

NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION  
Vinton, Louisiana

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS

Year Ended December 31, 2022

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

June 27, 2023

Board of Commissioners  
Niblett's Bluff Park Commission  
Vinton, Louisiana

### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Niblett's Bluff Park Commission, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Niblett's Bluff Park Commission as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Niblett's Bluff Park Commission and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the

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Niblett's Bluff Park Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Niblett's Bluff Park Commission's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Niblett's Bluff Park Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 24 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplemental information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted principally of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

### **Other Information**

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual financial report. The other information comprises of The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Chief Executive Officer but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 27, 2023, on our consideration of the Niblett's Bluff Park Commission's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Niblett's Bluff Park Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2022

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 323,358
Receivables	435,111
Prepaid insurance	17,665
Capital assets, net	883,106
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,659,240</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
	<u>\$ -</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and other accrued payables	<u>\$ 12,398</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
	<u>\$ -</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	883,106
Net position - unrestricted	763,736
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,646,842</u>

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



NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2022

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net Revenues (Expenses) and</u>
		<u>Charges for</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u>	<u>Changes in Net Position</u>
		<u>Services</u>	<u>and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
				<u>Activities</u>
Governmental Activities:				
General government	\$ 592,327	\$ 164,919	\$ -	\$ (427,408)
		General Revenues:		
				451,613
				6,270
				3,359
				-
				(579)
				1,325
				<u>461,988</u>
				34,580
				<u>1,612,262</u>
				<u>\$ 1,646,842</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

December 31, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 323,358	\$ 367,941
Receivable		
Property taxes (net)	435,108	413,396
Accrued interest	3	3
Prepaid insurance	17,665	13,691
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>776,134</u>	<u>795,031</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>\$ 776,134</u>	<u>\$ 795,031</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 7,048	\$ 21,962
Accrued liabilities	5,350	5,163
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>12,398</u>	<u>27,125</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Unassigned	<u>763,736</u>	<u>767,906</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>763,736</u>	<u>767,906</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 776,134</u>	<u>\$ 795,031</u>

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

NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet-Governmental Fund to the  
Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2022

Total fund balance for governmental fund at December 31, 2022	\$ 763,736
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position 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:	
Capital assets, net of \$740,816 accumulated depreciation	<u>883,106</u>
Total net position of governmental activities at December 31, 2022	<u><u>\$ 1,646,842</u></u>

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

NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Ad valorem taxes, net	\$ 451,613	\$ 399,288
State revenue sharing	6,270	6,268
Camper fees	142,223	93,075
Rentals	22,696	16,229
Interest	1,325	1,317
Insurance proceeds	-	233,001
Sale of equipment	1,000	16,911
Other revenues	3,359	3,835
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>628,486</u>	<u>769,924</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
General government		
Advertising	380	482
Care of wildlife	-	250
Fuel and oil	10,252	6,475
Insurance	33,742	30,062
Janitorial services	12,600	3,800
Professional fees	19,000	980
Repairs and maintenance	165,201	46,030
Repairs and maintenance - flood	10,441	228,962
Salaries	150,590	151,594
Sanitation disposal	10,350	8,291
Supplies - general	5,358	5,038
Supplies - janitorial	944	841
Supplies - office	14,943	7,986
Taxes	12,784	13,480
Travel	1,138	-
Uniforms	967	-
Utilities	85,355	53,713
Capital Outlay	98,611	63,535
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>632,656</u>	<u>621,519</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(4,170)</b>	<b>148,405</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING</b>	<u>767,906</u>	<u>619,501</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE - ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 763,736</u>	<u>\$ 767,906</u>

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

NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

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

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Total net changes in fund balances at December 31, 2022 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$ (4,170)
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities  
in the Statement of Activities 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 the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 98,611	
Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2022	<u>(58,282)</u>	40,329

In the Statement of Activities, only the loss on the sale of capital  
assets is reported, while the governmental funds, the proceeds  
from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in  
net assets differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of  
the capital assets sold

Proceeds from the sale of equipment	(1,000)	
Loss on the sale of equipment	<u>(579)</u>	<u>(1,579)</u>

Total changes in net position at December 31, 2022 per Statement of Activities	<u>\$ 34,580</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

# NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

## Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Niblett's Bluff Park Commission was created by Act 489 of 1980. The Commission consists of seven commissioners initially appointed by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury. Successors to the original commissioners are appointed by the Commission. The Commission is authorized to develop, maintain and operate Niblett's Bluff Park.

