Annual Financial Statements

June 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Commissioners
DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District
Mansfield, LA 71052

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District, a component unit of the DeSoto Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Ambulance Service District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the Untied States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Louisiana Audit Guide*. Those standards require we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the general fund of the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplemental Information Part I

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, listed as required supplementary information (Part I) in the table of contents, 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 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 supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted 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.

Required Supplemental Information Part II and Other Supplemental Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's basic financial statements. The "Required Supplemental Information Part II" as listed in the table of contents and the accompanying financial information listed as "Other Supplemental Information" in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The "Required Supplemental Information Part II" and the accompanying "Other Supplemental Information" are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 15, 2021, on our consideration of the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's internal control over financial reporting and on 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* and in considering the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Dees Gardner, Certified Public Accountants, LLC

Mansfield, Louisiana October 15, 2021

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART I)

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Within this section of the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's (doing business as DeSoto EMS) annual financial report, DeSoto EMS's management is pleased to provide this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Ambulance District as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The Ambulance District's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Ambulance District's basic financial statements and supplemental information provided in this report in assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of our stewardship of public resources.

The DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District was determined to be a component unit of the DeSoto Parish Policy Jury. The Jury is financially accountable for the district because it appoints or ratifies a voting majority of its board and has the ability to impose its will on them. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's net position increased by \$317,561 or 1.71% for the year ended June 30, 2021.

The DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's total general revenues were \$5,195,492 in 2021 compared to \$5,155,500 in 2020 representing a 0.78% increase of \$39,992.

The DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's charges for services revenues increased \$361,898 or 29.24% in 2021 to \$1,599,379 from \$1,237,481 in 2020. The increase was primarily the result of Rural Ambulance Alliance revenues related to Hurricane Laura assistance provided by the District.

During the year ended June 30, 2021, the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District had total expenses of \$6,506,202 (which includes \$624,998 in depreciation) which is a 1.50% increase over 2020.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis document introduces the Ambulance District's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include two kinds of financial statements that present different views of the Ambulance District – Governmental Fund Financial Statements and Government-wide Financial Statements. The Notes to the Financial Statements explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide additional detail. This report also contains additional required supplemental information (budgetary comparison schedule) in addition to the basic financial statements. These components are described below. The Ambulance District maintains one governmental fund, the General Fund.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives and to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on the Ambulance District's most significant funds rather than the Ambulance District as a whole.

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Governmental funds are reported in the governmental fund financial statements and encompass the same function reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is very different with fund statements providing a distinctive view of the Ambulance District's governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of governmental programs and commitment of spendable resources for the short term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives. The governmental fund financial statements are presented in the first column of the basic financial statements in this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Ambulance District's annual report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Ambulance District's overall financial status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in accrual accounting. These statements report all revenues and expenses connected with the year, even if cash has not been received or paid and the statements include all assets of the Ambulance District as well as liabilities (long-term debt). The government-wide financial statements include two statements.

<u>Statement of Net Position</u>. This is the government-wide statement of position presenting information that includes all of the Ambulance District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Ambulance District is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the Ambulance District would also extend to other non-financial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base, in addition to the financial information proved in this report.

<u>Statement of Activities</u>. This reports how the Ambulance District's net position changed during the current fiscal year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid. An important purpose of the design of the statement of activities is to show the financial reliance of the Ambulance District's distinct activities or functions on revenues provided by the Ambulance District's taxpayers.

Currently, the Ambulance District has only governmental activities that provide for personnel services, medical supplies, repairs and maintenance, occupancy expenses, and other costs related to the proper administration of the District's ambulance services. Ambulance fees and ad valorem (property) taxes finance these activities. The government-wide financial statements are presented in the last column of the basic financial statements in this report.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplemental information concerning the Ambulance District's budget presentations. A budgetary comparison statement is included as "required supplemental information" for the general fund. This statement is a required schedule demonstrating compliance with the adopted and final revised budget. Pension schedules required by GASB 68 are also included.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head or chief executive officer is presented to fulfil the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513(A)(3).

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Ambulance District's financial position. The DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's total net position changed from a year ago, increasing from \$18,597,666 to \$18,915,227.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT NET POSITION

		Governmenta			
		2021		2020	% Change
Current and other assets	\$	10,770,796	\$	10,866,288	-0.88%
Capital assets		9,230,738		9,413,076	-1.94%
Net pension asset		749,372		i.=	100.00%
Total assets		20,750,906	-	20,279,364	2.33%
Deferred outflows of resources		636,178		495,179	28.47%
Total assets and deferred			-		See 1s
outflows of resources	\$	21,387,084	\$_	20,774,543	2.95%
Current liabilities	\$	495,348	\$	800,840	-38.15%
Long-term liabilities		1.5		19,815	-100.00%
Total liabilities		495,348	-	820,655	-39.64%
Deferred inflows of resources		1,976,509		1,356,222	45.74%
Total liabilities and deferred					 -
inflows of resources	\$	1,976,509	\$_	2,176,877	-9.20%
Net position:					
Net investment in capital assets	S	9,230,738		9,413,076	-1.94%
Unrestricted		9,684,489		9,184,590	5.44%
Total net position	\$	18,915,227	\$	18,597,666	1.71%

Net position of the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's governmental activities increased by \$317,561 or 1.71%. The Ambulance District has no restrictions on its net position.

A portion of the Ambulance District's net position, \$9,230,738 (48.80%) reflects its investment in capital assets such as ambulances, buildings, medical and communication equipment, and software. The Ambulance District uses these capital assets to provide the services to the citizens of the parish; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. There is no outstanding debt related to these assets.

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The remaining and largest portion of the Ambulance District's net position \$9,684,489 (51.2%) at June 30, 2021, is unrestricted and may be used to meet the Ambulance District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners. These unrestricted assets consists primarily of cash, demand and time deposits, and ambulance service and ad valorem taxes receivables.

The following table provides a summary of the Ambulance District's changes in net position:

SUMMARY OF STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

		Government			
	2021			2020	% Change
Revenues					
Program revenues					
Charges for services	\$	1,599,379	\$	1,237,481	29.24%
Federal grant		:=		76,053	-100.00%
Local grant & contributions		28,892		37,768	-23.50%
General revenues					
Ad valorem taxes		5,002,491		5,004,890	-0.05%
Miscellaneous revenues		54,534		38,664	41.05%
Interest income		62,208		84,971	-26.79%
Rental income		18,733		11,534	62.42%
Insuance proceeds		57,526		16,452	249.66%
Loss on sale/donation of assets		0 -		(1,011)	100.00%
Total revenues		6,823,763		6,506,802	4.87%
Public Safety-emergency medical services		6,169,481		5,850,228	5.46%
Administrative		336,721		559,639	-39.83%
Total expenses		6,506,202		6,409,867	1.50%
Increases in net position		317,561		96,935	227.60%
Net Position Beginning		18,597,666		18,500,731	0.52%
Net Position Ending	\$	18,915,227	\$	18,597,666	1.71%

Total revenues increased \$316,961 or 4.87% from \$6,506,802 in 2020 to \$6,823,763 in 2021.

