343)	\$ 25,457
Expenditures					
General government and administration	23,925	19,053	18,002	1,051	18,002
Public safety	10,100	8,749	8,318	431	8,318
Total expenditures	\$ 34,025	\$ 27,802	\$ 26,320	\$ 1,482	\$ 26,320
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$ (8,225)	\$ (2,002)	\$ (863)	\$ (1,139)	\$ (863)

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON
General Fund

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amount Budgetary Basis	Budget to GAAP differences Over (under)	Actual Amount GAAP Basis
	Original	Final			
Other financing sources(uses):					
Transfers In	4,000	4,000	7,965	3,965	7,965
Transfers Out	—	—	(3,150)	(3,150)	(3,150)
Net change in net assets	(4,225)	1,998	3,952	815	3,952
Net Assets at beginning of year	39,760	39,760	39,760	—	39,760
Net Assets at end of year	\$ 35,535	\$ 41,758	\$ 43,712	\$ 815	\$ 43,712

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON
 Special Revenue Fund
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, And
 Changes in Net Assets
 CDBG Grant - #107-900350
 Year Ended June 30, 2004

Revenues:		
State Grants	\$	<u>6,500</u>
Total Revenues		<u>6,500</u>
Expenditures:		
General Government		—
Special Programs:		
Rehabilitation loans and grants (housing)		6,500
Administration - housing		<u>—</u>
Total Expenditures		<u>6,500</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		—
Other financing sources (uses) :		
Transfer in		<u>—</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses		—
Net Assets, beginning		<u>43</u>
Net Assets, ending	\$	<u><u>43</u></u>

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON
 Community Development Block Grant -
 Program #107-900350
 Schedule of Program Costs

Statement F-2

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004

	<u>Authorized Costed</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Prior Year Expenditures</u>	<u>Remaining To be Expended</u>
Administration - Rehab	\$ 32,800	\$ 6,500	\$ 16,698	\$ 10,198
Clearance and demolition	7,000	—	—	7,000
Rehabilitation loans and grants (housing)	<u>195,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>90,478</u>	<u>94,522</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 234,800</u>	<u>\$ 6,500</u>	<u>\$ 107,176</u>	<u>\$ 104,720</u>

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON
Statement of Net Assets
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2004

Statement G

	Business - Type Activities - <u>Enterprise Fund</u> <u>Water</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash investments	\$ 48,490
Receivable:	
Accounts	<u>6,080</u>
Total current assets	<u>54,570</u>
Noncurrent Assets	
Restricted cash and cash investments	63,297
Capital assets, net	<u>402,598</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>465,895</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 520,465</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 271
Payroll taxes payable	243
Other accrued liabilities	2,153
Due to other funds	<u>—</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 2,667</u>
Liabilities payable from restricted assets	
Accrued interest payable	260
Customer deposits	5,060
Revenue bonds payable	<u>5,000</u>
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	<u>\$ 10,320</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Revenue bonds payable	<u>47,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 59,987</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 345,278
Unrestricted	<u>115,198</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 460,478</u>
Total Liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 520,465</u></u>

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
 Proprietary Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Business - Type Activities <u>Enterprise Fund</u> <u>Water</u>
Operating revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 68,204
Other fees	540
Miscellaneous	275
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 69,019</u>
Operating expenses	
Personal services	25,089
Utilities and telephone	8,707
Dues	1,300
Repairs	1,549
Office expense	395
Insurance	436
Miscellaneous	3,228
Depreciation	24,085
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 64,789</u>
Income (loss) from operations	<u>4,230</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)	
Investment income	721
Interest expense	(8,185)
Grant income	5,000
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>\$ (2,464)</u>
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	<u>1,766</u>
Transfers Out	(7,965)
Transfers in	3,150
Net Transfers	<u>(4,815)</u>
Change in net assets	(3,049)
Net Assets at beginning of year	<u>463,527</u>
Net Assets at end of year	<u><u>\$ 460,478</u></u>