The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

#### 1. Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Statement No. 14, the Niblett's Bluff Park Commission includes all funds, account groups, et cetera, that are within the oversight responsibility of the Niblett's Bluff Park Commission.

The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Commission for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
  - a. The ability of the Commission 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 Commission.
2. Organizations for which the Commission does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Commission.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements could be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Based upon the application of these criteria, Niblett's Bluff Park Commission does not have a component unit and is not a component unit of any reporting entity.

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# NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

## Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

#### 2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Commission have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, "Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments", issued in June 1999.

#### Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Commission as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each of the functions of the Commission'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 and charges paid by the recipients of services offered by the Commission; and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirement of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

#### Fund Financial Statements

The Commission uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designated to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain Commission functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

The Commission has one fund, the General Fund, which is therefore considered its major fund.

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# NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

## Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

#### 3. 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 Measurement Focus recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

On the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, the activities are presented using the economic resources management focus. In the fund financial statements, the “current financial resources” measurement focus. Only current financial assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources 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.

#### Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, the 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.

#### 4. Cash

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and time deposits with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Commission may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

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# NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

## Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

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. At December 31, 2022, the Commission has \$351,804 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$256,389 of federal deposit insurance and \$95,415 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank.

#### 5. Budgets

A budget is adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for the general fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

On or before the last meeting of each year, the budget is prepared by fund, function and activity, and includes information on the past year, current year estimates and requested appropriations for the next fiscal year.

The proposed budget is presented to the government's Board of Commissioners for review. The board holds a public hearing and may add to, subtract from or change appropriations, but may not change the form of the budget. Any changes in the budget must be within the revenues and reserves estimated.

#### 6. Accounts Receivable

Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes and other receivables of governmental funds are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate that the particular receivable is not collectible.

#### 7. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the government-wide 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.

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# NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

## Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

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	25-40 years
Leasehold Improvements	20-30 years
Equipment	5-7 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.

#### 8. Compensated Absences

The Commission has the following policy relating to vacation leave (there is no policy on sick leave): seven days after one year of employment, fourteen days after three years and twenty-one days after five years. Earned vacation time is expected to be used within one year of accrual.

At December 31, 2022, the Commission had no liability for accrued vacation leave.

#### 9. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 10. Equity Classification

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

- a. Net investment in capital assets – 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.

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# NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

## Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

- b. Restricted net position – Consists of net position 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.
- c. Unrestricted net position– All other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as assigned and unassigned.

- a. Assigned fund balance – Includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes based on internal (Board) actions.
- b. Unassigned fund balance – Includes positive fund balance within the general fund which has not been classified within the above mentioned categories.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) amounts are available, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first and then unrestricted. Expenditures incurred in the unrestricted fund balances shall be reduced first from the committed fund balance, then from the assigned fund balance and finally, the unassigned fund balance.

#### 11. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events as of June 27, 2023, the date the financial statements were available for issue.

#### 12. Comparative Data

Comparative totals for the prior year have been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the Commission’s financial position and operations.

# NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

## Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

### NOTE B - AD VALOREM TAXES

For the year ended December 31, 2022 taxes of 6.18 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$74,682,775 and were dedicated as follows:

General corporate purposes	6.18 mills
Assessed taxes	\$ 461,540

Property tax millage rates are adopted in July for the calendar year in which the taxes are levied and recorded. All taxes are due and collectible when the assessment rolls are filed on or before November 15th of the current year, and become delinquent after December 31. Property taxes not paid by the end of February are subject to lien.