The Ambulance District is heavily reliant on ad valorem (property) taxes to support its operations. Property taxes provided 73.31% of the total revenues in the year ended June 30, 2021. Ad valorem taxes decreased \$2,399.

Charges for services are for reimbursements from insurance companies—primarily Medicare and Medicaid. The ambulance service is provided at no out-of-pocket cost to the parish residents. Charges for services provided 23.44% of the total revenue for the current year and 19.02% of the total revenue for the prior year. These charges increased \$361,898 (29.24%) from \$1,237,481 for the year ended June 30, 2020, to \$1,599,379 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

During the year ended June 30, 2021, total expenses of the Ambulance District increased \$96,335, up 1.50% over the previous year.

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<u>Government fund analysis</u>. As the Ambulance District completed the year, its general fund reported a fund balance of \$10,225,287, which is an 2.09% increase over last year's fund balance of \$10,015,869. Expenditures increased from \$6,771,426 for the year ended 2020 to \$6,657,781 for 2021.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Ambulance District adopted a budget for its General Fund for the year ended June 30, 2021. The budget was not amended during the year. The Ambulance District's budgetary comparison is presented as required supplemental information. Highlights for the year are as follows:

- Actual revenues received were more than the budgeted amounts primarily due to a higher amount of ambulance service charges received than anticipated.
- Actual expenditures were less than budgeted amounts.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of June 30, 2021, the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District had invested \$9,230,738 in capital assets as follows:

Capital Assets at Year End (Net of Depreciation)

	Governmental Activities				
	8.	2021	- 20	2020	% Change
Ambulances and vehicles	\$	1,168,951	\$	1,019,487	14.66%
Medical equipment		393,253		409,785	-4.03%
Communications equipment		33,891		61,986	-45.32%
Other equipment		37,267		45,909	-18.82%
Furniture and fixtures		10,755		17,333	-37.95%
Building and Land		7,586,621		6,919,621	9.64%
Construction in progress		-		938,955	-100.00%
	Total \$	9,230,738	\$	9,413,076	
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Construction of Station 6, in Keatchie, Louisiana, was completed during the year with Fire District 2 paying for their portion of the building. Additionally, station 6 had network wiring installed for a total cost of \$6,744. Station 1 had a dehumidifier installed for \$4,018. The Central Station Bathroom was remodeled for \$6,825. Two new medic units were purchased for a total cost of \$400,103. New medical equipment was purchased including: a Aeroclave room decontamination system (\$15,423); two Clorox Total 360 sprayers (\$7,990 total); a Hamilton Transport Ventilator (\$22,270); and two PowerPro stretchers and a MTS PowerLoad loader (\$67,174 total). One softdrink vending machine was purchased for \$3,595. More detailed information about the capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

Debt

At year end, the Ambulance District had no long-term debt obligations.

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ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

The DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's management considered many factors when setting the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, budget. Revenue amounts available for appropriation in the governmental funds are expected to be consistent with last year unless there is some unforeseen change in the local economy.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the finances for those funds maintained by the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District and to show the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's accountability for the money it receives. If there are any questions about this report or additional financial information is needed, contact the Administrator, Joe Magee, at 231 EMS Circle, Mansfield, Louisiana, 71052.



GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET / STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

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	200	Governmental Fund inancial Statements Balance Sheet General			Government-wide Statements Governmental Activities Statement of
ASSETS	W2-	Fund		Adjustments	Net Position
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	9,923,607	\$	- \$	9,923,607
Ambulance service receivables,					
net of allowance for uncollectibles		683,446		(5)	683,446
Ad valorem taxes receivable		50,959		癌	50,959
Accrued interest receivable		3,711		155	3,711
Prepaid assets		109,073			109,073
Capital assets (net)		·* -		9,230,738	9,230,738
Net pension asset		i .		749,372	749,372
Total Assets	\$	10,770,796		9,980,110	20,750,906
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pension related	\$	Y	. ,.	636,178	636,178
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts, salaries and other payables	5 0	495,348		()= (495,348
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable ad valorem taxes		50,161		(50,161)	5.4
Deferred lease income				415,176	415,176
Pension related	102		ro 100	1,561,333	1,561,333
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	-	50,161		1,926,348	1,976,509
FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION					
Fund Balance:					
Nonspendable:					
Prepaid expenses		109,073		(109,073)	3
Unassigned	P	10,116,214		(10,116,214)	<u> </u>
Total Fund Balance		10,225,287		(10,225,287)	<u> </u>
Total	\$	10,770,796		(8,298,939)	
Net Position:					
Net investment in capital assets				9,230,738	9,230,738
Unrestricted			02	9,684,489	9,684,489
Total Net Position			\$.	18,915,227 \$	18,915,227

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET TO THE GOVERNMENT- WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

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Total Fund Balance, Governmental Fund	\$	10,225,287
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different therefore, are not reported in fund financial statements, but are reported in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position	nt because:	
Cost of capital assets Less accumulated depreciation	13,904,370 (4,673,632)	9,230,738
Certain deferred outflows are reported in the Statement of Net Position but not in the governmental funds		
Deferred outflows-pension related		636,178
Unavailable ad valorem taxes are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds, but are reflected as income in the government-wide statement.		50,161
Deferred lease income is reported as deferred inflows of resources in the government-wide statement, but is reflected as income in the governmental funds		(415,176)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds		
Net Pension liability Deferred inflows-pension related	a	749,372 (1,561,333)
Net Position of Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position	\$	18,915,227

