

**CALDWELL PARISH FIRE PROTECTION BOARD,
DISTRICT NO. 1
Columbia, Louisiana**

Annual Financial Statements

**As of and for the Year Ended
December 31, 2023**

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Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund information of Caldwell Parish Fire Protection Board, District No. 1 (the "District"), a component unit of Caldwell Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. I did not audit or review the financial statements nor was I required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

Supplementary Information

The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head and board of commissioners is presented for purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the representation of management. The information was subject to my compilation engagement, but I have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information, and, accordingly, do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

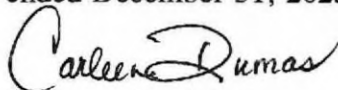
Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison schedule on page 17 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is presented for purpose of additional analysis and, although not a required 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. This information is the representation of management. I have not performed an audit, review, or compilation on the required supplementary information, and, accordingly, I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

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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 financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

I am not independent with respect to Caldwell Parish Fire Protection Board, District No. 1 for the year ended December 31, 2023.



Calhoun, Louisiana
June 27, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
ASSETS	
Cash	\$84,886
Receivables - sales tax	2,180
Capital assets	182,430
TOTAL ASSETS	269,496
LIABILITIES - accounts payable	1,040
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	182,430
Unrestricted	86,026
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$268,456

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
Expenses:	
Public safety - fire protection	<u>\$109,547</u>
Program revenue:	
Operating grant	<u>70,000</u>
Net program revenue (expense)	<u>(39,547)</u>
General revenue:	
Sales taxes	28,992
State fire insurance rebate	25,978
Interest earnings	<u>140</u>
Total general revenue	<u>55,110</u>
Change in net position	15,563
Net position - beginning	<u>252,893</u>
Net position - ending	<u><u>\$268,456</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
December 31, 2023

	GENERAL FUND
ASSETS	
Cash	\$84,886
Receivables - sales tax	2,180
TOTAL ASSETS	\$87,066
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities - accounts payable	\$1,040
Fund balance - unassigned	86,026
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$87,066
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Fund To the Statement of Net Position:	
Fund balance - unassigned - General Fund	\$86,026
Amount reported for net position of governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (Statement A) is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund	182,430
Net position of governmental activities (Statement A)	\$268,456

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	GENERAL FUND
REVENUE	
Sales taxes	\$28,992
Intergovernmental revenue:	
State fire insurance rebate	25,978
Federal - American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA)	70,000
Interest earnings	140
Total revenue	125,110
EXPENDITURES	
Public safety - fire protection:	
Current:	
Operating services	35,958
Materials and supplies	33,113
Capital outlay	18,920
Total expenditures	87,991
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	37,119
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	48,907
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$86,026

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND (Contd.)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities:	
Net change in fund balance - General Fund	\$37,119
Amount reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are 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 as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capital outlay expenditures in the current period.	<u>(21,556)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u><u>\$15,563</u></u>

(Concluded)

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CALDWELL PARISH FIRE PROTECTION BOARD, DISTRICT NO. 1
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Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

INTRODUCTION

The Caldwell Parish Fire Protection Board, District No. 1, (the "District") was created by the Caldwell Parish Police Jury as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1492. The District is governed by a five member board appointed by the police jury. The District is responsible for providing fire protection within the boundaries of the District. The District has no employees.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity* and No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units - an amendment of 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 these Statements, the District is considered a component unit of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements may be included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as a discrete component unit.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all the activities of the District.

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

Separate financial statements are generally provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. All individual governmental funds and individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The District has only one governmental fund.

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

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available when it is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, revenue is considered to be available if it is 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.

Sales taxes associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

The District reports the following governmental fund:

General Fund

The General fund is the general operating fund of the District and accounts for all financial resources.

C. Deposits

Cash includes amounts in interest-bearing demand deposits. State law limits the District's credit risk by restricting the District's investments to collateralized certificates of deposits, government-backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government-backed securities.

D. Receivables

The District receives a pro-rata share of a one-fourth of one percent parishwide (excluding the Town of Columbia) sales tax approved by the voters in Caldwell Parish on

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October 19, 1985 for fire protection in the parish. The sales tax is collected by the police jury and remitted to the District net of its pro-rata share of the cost of collection.