### NOTE C - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2022 follows:

	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
Governmental activities:				
Buildings	\$ 858,136	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 858,136
Leasehold improvements	474,307	42,300	-	516,607
Equipment	<u>216,804</u>	<u>56,311</u>	<u>(23,936)</u>	<u>249,179</u>
Totals at historical cost	1,549,247	98,611	(23,936)	1,623,922
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	399,821	24,410	-	424,231
Leasehold improvements	162,525	18,103	-	180,628
Equipment	<u>142,545</u>	<u>15,769</u>	<u>(22,357)</u>	<u>135,957</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>704,891</u>	<u>58,282</u>	<u>(22,357)</u>	<u>740,816</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 844,356</u>	<u>\$ 40,329</u>	<u>\$ (1,579)</u>	<u>\$ 883,106</u>

In 2022, the capital assets were concrete extensions of 48 campsites and a 2022 F250 truck.

### NOTE D - NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK LEASE

On September 2, 1981, the Commission leased 35 acres, known as Niblett's Bluff Park, from the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for a period of 25 years. The Commission has renewed the lease for one additional period of 25 years. The Commission agreed to care for and maintain the grounds and improvements of the leased premises and to use the leased premises specifically for such activities as related to matters of recreation for the general public in the area served by the lease.

# NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

## Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

### NOTE E - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Commission maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Commission. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Budget		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Ad valorem taxes, net	\$ 340,200	\$ 340,200	\$ 451,613	\$ 111,413
State revenue sharing	6,000	6,000	6,270	270
Camper fees	100,000	100,000	142,223	42,223
Rentals	15,000	15,000	22,696	7,696
Interest	-	-	1,325	1,325
Other revenues	1,550	1,550	4,359	2,809
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>462,750</u>	<u>462,750</u>	<u>628,486</u>	<u>165,736</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
General government				
Advertising	500	500	380	120
Bank service charged	3,600	3,600	-	3,600
Fuel and oil	10,000	10,000	10,252	(252)
Insurance	32,000	32,000	33,742	(1,742)
Janitorial services	4,000	4,000	12,600	(8,600)
Professional fees	11,000	11,000	19,000	(8,000)
Repairs and maintenance	43,600	191,600	175,642	15,958
Salaries	170,000	170,000	150,590	19,410
Sanitation disposal	8,000	8,000	10,350	(2,350)
Supplies - general	5,000	5,000	5,358	(358)
Supplies - janitorial	2,000	2,000	944	1,056
Supplies - office	2,500	2,500	14,943	(12,443)
Taxes	16,000	16,000	12,784	3,216
Uniforms	800	800	967	(167)
Utilities	67,000	85,100	85,355	(255)
Capital Outlay	82,000	122,000	98,611	23,389
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>458,000</u>	<u>664,100</u>	<u>632,656</u>	<u>31,444</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>				
	4,750	(201,350)	(4,170)	197,180
<b>FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING</b>				
	<u>767,906</u>	<u>767,906</u>	<u>767,906</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE - ENDING</b>				
	<u>\$ 772,656</u>	<u>\$ 566,556</u>	<u>\$ 763,736</u>	<u>\$ 197,180</u>



## OTHER INFORMATION

NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments  
To Chief Executive Officer

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Chief Executive Officer: Darrell Shull, Board President

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ -
Benefits-insurance	-
Benefits-retirement	-
Benefits-cell phone	-
Car allowance	-
Vehicle provided by government	-
Per diem	-
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration fees	-
Travel	-
Registration fees	-
Conference travel	-
Continuing professional education fees	-
Housing Unvouchered expenses	-
Special meals	-

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

June 27, 2023

Board of Commissioners  
Niblett's Bluff Park Commission  
Vinton, Louisiana

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Niblett's Bluff Park Commission as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Niblett's Bluff Park Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2023.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Niblett's Bluff Park Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Niblett's Bluff Park Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Niblett's Bluff Park Commission's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or, detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our

audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Niblett's Bluff Park Commission's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Niblett's Bluff Park Commission's Response to Findings**

Niblett's Bluff Park Commission's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying findings and responses. The Commission's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

Schedule of Findings and Responses

Year Ended December 31, 2022

1. Summary of Auditors' Results:

Type of auditors' opinion issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified? yes no

Control deficiency(s) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? yes none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes no

2. Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Which Are Required to be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Governmental Auditing Standards

**Finding #2022-001:**

**Inadequate Segregation of Duties**

Condition: Because of the small size of the Commission's office staff, the opportunity for segregation of duties is limited. Effective internal control requires adequate segregation of duties among entity personnel.