d/b/a DeSoto EMS

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE / STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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		vernmental Fund ancial Statements			Government-wide Statements
ST	ATEMENT C	F REVENUE, EXPENDITU	RES,	ē	.0
	AND CHA	NGES IN FUND BALANCE			
	,	General	-77		Statement of
EXPENDITURES / EXPENSES		Fund		Adjustments	Activities
Current:					
Public Safety:					
Personal services & related benefits	\$	4,354,691	\$	(242,435) \$	4,112,256
Operations		809,435		·	809,435
Occupancy		623,151		<u> </u>	623,151
Depreciation		iii		624,639	624,639
Administrative					
Administrative		336,362		i = .	336,362
Depreciation		15. 15.		359	359
Capital outlay		534,142		(534, 142)	150
TOTAL EXPENDITURES / EXPENSES	1	6,657,781		(151,579)	6,506,202
			-		
PROGRAM REVENUES		1 F00 270			4 500 270
Charges for services		1,599,379		=	1,599,379
Operating grants and contributions		23,485		=	23,485
Capital grants and contributions		5,407	-		5,407
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES	16	1,628,271			1,628,271
NET PROGRAM EXPENSE		5,029,510		(151,579)	4,877,931
GENERAL REVENUES					
Ad valorem taxes		5,001,909		582	5,002,491
Interest earnings		62,208		=	62,208
Rental income		7,200		11,533	18,733
Reimbursement revenue		91,482		(91,482)	1500
Other revenue		18,603		35,931	54,534
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	20-	5,181,402		(43,436)	5,137,966
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over					
Expenditures / Change in Net Position		151,892		108,143	260,035
				5	70
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Insurance proceeds		57,526		(1)	57,526
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		57,526	-	= 1	57,526
Excess of Revenues and other Financing					
Sources over Expenditures / Change in					
Net Position		209,418		108,143	317,561
FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION					
Beginning of the year		10,015,869			18,597,666
End of the year	\$	10,225,287	-00	\$	18,915,227
End of the your		10,220,201	=	¥	10,010,221

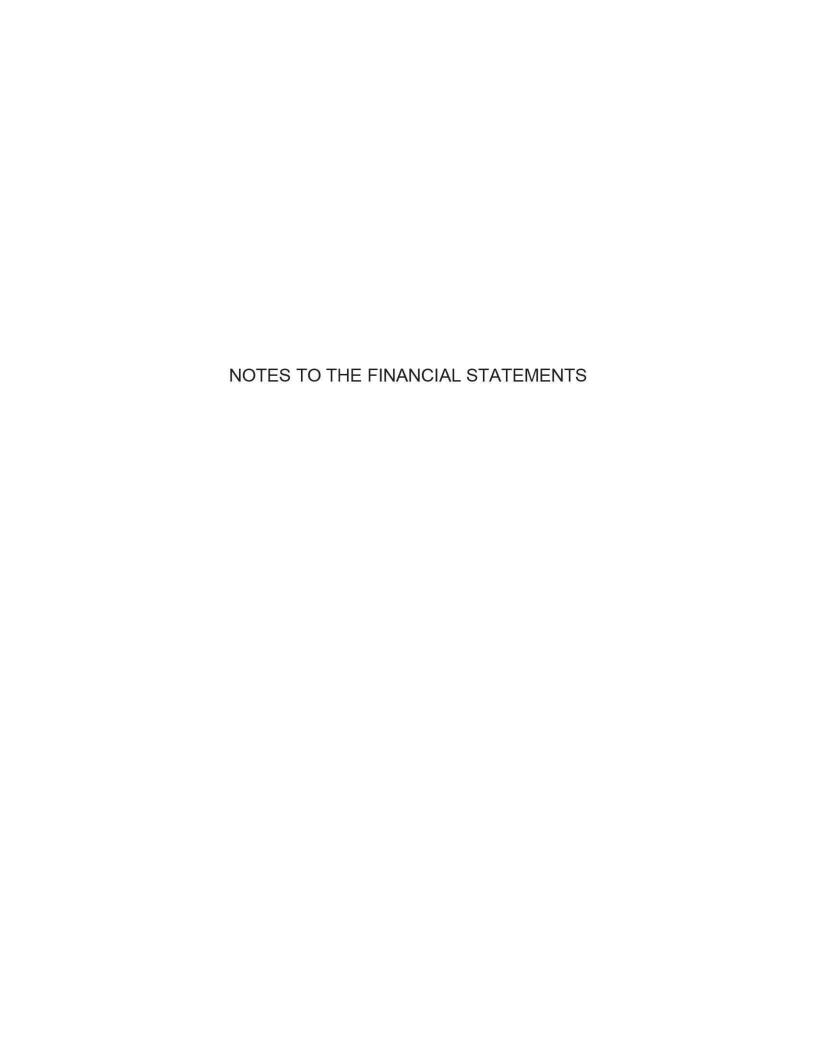
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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net Change	in Fund Balance, Governmental Fund	t		\$ 209,418
	al funds report capital outlays as expo ose assets is allocated over their est			
олроноо.	Capital outlay	\$	534,142	
	Depreciation expense		(624,998)	(90,856)
	he Statement of Activities that does r ted as revenues in the funds.	not provide current f	inancial resources	
	Change in unavailable ad valorem	taxes		582
	Deferred lease income			11,533
	ent revenue provides current financia nent of Activities	al resources but are	not reported as revenues	(91,482)
during the ye	nent of Activities pension benefits are ear. In the governmental funds, however the amount of financial resources us	ver, expenditures fo	r these items are	
	Non-employer contributions to cost Pension (expense) benefit	-sharing pension pla	an	 35,931 242,435
Change in N	et Position of Governmental Activities	3		\$ 317,561



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INTRODUCTION

The Desoto Parish Ambulance Service District (DeSoto EMS) was created by a parish resolution on July 12, 2000. The District is comprised of all the territory located within the Parish of DeSoto. The District does business as DeSoto EMS. The District is governed by a Board of Commissioners who are appointed by the DeSoto Parish Police Jury. The Board of Commissioners received no compensation during 2020-2021. The purpose of the District is to provide ambulance service for the transportation of persons which necessitate ambulance care and for providing related services. The DeSoto EMS averages approximately fifty employees.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying basic financial statements of the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted (GAAP) 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 34, Basic Financial Statements- and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments, issued in June 1999; Statement 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position; and Statement 65, Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities. Such accounting and reporting policies also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:514 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide.

The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District are discussed below.

A. 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. Under provisions of this Statement, the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District is considered a component unit of the DeSoto Parish Police Jury. The Police Jury is financially accountable for the District because it appoints or ratifies a voting majority of the board and has the ability to impose its will on them.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Police Jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

B. 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" revenues or expenditures, expenses, and transfers—and assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources—are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the funds maintained by the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's general fund is classified as governmental activities. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues,

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June 30, 2021

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting (continued)

are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District does not have any business-type activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the governmental activities column is presented on a consolidated basis and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables. The DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's net position is reported in two parts – net investment in capital assets, and unrestricted net position.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's functions. The functions are supported by program revenues and general government revenues. The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by any related program revenues, which must be directly associated with the function. 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. Program revenues of the District consist of ambulance fees billed to insurance companies and individuals. The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

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

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income.

