# CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 9 HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REVIEW REPORT

Year Ended December 31, 2021

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July 29, 2022

Board of Directors Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 9 Hackberry, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 9, a component unit of the Cameron Parish Policy Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

## Accountants' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review 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 and the standards applicable to review engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

#### Accountants' Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Information**

The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to chief executive officer is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The supplementary information has been subject to the review procedures applied in our review of the basic financial statements. We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the supplementary information. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information.

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#### **Required Supplemental Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America required that the following supplemental information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Schedule of Employer Contributions Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

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. The information is the responsibility of management. We have reviewed the information and, based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have not audited such required supplemental information, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on it.

The District has not presented 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. Our conclusion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

In accordance with the Louisiana Government Audit Guide and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report, dated July 29, 2022, on the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

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# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Statement of Net Position

# December 31, 2021

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 646,234
Receivables	485,234
Pension asset	12,768
Capital assets, net	 82,347
Total assets	1,226,583
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	 23,632
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payables	1,776
Accrued liabilities	500
Net OPEB obligation	 28,749
Total liabilities	31,025
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	 27,897
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	82,347
Unrestricted	 1,108,946
	\$ 1,191,293

Statement of Activities

# Year Ended December 31, 2021

		Program Revenues		nues (Expenses) and ges in Net Assets		
Activities	Expenses	Charge	Charges forCapital GrantsServicesand Contributions		Governmental Activities	
Governmental Activities: General government	\$ 279,590	\$	-	\$	-	\$ (279,590)
		Ger	eral F	Revenues:		
		F	roper	ty taxes, ne	et	465,854
		li	nteres	t		32
		Total General Revenues		465,886		
		Cha	nge i	n Net Posit	ion	186,296
		Net	Posit	ion, beginn	ing	 1,004,997
		Net	Posit	ion, ending		\$ 1,191,293

# FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund

# December 31, 2021

	2021			2020
ASSETS Cash Receivables Ad valorem taxes (net) Total assets	\$	646,234 <u>485,234</u> 1,131,468	\$	362,158 571,907 934,065
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		-		-
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$	1,131,468	\$	934,065
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Total liabilities	\$	1,776 1,776	\$	5,454 5,454
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		-		-
FUND BALANCES Unassigned Total fund balances		1,129,692 1,129,692		928,611 928,611
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	1,131,468	\$	934,065

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

December 31, 2021

Total fund balance for governmental fund at December 31, 2021		\$ 1,129,692
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of: Capital assets, net of \$97,832 accumulated depreciation		82,347
Deferred outflows and inflows for pension resources are not finanical resources or currently payable: Deferred inflows related to pensions Deferred outflows related to pensions	\$ (27,191) 15,691	(11,500)
Deferred outflows and inflows for OPEB resources are not finanical resources or currently payable: Deferred inflows related to OPEB Deferred outflows related to OPEB	 (706) 7,941	7,235
Accrued Compensated Absenses		(500)
Long-term debt which is not included as a liability in the governmental fund type balance sheet: Net OPEB obligation Net pension asset (liability)	 (28,749) 12,768	 (15,981)
Total net position of governmental activities at December 31, 2021		\$ 1,191,293

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

Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021			2020		
REVENUES Ad valorem taxes - net	\$	465,854	\$	563,525		
Interest	ψ	405,854	Ψ	505,525 74		
TOTAL REVENUES		465,886		563,599		
EXPENDITURES						
General Government				270		
Advertising Contract Labor		- 83,030		12,300		
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Drainage Costs		-		19,224		
Equipment Rental		11,939		-		
Equipment Repair		898		130		
Fuel		4,268		2,927		
Insurance		4,240		3,791		
Health Insurance		19,678		25,678		
Office Expense		2,691		349		
Payroll & Related		59,336		62,979		
Pension Expense		7,152		7,490		
Per diem		7,200		7,300		
Professional fees		-		5,000		
Repairs & Maintenance		-		697		
Spraying		44,831		34,375		
Supplies		15,112		24,002		
Utilities		965		731		
Vehicle Expense		3,465		17		
Capital Outlay		-		8,176		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		264,805		215,436		
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES						
OVER EXPENDITURES		201,081		348,163		
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		928,611		580,448		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	1,129,692	\$	928,611		