Receivables are generally shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. These statements contain no provision for uncollectible accounts. The District is of the opinion that such an allowance would be immaterial in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which consist of land, buildings, construction in progress, vehicles, and equipment are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Land and buildings are recorded at estimated historical cost. Ninety-nine percent of the amount recorded as vehicles and equipment was donated to the District from other agencies and is recorded at estimated fair market value on the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized.

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

	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings	25 years
Vehicles and equipment	5 -15 years

F. Net Position/Fund Balance

For the government-wide statement of net position, net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on net asset use are either:

1. externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or
2. imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which funds can be spent. Fund balance should be reported as restricted when constraints on the use of the funds meet the same criteria

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as restricted net position in the government-wide statement of net position as noted in the previous paragraph. Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the board of commissioners are reported as committed fund balance. Assigned fund balance are amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Board of Commissioners is authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification and represents fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to a specific purpose.

At December 31, 2023, the District has only unassigned fund balance in the General Fund.

G. 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 certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures, revenue, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND
ACCOUNTABILITY**

Budget Information

The District uses the following budget practices:

A proposed budget for the General Fund, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, is adopted by the board of commissioners each year.

Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. Encumbrance accounting is not used by the District.

Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and all subsequent budget amendments during the year.

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3. DEPOSITS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

At December 31, 2023, the District has cash as follows:

Interest-bearing checking account	\$71,955
Savings account	<u>12,931</u>
Total	<u>\$84,886</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. Cash (bank balances) at December 31, 2023, are fully secured from risk by federal deposit insurance.

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, are as follows:

	Balance at January 1, 2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance at December 31, 2023
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$10,000			\$10,000
Construction in progress	8,000			8,000
Total	<u>18,000</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>18,000</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	286,575			286,575
Vehicles and equipment	<u>1,269,315</u>	<u>\$18,920</u>		<u>1,288,235</u>
Total	<u>1,555,890</u>	<u>18,920</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>1,574,810</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	183,471	11,232		194,703
Vehicles and equipment	<u>1,186,433</u>	<u>29,244</u>		<u>1,215,677</u>

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	Balance at January 1, 2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance at December 31, 2023
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>\$1,369,904</u>	<u>\$40,476</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$1,410,380</u>
Total assets being depreciated, net	<u>185,986</u>	<u>(21,556)</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>164,430</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$203,986</u></u>	<u><u>(\$21,556)</u></u>	<u><u>NONE</u></u>	<u><u>\$182,430</u></u>

Construction in progress includes expenditures incurred during 2019 in connection with the construction of a parish-wide training facility. Depreciation expense of \$40,476 for the year ended December 31, 2023 was charged to the public safety function in the statement of activities.

5. CONTINGENCIES

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the District received \$70,000 in ARPA funding as a sub-recipient passed through the Caldwell Parish Police Jury. Grant expenses are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the District has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grant funds, refunds of any money received may be required. In the opinion of the District's management, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the grant funds; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	BudgetedAmounts.....		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis - GAAP)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUE				
Sales taxes	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$28,992	\$3,992
Intergovernmental revenue:				
State fire insurance rebate	28,000	28,000	25,978	(2,022)
Federal - ARPA		70,000	70,000	0
Interest earnings			140	140
Total revenue	<u>53,000</u>	<u>123,000</u>	<u>125,110</u>	<u>2,110</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Public safety - fire protection:				
Current:				
Operating services	34,000	34,000	35,958	(1,958)
Materials and supplies	18,000	18,000	33,113	(15,113)
Capital outlay	1,000	71,000	18,920	52,080
Total expenditures	<u>53,000</u>	<u>123,000</u>	<u>87,991</u>	<u>35,009</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	NONE	NONE	37,119	37,119
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>48,907</u>	<u>48,907</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$86,026</u>	<u>\$86,026</u>

There was one budget amendment during the year ended December 31, 2023.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE
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**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS,
AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head and Board of Commissioners is presented in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 A (3) and House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Legislative Session. Caldwell Parish Fire Protection Board, District No. 1 board of commissioners are entitled to \$30 per meeting attended but the commissioners elected not to receive pay for all meetings attended during 2023.

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SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND
OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD AND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

BOARD COMPENSATION:

Agency Head - Kenny Dannehl - President	NONE
Randy Duchesne - Vice-President	NONE
Ethan Cornwell	NONE
James Carroll	NONE
Augustus Hyde	<u>NONE</u>
Total	<u>NONE</u>

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