Governmental fund 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 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 judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes 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.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customer applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. General revenues include all taxes, interest earnings, and other revenue.

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June 30, 2021

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting (continued)

A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the entity. The Ambulance Service District maintains only one governmental fund.

The <u>General Fund</u> is the primary operating fund of the Ambulance Service District. It is used to account for and report all financial resources.

C. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

Cash includes amounts in interest-bearing demand deposits, and short-term timed deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States or under the laws of the United States.

Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statue (R.S.) 33:2955. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are carried at cost which approximates market.

D. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$3,000 or more are reported at historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings 25 - 40 years
Ambulances 5 - 7 years
Equipment 5 - 10 years

F. Compensated Absences

The Ambulance District offers vacation leave to full time employees in a two tiered system based on employee type. The vacation time granted is based on a calendar year and the employee's length of service. There is no carryover of vacation time from one calendar year to the next. Any vacation leave not used during the calendar year is paid out to employees at year end. Sick leave will accumulate for full-time employees at a rate of 4 hours per pay period to be used after one year of service. Accumulated sick leave is forfeited upon separation of employment; therefore under GASB Statement No. 16 guidelines compensated absences for sick pay are not recorded in the financial statements.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

F. Compensated Absences (continued)

The following are the two vacation leave tiers and the associated levels of leave earned by employees based on length of service:

	New Hires	120 paid hours (24 hours each) = 5 shifts
Paramedics	After 2 years	192 paid hours (24 hours each) = 8 shifts
Advanced	After 3 years	288 paid hours (24 hours each) = 12 shifts
EMT's	After 10 years	336 paid hours (24 hours each) = 14 shifts

	New Hires	56 paid hours (8 hours each) = 7 shifts
	After 2 years	96 paid hours (8 hours each) = 12 shifts
Office	After 5 years	136 paid hours (8 hours each) = 17 shifts
	After 10 years	176 paid hours (8 hours each) = 22 shifts
	Administrator	320 paid hours (8 hours each) = 40 shifts

G. Unavailable Ad Valorem Taxes

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's governmental funds will not recognize revenue until they are available (collected not later than 60 days after the District's year end). Accordingly, ad valorem taxes assessed, yet paid under protest, are reported as unavailable revenues in the governmental funds balance sheet only.

H. Risk Management

The DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, and injuries to employees. To handle such risks of loss, the EMS maintains commercial insurance policies covering: automobile liability, medical payments, uninsured motorist and collision, health insurance providing 100 percent coverage for any employee injured while on the job; and surety bond coverage. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years that exceeded the policies' coverage amounts. In addition to the above policies, the District also maintains a liability insurance policy with the Louisiana Ambulance Service Districts' Risk Management Program. No claims have been paid on the policy during the past three years nor is the District aware of any unfilled claims.

I. Fund Equity

NET POSITION

In the government-wide financial statements equity (the difference between assets and liabilities) is classified as net position and is reported in three components:

- 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.
- 2. Restricted net position—consists of net position with constraints placed on the use by a) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other government; or b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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June 30, 2021

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

I. Fund Equity (continued)

3. *Unrestricted net position*—consists of all other assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

When an expense is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available, management applies unrestricted net position first, unless a determination is made to use restrict net position. The policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. This decision is typically made by management at incurrence of the expense.

FUND BALANCES

As required by GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, this statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balances more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

- Nonspendable Amounts that are not in spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) because they
 are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact
- Restricted Amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors or higher levels of government).
- Committed Amounts which are subject to limitations or constraints to specific purposes the Ambulance District imposes upon itself at its highest level of decision making, the board of directors. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Ambulance District takes the same highest level of action to remove or change the constraint.
- Assigned Amounts neither restricted nor committed for which the Ambulance District intends to use for a specific purpose.
- Unassigned Amounts that are available for any purpose.

The District would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources, and then assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

J. Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

K. Pension Plans

The DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District is a participating employer in a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan as described in Note 6. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension benefit or expense, information about the fiduciary net position of each of the plans, and additions to / deductions for the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments have been reported at fair value within the plan.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

L. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred outflows and (or) deferred inflows of financial resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applied to future periods and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until the applicable period. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applied to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

At June 30, 2021, the District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$9,923,607 in interest-bearing demand and short-term timed deposits.

The cash and cash equivalents of the DeSoto EMS are subject to the following risks:

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the government will not be able to recover its deposits. 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 or exceed 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. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the EMS that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the EMS's name.

At June 30, 2021, the District has \$10,128,988 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$750,000 of federal deposit insurance and pledged securities held by the custodial banks in the name of the fiscal agent banks with a total market value of \$13,013,346 (GASB Category 3).

Interest Rate Risk. This is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity is its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The EMS does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. However, as a means of offsetting exposure to interest rate risk, the EMS diversifies its investments by security type and institution.

3. Levied Taxes

The DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District was authorized an ad valorem tax millage of 7.0 mills and levied taxes of 7.0 mills for 2020. This tax is for the purpose of paying the cost of providing ambulance service in the parish. This tax began in 2009 and was renewed for another period of ten years beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028.

The property tax calendar is as follows:

Assessment date
Levy date
Tax bills mailed
Total taxes due
Penalties & interest added
Tax sale

January 1, 2020
June 30, 2020
October 15, 2020
December 31, 2020
January 31, 2021
May 15, 2021

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June 30, 2021

3. Levied Taxes (continued)

Total assessed value was \$757,797,295 in 2020. Louisiana state law exempts the first \$75,000 of assessed value of a taxpayer's primary residence from parish property taxes. This homestead exemption was a total of \$43,308,928 of the assessed value in 2020. The EMS adjusted ad valorem tax revenue was \$5,001,909.