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

Year Ended December 31, 2021

Total net changes in fund balance at December 31, 2021 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance		\$	201,081
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities different because:			
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2021	\$- (19,413	<u>)</u>	(19,413)
Compensated absences not paid from current year resources are not reported as expenditures of the current year. In the Statement of Activities, these costs represent current year expenditures.			(222)
Net pension expense is reported in the governmental funds as expenditures as they are paid, however, in the statement of activities the net position expense is reported according to estimates required by GASB 68: Pension expense paid Pension expense per GASB 68	7,152 10	_	7,162
In the Statement of Activities, post employment benefits are measured by the amounts incurred during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for this item are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially the amount actually paid).			(2,312)
Total changes in net position at December 31, 2021 per Statement of Activities		\$	186,296

# Notes to Basic Financial Statements

## December 31, 2021

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 9 was created by the Cameron Parish Police Jury. The District is governed by a board of five commissioners who are appointed by the Cameron Parish Police Jury. The District constructs, maintains, and improves the system of gravity drainage in the District.

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

1. Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Statement No. 64, the Recreation District No. 6 of Cameron Parish includes all funds, account groups, et cetera, that are within the oversight responsibility of the District.

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

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Cameron Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

# December 31, 2021

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and
  - a. The ability of the Cameron Parish Police Jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
  - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Cameron Parish Police Jury.
- 2. Organizations for which the Cameron Parish Police Jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Cameron Parish Police Jury.
- 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements could be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Based upon the application of these criteria, Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 9 is a component unit of the Cameron Parish Police Jury's reporting entity.

2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, "Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments", issued in June 1999.

# Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2021

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

### Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, concessions, usage fees, and other nonexchange revenues.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each of the functions of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of services offered by the District; and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirement of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

# **Fund Financial Statements**

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

The District has one fund, the general fund, which is therefore considered its major fund.

#### 3. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

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

### Notes to Basic Financial Statements

## December 31, 2021

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

#### Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, the activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

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

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

# Notes to Basic Financial Statements

# December 31, 2021

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

#### 4. Cash

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

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. At December 31, 2021, the District had \$648,103 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 by federal deposit insurance and \$398,103 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank.

#### 5. Budgets

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

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

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

Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level.

The budget was not amended during 2021.

### Notes to Basic Financial Statements

## December 31, 2021

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

#### 6. Accounts Receivable

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

#### 7. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost is historical is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net assets. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Buildings and improvements	15-40 years
Equipment and vehicles	5-10 years

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

#### 8. Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. Amounts of vested or accumulated vacation leave that are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported in the general long-term debt account group. No expenditure is reported for these amounts. In accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 43, Accounting for Compensated Absences, no liability is

# Notes to Basic Financial Statements

## December 31, 2021

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

recorded for nonvesting accumulating rights to receive sick pay benefits. However, a liability is recognized for that portion of accumulating sick leave benefits that it is estimated will be taken as "terminal leave" prior to retirement. At December 31, 2021 the District's liability for compensated absences is \$500.

#### 9. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## 10. Equity Classification

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

- a. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of a cumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets
- b. Restricted net position Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

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

- a. Restricted fund balance Includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes based on generally outside actions.
- b. Assigned fund balance Includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes based on internal (Board) actions.

# Notes to Basic Financial Statements

## December 31, 2021

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

c. Unassigned fund balance - Includes positive fund balance within the general fund which has not been classified within the above mentioned categories.

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

11. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through July 29, 2022, the date the financial statements are available for issue.