Effect: Without proper segregation of duties, misstatements in amounts may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Recommendation: To the extent cost effective, duties should be segregated and management should attempt to mitigate this weakness by supervision and review procedures.

Management Response/Corrective Action Planned: Management has responded that it does not believe that it is cost effective to employ adequate personnel to achieve appropriate segregation of duties. Management has implemented supervision and review procedures such as review and approval of supporting documents related to expenditures, review listings of revenue received and review bank reconciliations on a monthly basis.

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NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK COMMISSION

Schedule of Findings and Responses - Continued

Year Ended December 31, 2022

3. Federal Award Findings and Responses

N/A

4. Prior Year Findings

**Finding #2021-001:**

Inadequate Segregation of Duties.

Current status: This is a repeat finding in 2021

**Finding #2021-002:**

Late Submission of Financial Statements

Current status: This finding is considered resolved.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT  
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

June 27, 2023

Board of Commissioners  
Niblett's Bluff Park Commission  
Vinton, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The Commission's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Niblett's Bluff Park Commission has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

***1) Written Policies and Procedures***

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A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:

- i. *Budgeting*, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

***The Commission does not have a complete written policies and procedures manual.***

- ii. *Purchasing*, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

***The Commission does not have a complete written policies and procedures manual.***

- iii. *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

***The Commission does not have a complete written policies and procedures manual.***

- iv. *Receipts/Collections*, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmations with outside parties,

reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

***The Commission does not have a complete written policies and procedures manual.***

- v. *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

***The Commission does not have a complete written policies and procedures manual.***

- vi. *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

***The Commission does not have a complete written policies and procedures manual.***

- vii. *Travel and expense reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

***The Commission does not have a complete written policies and procedures manual.***

- viii. *Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)*, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).

***The Commission does not have a complete written policies and procedures manual.***

- ix. *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

***The Commission does not have a complete written policies and procedures manual.***

- x. *Debt Service*, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

***The Commission does not have a complete written policies and procedures manual.***

- xi. *Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity*, includes (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.



***The Commission does not have a complete written policies and procedures manual.***

- xii. *Prevention of Sexual Harassment*, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

***The Commission does not have a complete written policies and procedures manual.***

***Management Response: A written policies and procedures manual is currently in progress and will be adopted in the future.***

## ***2) Board or Finance Committee***

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- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and
  - i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

- ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

- iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unrestricted fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unrestricted fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unrestricted fund balance in the general fund.

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

- iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

### 3) **Bank Reconciliations**

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A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);

*No exception were found as a result of this procedure.*

- ii. Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

*The bank reconciliation selected did not include evidence that a member of management/board member reviewed the reconciliation.*

*Management Response: Management will document its review of the reconciliations.*

- iii. Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

*The bank reconciliation selected included items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months with no documentation reflecting management's research.*

*Management Response: Management will document its research of items outstanding for more than 12 months.*

### 4) **Collections**

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A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/check/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

*The listing was provided by management.*

B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties)

at each collection location, and observe the job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

- i. Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;

***The cash drawer is shared.***

***Management Response: The Commission employs a limited number of office personnel. The Commission does not have the financial resources to employ more personnel to maintain adequate segregation of duties. The board is responsible for reviewing each bank reconciliation as a compensating control.***

- ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit:

***The employee responsible for collecting cash is also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits and reconciles collection documentation to the deposit.***