The following are the principal taxpayers for the parish (2020 amounts):

Townsian	Type of	2020 Taxable	2020 Assessed	Percentage of Total Assessed
Taxpayer	Business	Valuation	Tax	Valuation
International Paper Co.	Manufacturing	\$73,949,546	\$517,647	10.35%
Indigo Minerals LLC	Oil & Gas	\$54,801,258	\$383,609	7.67%
Comstock Oil & Gas, LP	Oil & Gas	\$48,299,414	\$338,096	6.76%
EXCO Operating Company	Oil & Gas	\$45,512,909	\$318,590	6.37%
Chesapeake Operating, LLC	Oil & Gas	\$35,724,418	\$250,071	5.00%
Southwestern Electric Power	Utility	\$36,010,214	\$252,071	5.04%
Louisiana Midstream Gas Service	Oil & Gas	\$23,220,872	\$162,546	3.25%
Cleco Power LLC	Utility	\$28,222,290	\$197,556	3.95%
Enterprise Gathering LLC	Oil & Gas	\$21,291,753	\$149,042	2.98%
Acadian Gas Pipeline System	Oil & Gas	\$21,077,407	\$147,542	2.95%
Total	-	\$388,110,081	\$2,716,770	54.32%

Ad valorem taxes receivable at June 30, 2021, is \$50,959.

4. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

		0/20/2020			A SISING SEE		Reclassifications/		0/20/2024
Canital assats wat descripted	3	6/30/2020	9	-	Additions	-	Deductions		6/30/2021
Capital assets, not depreciated	40							_	
Construction in Progress	\$	938,955	\$,	-	\$	(938,955)	\$	NEX
Land	0.2	446,990	20		<u> </u>		#		446,990
Total capital assets, not depreciated		1,385,945			-		(938,955)		446,990
Capital assets, being depreciated							<u></u>	2	-
Ambulances & Vehicles		2,836,145			400,103		(25,364)		3,210,884
Buildings		7,504,474			865,060				8,369,534
Furniture and Fixtures		85,526			=		=		85,526
Medical & Communication Equipment		1,658,984			116,452		₩.		1,775,436
Billing/payroll software		16,000			-		=		16,000
Total capital assets, being depreciated	1.5	12,101,129	56 29		1,381,615	6 = 0 =	(25,364)		13,457,380
Less accumulated depreciation for								- 2	•
Ambulances & Vehicles		1,816,659			250,640		(25,364)		2,041,935
Buildings		1,031,841			198,061		× 000		1,229,902
Furniture and Fixtures		68,194			6,577		=		74,771
Medical & Communication Equipment		1,141,304			169,720		ā		1,311,024
Billing software		16,000			=		¥		16,000
Total accumulated depreciation		4,073,998	#.3 58		624,998		(25,364)		4,673,632
Total capital assets, net	\$	9,413,076	\$	=	756,617	\$		\$	9,230,738

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2021, was \$624,998. In the Statement of Activities, \$624,639 was included in public safety and \$359 was in administration.

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5. Net Ambulance Service Charges/Receivables

The receivable consists of \$683,446 due from insurance and Medicare/Medicaid for ambulance services provided.

Ambulance service charge receivable	\$	1,974,578
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(1,291,132)
Net ambulance service charges receivable	\$ -	683,446

The insurance companies only pay a percentage of the billings and the unpaid balance is recorded as contractual adjustments. Write-offs consist of DeSoto Parish private pay not required to pay for services and out-of-parish residents who have been identified as nonpaying. Accounts receivable activity for the year ending June 30, 2021:

Ambulance service charges and fees	\$ 2,411,925
Medicaid supplemental payments	38,756
Less contractual adjustments	(483,624)
Less exempt parish residents charges	(522,400)
Less write offs to bad debt expense	 (160,598)
Net ambulance service charges and fees	\$ 1,284,059

6. Pension Plan

Plan description. Full-time employees (approximately 36) of the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District are members of the Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees. The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. All employees of the District are members of Plan A. Plan A was designated for employers out of Social Security.

Eligibility Requirements: All permanent employees working at least 28 hours per week are eligible to participate in the System on the date of employment. New employees meeting the age and Social Security criteria have up to 90 days from the date of hire to elect to participate. As of January, 1997, elected officials, except coroners, justices of the peace, and parish presidents may no longer join the System.

Retirement Benefits: The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Any member of Plan A can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria:

For employees hired prior to January 1, 2007:

- 1. Any age with thirty (30) or more years of creditable service
- 2. Age 55 with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service
- 3. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable service.
- 4. Age 65 with a minimum of seven (7) years of creditable service.

For employees hired after January 1, 2007:

- 1. Age 55 with 30 years of service
- 2. Age 62 with 10 years of service
- 3. Age 67 with 7 years of service

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance of any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to 3% of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions, as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

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June 30, 2021

6. Pension Plan (continued)

Survivor Benefits: Upon the death of any member of Plan A with 5 or more years of creditable service who is not eligible for retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse and minor children, as outlined in the statutes. Any member of Plan A, who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive an automatic Option 2 benefit, as outlined in the statutes. A surviving spouse who is not eligible for Social Security survivorship or retirement benefits, and married not less than twelve (12) months immediately preceding death of the member, shall be paid an Option 2 benefit beginning at age 50.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan: In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, any member of Plan A who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) in which they are enrolled for three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP Fund. Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments in to the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or roll over the fund to an Individual Retirement Account. Interest is accrued on the DROP benefits for the period between the end of DROP participation and the member's retirement date. For those eligible to enter DROP prior to January 1, 2004, all amounts which remain credited to the individual's subaccount after termination in DROP will be placed in liquid asset money market investments at the discretion of the board of trustees. These subaccounts may be credited with interest based on money market rates of return or, at the option of the System, the funds may be credited to self-directed subaccounts. The participant in the self-directed portion of DROP must agree that the benefits payable to the participant are not the obligations of the state or the System, and that any return and other rights of DROP are the sole liability and responsibility of the participant and the designated provider to which contributions have been made.

Disability Benefits: A member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if they were hired prior to January 1, 2007, and has at least five years of creditable service or if hired after January 1, 2007, has seven years of creditable service, and if not eligible for normal retirement and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by years of service assuming continued service to age sixty.

Cost of Living Increases: The Board is authorized to provide a cost of living allowance for those retirees who retried prior to July 1973. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar years since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available form investment income in excess of normal requirements. In addition, the Board may provide an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are over age 65 equal to 2% of the member's benefit paid on the member's retirement date. Also, the Board may provide a cost of living increase up to 2.5% for retirees 62 and older. Lastly, ACT 270 of 2009 provided for further reduced actuarial payments to provide a cost of living increase up to 2.5% cost of living adjustment commencing at age 55.

Contributions

As provided by R.S. 11:103, the employer contributions are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the actuarially determined contribution rate was 11.11% of member's compensation for Plan A. However, the actual rate for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, was 12.25%. Contributions to the System also include one-fourth of one percent (except Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish. Tax monies and revenue sharing monies are apportioned between Plan A and Plan B in proportion to the member's compensation. These additional sources of income are used as additional employer contributions and are considered support from Non-employer contributing entities.