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Statement I

	<u>Business - Type</u> <u>Activities</u> <u>Enterprise Fund</u> <u>Water</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 68,426
Cash payments to suppliers	(19,419)
For goods and services	(17,860)
Cash payments to employees for services	(9,694)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>21,455</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Transfers from other funds	<u>(4,816)</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>(4,816)</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	—
Interest paid on bonds	(9,350)
Retirement of bonds	—
Contributed capital	<u>—</u>
Net cash (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(9,350)</u>
Cash flow from investing activities:	
Interest on cash and investments	<u>721</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash investments	8,008
Cash and Cash investments, July 1, 2003	<u>103,779</u>
Cash and Cash investments, June 30, 2004	<u>\$ 111,787</u>

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VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Statement I

	<u>Business - Type</u> <u>Activities</u> <u>Enterprise Fund</u> <u>Water</u>
Reconciliation of (loss) from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Income from operations	\$ 4,230
Adjustments to reconcile income (loss) from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	24,086
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in accounts receivable	(5,227)
Increase in other current liabilities	784
Decrease in accounts payable	(1,211)
Decrease in customer deposits	<u>(1,209)</u>
Net Cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 21,453</u>
	(Concluded)

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA

Note to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2004

INTRODUCTION

The Village of Simpson was incorporated under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Village operates under a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government.

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

The Village maintains various funds that provide services and benefits to its citizens including repairs and maintenance of approximately 15 miles of road and streets, and water, sewer, and garbage collection services to approximately 600 residents.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES

A. Government - Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the funds financial statements.

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as is the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgements, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The municipality reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the municipality's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

C. Special Revenue Fund

The Village entered into a 1998 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program on September 11, 1998 for a total contract of \$284,800. The funding purpose was to fund housing rehabilitation for selected and eligible moderate and low income families and is being accounted for as a special revenue fund. Only administrative costs have been incurred in the last three fiscal years.

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

The municipality reports the following major proprietary fund:

The Proprietary Fund accounts for operations (a) 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, expense incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government - wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the governments enterprise operations. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary funds's principal ongoing operations. Charges for services of providing water and sewer services to residents comprise the operating revenue of the Village's enterprise fund. Operating expenses for enterprise funds and internal service funds include the costs of sales and services, administrative expense, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses are not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the municipality's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

D. Deposits and Investments

The municipality's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the municipality's investment policy allow the municipality to invest in collateralized certificated of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

E. Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible. Water and sewer charges have customer deposits that have been collected in advance therefore the majority of all water and sewer billing is collected or taken out of this customer's deposit, any allowance account would be immaterial, therefore one has not been established.

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

F. Restricted Assets

Certain proceeds of enterprise fund revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

Bond reserve fund - The Waterworks Revenue Bonds dated May 26, 1971, require that a reserve fund be established. Money in these accounts are used to pay the maturing principal and interest on the bonds.

Depreciation and contingency fund - The Waterworks Revenue Bonds dated May 26, 1971 require that a depreciation and contingency fund be established. Money in this account is used for extensions, additions, improvements and replacements necessary to properly operate the system.

Cash collected from utility fund customers as deposits against future utility bills are classified as restricted assets and are held by the village in a custodial cash account entitled "Customer Deposits."

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The municipality maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

According to GASB 34 the Village of Simpson was not required to retroactively report infrastructure assets in it's financial statements, therefore, these assets have not been reported in the financial statements.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. The total interest expense included during the current fiscal year was \$17,460. No interest was included as part of the cost of capital assets under construction in connection projects.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Roads, bridges, and infrastructures	40-50 years
Land improvements	40-50 years
Buildings and building improvements	40-50 years
Furniture and fixtures	5-15 years
Vehicles	5-10 years
Equipment	3-15 years

H. Compensated Absences

The Village requires all employees to take vacations currently. Therefore, any accumulated vacation pay would be less than a year's accrual. Additionally, sick leave is not accumulated.

I. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and the proprietary funds types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

II. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statement, governmental funds report reservations of fund balances for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balances represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

J. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or event within the control of the municipality, which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

K. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect 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, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budget Information The Village uses the following budget practices:

1. The Village Clerk and Mayor prepare a proposed budget and submit same to the Board of Aldermen no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
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 the publication of the call for the hearing.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize an implement the budget, the budget is adopted through passage of an ordinance 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. These amended amounts are shown in the financial statements.
6. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
7. The budgets for the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended from time to time by the Board of Aldermen.