***Management response: The board is responsible for reviewing each bank reconciliation as a compensating control.***

- iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and

***The employee responsible for collecting cash is responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger.***

***Management response: The board is responsible for reviewing each bank reconciliation as a compensating control.***

- iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

***The employee responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger is responsible for collecting cash.***

***Management response: The board is responsible for reviewing each bank reconciliation as a compensating control.***

- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made no the same day). Obtain supported documentation for each of the deposits and:

- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

*Deposits tested were not made within one business day of receipt.*

*Management Response: Due to limited staff and low dollar amount of cash deposits, daily deposits are not feasible.*

- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

**5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements and petty cash purchases)**

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A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

*The listing was provided by management.*

B. For each location selected under #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that

- i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;

***Purchase orders are not utilized. Purchases can be initiated by a single employee.***

***Management response: The Commission employs only a few office staff personnel who performs all accounting functions of payments, collections, deposits and recording. The Commission does not have the financial resources to employ more personnel to maintain adequate segregation of duties. The board's review of disbursements on a monthly basis minimizes exposure to errors and misappropriation of funds.***

- ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

- iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;

***The employee responsible for processing payments is not prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files. No other employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.***

***Management response: The Commission employs only a few office staff personnel who performs all accounting functions of payments, collections, deposits and recording. The Commission does not have the financial resources to employ more personnel to maintain adequate segregation of duties. The board's review of disbursements on a monthly basis minimizes exposure to errors and misappropriation of funds.***

- iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and

***The employee responsible for processing payments mails payments after checks are signed.***

***Management response: The Commission employs only a few office staff personnel who performs all accounting functions of payments, collections, deposits and recording. The Commission does not have the financial resources to employ more personnel to maintain adequate segregation of duties. The board's review of disbursements on a monthly basis minimizes exposure to errors and misappropriation of funds.***

- v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
- i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

- ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g. initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.

***Disbursements tested included exceptions of #5B as noted above.***

***Management response: The Commission employs only a few office staff personnel who performs all accounting functions of payments, collections, deposits and recording. The Commission does not have the financial resources to employ more personnel to maintain adequate segregation of duties. The board's review of disbursements on a monthly basis minimizes exposure to errors and misappropriation of funds.***

- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: if no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

#### ***6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)***

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- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

***The listing was provided by management.***

- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and:

- i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excess fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing, (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and

***There was no evidence that the monthly statement was reviewed and approved, in writing.***

***Management Response: Management will document its review and approval, in writing, for the monthly statements.***

- ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #6B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g. each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observed that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

## **7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)**

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
  - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov));

***There were no travel or travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period.***

- ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;

***There were no travel or travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period.***

- iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and

***There were no travel or travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period.***

- iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

***There were no travel or travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period.***

## **8) Contracts**

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- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and

- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

- ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

- iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.



*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

## **9) Payroll and Personnel**

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- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select five employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to the authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
- i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation sick, compensatory);

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulate leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to the entity policy.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

## **10) Ethics**

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- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
- i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

## **11) Debt Service**

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- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

*The Commission does not have any debt.*

- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

***The Commission does not have any debt.***

## ***12) Fraud Notice***

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- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

***The Commission was not aware of any misappropriation of public funds or assets during the fiscal year.***

- B. Observe the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

***The Commission has the required notice posted in a conspicuous place upon its premises and does not have a website.***

## ***13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***

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- A. Perform the following procedures.

- i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

- ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

- iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

***No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.***

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

#### **14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment**

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- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- B. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;

*The annual sexual harassment report for 2022 was not filed as of February 1.*

- ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;

*The annual sexual harassment report for 2022 was not filed as of February 1.*

- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;

*The annual sexual harassment report for 2022 was not filed as of February 1.*

- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and

*The annual sexual harassment report for 2022 was not filed as of February 1.*

- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

*The annual sexual harassment report for 2022 was not filed as of February 1.*

***Management Response: Management filed the Commission's annual sexual harassment report on***

***March 12, 2023.***

We were engaged by Niblett's Bluff Park Commission to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of Niblett's Bluff Park Commission and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.