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6. Pension Plan (continued)

The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by state statute. The District was accepted into the Plan on January 1, 2003. The District's contributions for the years ending June 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019 were \$356,619, \$318,555, and \$297,240, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

<u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2021, the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District reported a net pension asset of \$749,372 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of the Plan. The net pension asset was measured as of December 31, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2020, the District's proportion was 0.427379% which was an increase of 0.00645% from the proportion measured as of December 31, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized a pension benefit of \$242,436, representing its proportionate share of the Plan's net expense, including amortization of deferred amounts.

At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 182,447	\$ 89,442
Changes in Assumptions	245,171	≃ :
Net Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan	(<u>₩</u>	1,462,557
Changes in employer's proportion of beg NPL	7,627	20
Differences between employer and proportionate share of contributions	30,774	9,333
Subsequent Measurement Contributions	170,159	
Total	\$ 636,178	\$ 1,561,332

The District reported a total of \$170,159 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of December 31, 2020, which will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

June 30,	
2021	\$ (290,578.81)
2022	(94,071)
2023	(462,652)
2024	(238,934)
2025	(1,090,824)
	\$ (2,177,060)
2023 2024	\$ (462,65 (238,93 (1,090,82

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June 30, 2021

6. Pension Plan (continued)

Actuarial Methods: The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees past periods of service less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position. The components of the net pension liability of the System's employers as of December 31, 2020, are as follows:

Total Pension Liability \$ 18,743,389 Plan Fiduciary Net Position 19,492,761 Total Net Pension Asset \$ (749,372)

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of December 31, 2020, is as follows:

Valuation Date December 31, 2020 Actuarial Cost Method Entry Age Normal

Investment Rate of Return 6.40%, net of investment expense, including inflation

Expected Remaining Service Lives 4 years Projected Salary Increases 4.75%

Cost of Living Adjustments The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits

currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increase not yet authorized by the

Board of Trustees.

Mortality

Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Health Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for annuitant and beneficiary mortality. For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multipled by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale. Pub-2010 Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multipled by 130% for males and 125% for females

using MP2018 scale for disabled annuitants.'

Inflation Rate 2.30%

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.40 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the CAPM pricing model, a treasury yield curve approach and an equity building-block model. Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward looking basis in equilibrium, in which best estimates of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These rates are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return

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June 30, 2021

6. Pension Plan (continued)

by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.00% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 7.00% for the year ended December 31, 2020.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term
	Target Asset	Expected Real
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return
Fixed Income	33%	0.86%
Equity	51%	3.36%
Alternatives	14%	0.67%
Real assets	2%	0.11%
Total	100%	5.00%
Inflation	10	2.00%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		7.00%

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. The data was assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the System's liabilities.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the net pension liability/(asset) of the District calculated using the discount rate of 6.40 percent, as well as what the District's net pension liability/asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.40 percent) or one percentage point higher (7.40 percent) that the current rate:

	Discount rate	District's proportionate share of net pension liability
1% decrease	5.40%	1,571,215
Current discount rate	6.40%	(749,372)
1% increase	7.40%	(2,692,815)

Plan Fiduciary Net Position. The changes in the net pension liability for the year ended December 31, 2020, were recognized in the current reporting period as pension expense except as follows:

Differences between Expected and Actual Experience

Differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic or demographic factors in the measurement of the total pension liability were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.

Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings:

Differences between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed five-year period.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2021

6. Pension Plan (continued)

Changes of Assumptions:

The changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.

Change in Proportion:

Changes in the employer's proportionate shares of the collective net pension liability and collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources since the prior measurement date were recognized in employer's pension expense(benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of al employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan.

Contributions—Proportionate Share: Differences between contributions remitted to the System and the employer's proportionate share are recognized in pension expense(benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with a pension through the pension plan. The resulting deferred inflow/outflow and amortization is not reflected in the schedule of employer amounts due to differences that could arise between contributions reported by the System and contributions reported by the participating employer.

Retirement System Audit Report: Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana issued a stand-along audit report on its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020. Access to the audit report can be found on the System's website: www.persla.org or on the Office of Louisiana Legislative Auditor's official website: www.persla.org or on the Office of Louisiana Legislative Auditor's official website: www.lla.state.la.us.

Estimates: The process of preparing the schedule of employer allocations and schedule of pension amounts in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Accordingly actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

7. Cooperative Endeavor Agreements / Leases

In November, 2017, the Ambulance District entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DeSoto Fire Protection District No. 8 to execute a lease for \$11,533 per year, until November 1, 2057, for two apparatus bays and two dormitories in Station 5 located in Pelican, Louisiana. The Fire District will reimburse half of all the utilities. The Ambulance District accepts responsibility for all insurance and repairs and maintenance. The Fire District prepaid the entire 40 years (\$461,306.34) lease payments at the inception of the lease in the year ended June 30, 2018. The Ambulance District recognized rental income of \$11,534, deferred revenue of \$415,176, and utility reimbursement of \$5,208 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

On August 21, 2018, the Ambulance District entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Toledo Bend Search and Recovery Dive Team to provide certified divers who are members of the Toledo Bend Search and Recovery Dive team to respond via mutual aid at the Dive Team's request while they are on duty for the Ambulance District.

On August 31, 2018, the Ambulance District entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office SWAT Team to provide paramedics, tactical gear for the paramedics, medical supplies, and a medic unit should mutual aid be requested for a SWAT incident.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

7. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement / Lease (continued)

On January 14, 2019, the Ambulance District entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office will provide the Ambulance District with adequate dispatching services for the sum of an annual \$275,000 to be paid quarterly during the year. The DeSoto Sheriff agreed to hire all the current full-time Ambulance District dispatchers at the time of the agreement and to employ a communications supervisor for those dispatching for the Ambulance District.

Effective December 1, 2019, the Ambulance District entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DeSoto Fire Protection District No. 2 governing a Lease Agreement for three apparatus bays and four dormitories in the new Station 6 currently under construction in Keatchie, Louisiana, by the Ambulance District. Payment to the Ambulance District under the terms of the lease ("the Rent") shall be one-half of all the cost of construction for the new Station 6. One-half of the Rent shall be due upon invoicing by the Ambulance District when construction is at 50% completion. The remaining one-half of the Rent shall be due upon completion of construction and invoicing by the Ambulance District. Fire District 2 will reimburse one-half of all the utilities and one-half of the insurance premiums covering the building and any shared movables thereon. Per the CEA, the Ambulance District received all of the Rent due from Fire District 2 under the terms of the Lease (\$843,972.32) during the year ended June 30, 2021. The Ambulance District has only recognized its one-half of costs to construct Station 6 in capital assets. Annual costs reimbursements to the Ambulance District were \$12,591 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

8. Litigation and Claims

At June 30, 2021, the Desoto Parish Ambulance Service District was involved in litigation concerning various matters which, in the estimation of the legal advisor of the Ambulance District, an estimate of ultimate resolution of the suits cannot be made. However, it is the opinion of legal counsel that an unfavorable outcome is unlikely in the pending lawsuits.