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2004, the Village has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$ 154,766 as follows:

Demand Deposits	\$	117,964
Money market investment accounts		<u>36,802</u>
Total	\$	<u>154,766</u>

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. 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.

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

At June 30, 2004, the municipality has \$ 154,868 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are totally secured from risk by \$ 154,868 of federal deposit insurance.

4. RECEIVABLES

The receivables of \$ 7,588 at June 30, 2004, are as follows:

<u>Class of receivable</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Taxes:			
Franchise	\$ 1,508	\$ —	\$ 1,508
Accounts	—	6,080	6,080
Total	<u>\$ 1,508</u>	<u>\$ 6,080</u>	<u>\$ 7,588</u>

5. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

There were no interfund receivables or interfund payables at June 30, 2004, for any of the Village's Funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, for the primary government is as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital assets being depreciated</i>				
Vehicles	\$ 1,600	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,600
Office Equipment	<u>4,340</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,340</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>\$ 5,940</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 5,940</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Vehicles	(640)	(320)	—	(960)
Office Equipment	<u>(4,140)</u>	<u>(100)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(4,240)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,780)</u>	<u>(420)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(5,200)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 1,160</u>	<u>\$ (420)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 740</u>
	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Business-type activities:				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated</i>				
Land	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Total capital assets, not be depreciated	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
<i>Capital assets being depreciated</i>				
Plant and Equipment	612,432	—	—	612,432
Well and Equipment	87,453	—	—	87,453
Line extension	8,276	—	—	8,276
Office Equipment	6,483	—	—	6,483
Autos and trucks	<u>3,500</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>718,144</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>718,144</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
All depreciable assets	<u>\$(291,461)</u>	<u>\$ (24,085)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$(315,546)</u>
Total business-type assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 426,683</u>	<u>\$ (24,085)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 402,598</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statement (Continued)

Depreciation expense of \$ 24,485, for the year ended June 30, 2004, was charged to the following governmental functions:

General administration	\$ 420
Business-type activities	<u>24,085</u>
Total	<u>\$ 24,505</u>

7. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of the current (due in one year or less) and the long-term (due in more than one year) portions of long-term obligations as of June 30, 2004:

	<u>Bonded Debt</u>
Current Portion	\$ 5,000
Long-term portion	<u>47,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 52,000</u>

The following activity occurred during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004:

Bonds Payable - 6/30/03	\$ 57,000
Bonds Retired	<u>(5,000)</u>
Bonds Payable -6/30/04	<u>\$ 52,000</u>

Bonds payable at June 30, 2004 are comprised of the following individual issues:

Revenue Bonds:

\$ 140,000 of Waterworks Revenue Bonds dated May 26, 1971; due in annual installments of \$ 2,000 - \$ 9,000 through 2015; interest at 5%	<u>\$ 52,000</u>
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VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA

Notes to the Financial Statement (Continued)

The annual requirements to amortize all revenue bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2004, including interest payments of \$ 14,850 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Revenue Bonds \$ 140,000</u>
2005	7,600
2006	7,350
2007	7,100
2008	6,850
2009	6,600
2010-2014	29,250
2015-2019	<u>2,100</u>
	<u>\$ 66,850</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA

Schedule 1

Schedule of Per Diem Paid to Board Members
Year Ended June 30, 2004

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>
Donnis Brinkley, Mayor	\$ 1,200
Roger Bennett, Alderman	600
W.D. Reeder, Alderman	600
Gene Stephens, Alderman	600
	<u>\$ 3,000</u>

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA

Schedule 2

Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
Year Ended June 30, 2004

Findings- Financial Statement Audit

There were no prior year audit findings reported as of June 30, 2004.

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Schedule 3

Schedule of the Corrective Action Plan
For the Current Year Audit Findings
Year Ended June 30, 2004

Current Year Audit Findings

There were no current year Findings.

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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 Donnis Brinkley, Mayor
And the Members of the Board of Aldermen
Village of Simpson, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon date September 20, 2004. I conducted my 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.

Compliance


As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Honorable Donnis Brinkley, Mayor
Village of Simpson, Louisiana

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the 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. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, others within the organization, the Board of Aldermen, and the Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties, although under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.


Leesville, Louisiana
December 10, 2004