9. Compensation Paid Board Members

The Board members were not compensated during the year ended June 30, 2021.

10. Subsequent Events

Management has performed an evaluation of the Ambulance District's activities through October 15, 2021, and has concluded that there are no significant events requiring recognition or disclosure through that date and time these financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART II)

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

						Variance with	
		Budgete	d A	Amounts			Final Budget
	_	Original		Final		Actual	Positive (Negative)
Revenues			3. W .				
Charges for services	\$	812,000	\$	812,000	\$	1,599,379	\$ 787,379
Grants and contributions		32 		:=.		28,892	28,892
Ad valorem taxes		4,950,000		4,950,000		5,001,909	51,909
Interest earnings		83,000		83,000		62,208	(20,792)
Rental income		::=:		:=:		7,200	7,200
Reimbursement revenue				200		91,482	91,482
Other revenue		3,500	s 75	3,500		18,603	15,103
Total Revenues		5,848,500	1 15	5,848,500		6,809,673	961,173
Expenditures							
Administrative		164,550		164,550		336,362	(171,812)
Personal services & related benefits		4,891,500		4,891,500		4,354,691	536,809
Operations		817,000		817,000		809,435	7,565
Occupancy		525,000		525,000		623,151	(98,151)
Capital outlay	_	1,538,000		1,538,000		534,142	1,003,858
Total Expenditures	-	7,936,050	/ <u>-</u>	7,936,050	_	6,657,781	1,278,269
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over							
expenditures		(2,087,550)		(2,087,550)		151,892	2,239,442
Other financing sources							
Insurance proceeds		. <u>-</u>		.=		57,526	57,526
Total Other financing sources	-	:		S=0	-	57,526	57,526
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Excess (deficiency) of revenues over							
expenditures and other financing sources		(2,087,550)		(2,087,550)		209,418	2,181,916
FUND BALANCE							
Beginning of the year		10,015,869		10,015,869		10,015,869	-
End of the year	\$	7,928,319	\$	7,928,319	\$	10,225,287	\$ 2,296,968

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to required supplementary information.

Schedule of the DeSoto Ambulance District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Fiscal Year*	Agency's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	of th	Agency's ortionate share ne net pension bility (asset)	Agency's li tionate share Agency's net pension covered-employee		Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	
Parochial Employees's Retirement System of Louisiana (Plan A)								
2021	0.427379%	\$	(749,372)	\$	2,856,118	(26%)	104.0%	
2020	0.420925%	\$	19,815	\$	2,668,994	1%	99.9%	
2019	0.394569%	\$	1,751,239	\$	2,536,400	69%	88.9%	
2018	0.344185%	\$	(255,470)	\$	2,118,522	(11%)	102.0%	
2017	0.314539%	\$	647,797	\$	1,865,395	33%	94.1%	
2016	0.281127%	\$	740,007	\$	1,422,563	48%	92.2%	
2015	0.254606%	\$	69,611	\$	1,466,493	5%	99.1%	

^{*}Amounts presented were determined as of the pension measurement date (December 31, 2020)

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to required supplementary information.

Schedule of the DeSoto Ambulance District's Pension Contributions

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Fiscal Year*	(a) Statutorily Required Contribution	in i	(b) Contributions relation to the statutorily ired contribution			cove	Agency's ered-employee payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll
Parochial Lou	isiana State Em _l	oloyees	s' Retirement Syste	em				
2021	\$ 356,419	\$	356,419	\$	-	\$	2,911,173	12.2%
2020	\$ 318,556	\$	318,556	\$:=	\$	2,683,049	15.2%
2019	\$ 297,240	\$	297,240	\$	1 4	\$	2,584,696	11.5%
2018	\$ 288,052	\$	288,052	\$	124	\$	2,406,144	12.0%
2017	\$ 247,275	\$	247,275	\$: <u></u>	\$	1,939,971	12.7%
2016	\$ 232,312	\$	232,312	\$	200	\$	1,422,563	16.3%
2015	\$ 227,518	\$	227,518	\$	≈	\$	1,492,589	15.2%

^{*}Amounts presented were determined as of the end of the fiscal year (June 30).

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Budgetary Information

The Ambulance District's budget is prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Louisiana Local Government Budget Act provides that "the total proposed expenditures shall not exceed the total of estimated funds available for the ensuing year." The "total estimated funds available" is the sum of the respective estimated fund balances at the beginning of the year and the anticipated revenues for the current year.

Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Appropriations that are not expended lapse at year-end. The budget was not amended during the year. The budget comparison schedule presents the original adopted budget.

Budgeted revenues do not exceed actual revenues. Actual expenditures do not exceed budgeted expenditures. The Ambulance District is in compliance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act.

The District uses the following budget practices:

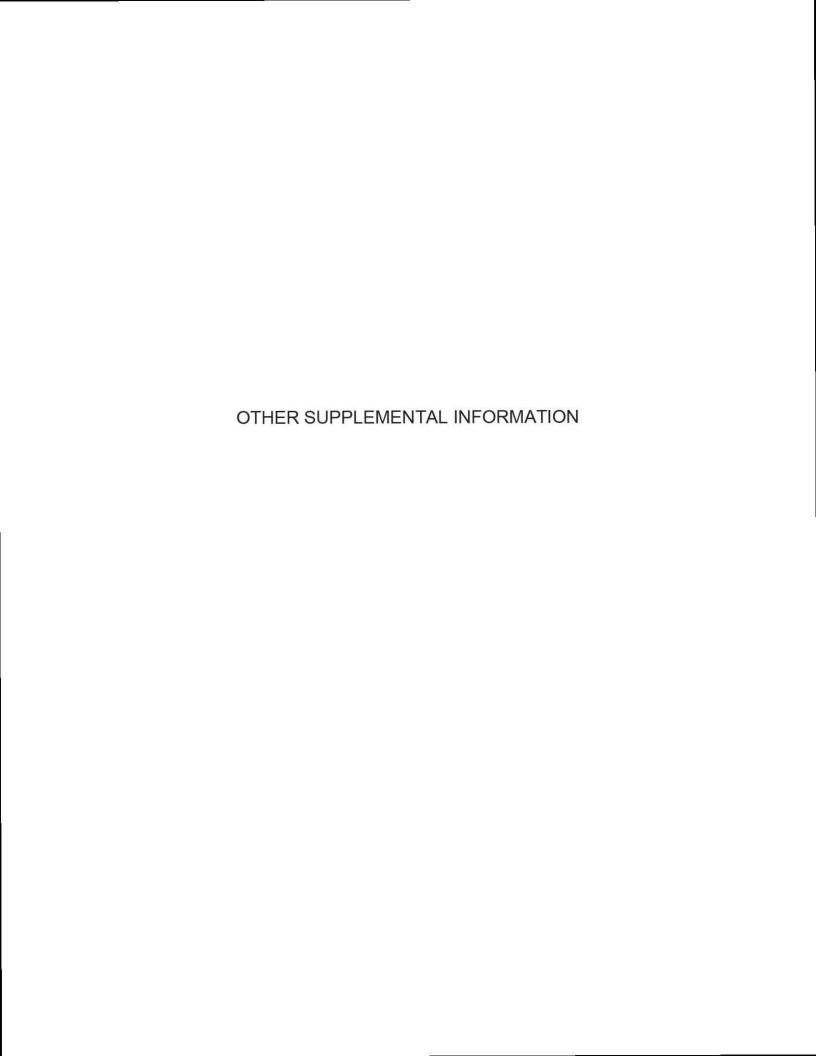
A budget for the ensuing year is prepared prior to June 30 of each year and is made available for public inspection at least fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The proposed budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The budget is established and controlled by the board of commissioners at the object level of expenditure. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. All changes in the budget must be approved by the board of commissioners.

Pension Information

The schedule of the DeSoto Ambulance District's proportionate share of the net pension liability and the schedule of the DeSoto Ambulance District's pension contributions are intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Changes of Benefit Terms: There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Changes of Assumptions: There were no changes of benefit assumptions for the year ended June 30, 2021.



Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Joe Magee, Administrator

Purpose:		
Salary	\$	113,743
Benefits- insurance		18,923
Benefits- retirement		13,933
Benefits- medicare		1,565
Benefits- other		719
Car Allowance		₩ 0
Vehicle provided by government		-
Per diem		≅ 8
Reimbursements		= 0
Travel		-
Registration fees		2 8
Conference travel		<u>==</u> 0
Continuing professional education fees		-
Housing		2 0
Cell phone		922
Uniforms	1	9
Total	\$	149,805

See independent auditor's report.

OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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Independent Auditor's 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

The Board of Commissioners DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District Mansfield, Louisiana

We have audited in accordance with the 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 general fund of the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District, a component unit of the DeSoto Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 15, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District'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 the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District'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 a 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District'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 are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

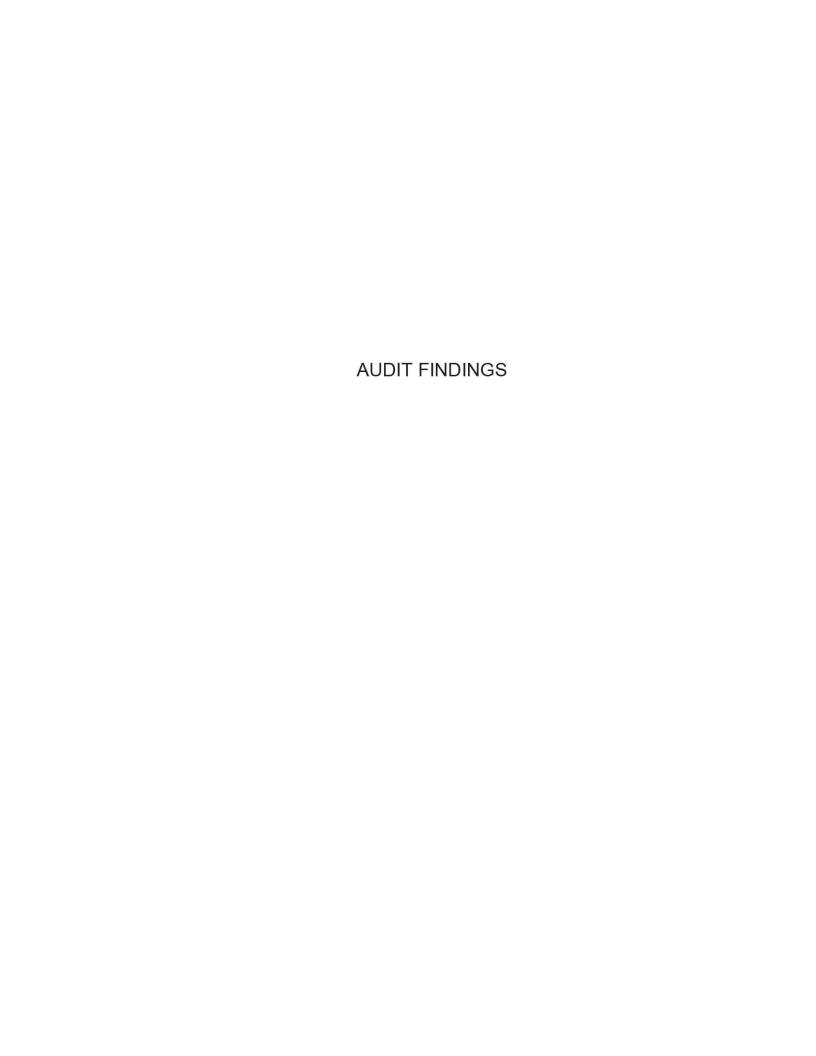
Purpose of this Report

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 Ambulance Service District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of any 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District, management, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report which is a matter of public record and is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513.

Dees Gardner, Certified Public Accountants, LLC

Mansfield, Louisiana October 15, 2021



Schedule of Findings and Responses For the Year ended June 30, 2021

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S REPORTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT:

None.

We have audited the basic financial statements of DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated October 15, 2021, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the basic financial statements as of June 30, 2021, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL AND OTHER MATTERS TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Internal Control Significant Deficiency ∃Yes Material Weakness ∃Yes Compliance Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes Other Matters Yes FEDERAL AWARDS Not applicable MANAGEMENT LETTER None. MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN None. Part II. Findings relating to the Financial Statements which are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. FINDINGS RELATED TO INTERNAL CONTROL None. FINDINGS RELATED TO COMPLIANCE

Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings For the year ended June 30, 2021

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