12. Comparative Data

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

# NOTE B - AD VALOREM TAXES

For the year ended December 31, 2021, taxes were levied on property with taxable assessed valuations as follows:

	General Purposes
Assessed valuation Mileage	\$ 113,737,730 4.44
Total taxes levied	\$ 504,997

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

# Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2021

# NOTE C - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2021 follows:

	E	Beginning of Year	А	dditions	Del	etions		End of <u>Year</u>
Governmental activities:								
Buildings	\$	40,363	\$	-	\$	-	\$	40,363
Vehicles		36,462		-		-		36,462
Equipment	_	103,354						103,354
Totals at historical cost		180,179		-		-		180,179
Less accumulated depreciation Governmental activities capital		78,419		<u> 19,413</u>		<u> </u>		97,832
assets, net	\$	101,760	<u>\$</u>	<u>(19,413)</u>	\$		<u>\$</u>	82,347

# NOTE D - PER DIEM

As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4504, the board members received \$100 per diem for each regular and special meeting attended, but shall not be paid for more than twelve meetings in each year.

Hardin, Wesley	\$	1,700
Stansel, Bobby		1,800
Gremillion, Gordon		1,800
Aucoin, Will		1,100
Desormeaux, Jared		800
	<u>\$</u>	7,200

# NOTE E - RISK MANAGEMENT

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

# Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2021

# NOTE F - TAX ABATEMENTS

Louisiana's State Constitution Chapter VII Section 21 authorizes the State Board of Commerce and Industry to create a ten (10) year ad valorem tax abatement program for new manufacturing establishments in the State. Under the terms of this program, qualified businesses may apply for an exemption of local ad valorem taxes on capital improvements and equipment related to manufacturing for the first ten years of its operation; after which the property will be added to the local tax roll and taxed at the value and millages in force at the time. The future value of this exempt property could be subject to significant fluctuation from today's value; however, the District could receive a substantial increase in ad valorem tax revenues once the exemption on this property expires. All applicable agreements have been entered into by the Cameron Parish Police Jury and directly affect the District's ad valorem assessments. Because these taxes are not assessed or due, no adjustments have been made to the District's financial statements to record a receivable. As of December 31, 2021. \$2,138,390,510 of assessed property in the District's taxing jurisdiction is receiving this exemption, which amounts to \$9,494,454 in ad valorem taxes.

# NOTE G – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

None

# NOTE H - RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS

The District participates in a state-administered cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement systems, which together cover substantially all of the District's full-time employees. Although separately administered by their respective boards of trustees, these systems are established and regulated by acts of the Louisiana Legislature with respect to membership and contribution requirements, plan benefits, and actuarial determination of funding requirements as provided by the state constitution. Additional disclosures with respect to the District's participation in these systems are provided below.

# Parochial Employees' Retirement System

The System is composed of two district plans, Plan A and Plan B with separate assets and benefit provisions. Employees of the District are members of Plan A. Membership is

## Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2021

# NOTE H - RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS - CONTINUED

mandatory as a condition of employment beginning on the date employed if the employee is on a permanent basis working at least twenty-eight hours per week and not participating in another public funded retirement system. Those individuals paid jointly by a participating employer and the parish are not eligible for membership in the system. Under Plan A, employees hired prior to January 1, 2007 can retire at any age with 30 or more years of creditable service, age 55 with 25 years of creditable service, age 60 with 10 years of creditable service, or age 65 with 7 years of creditable service. Employees hired after January 1, 2007 can retire at age 55 with 30 or more years of creditable service, age 62 with 10 years of creditable service, or age 67 with 7 years of creditable service. Retirees are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 percent of their final compensation multiplied by the employee's years of credited service. Final compensation is the employee's monthly earnings during the 36 consecutive or jointed months that produce the highest average. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

The Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information. That report may be obtained by writing to Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, P.O. Box 14619, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Plan members are required to contribute 9.5% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 12.25% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by the System's Board of Trustees. The District's contributions to the System for the year ended December 31, 2021 totaled \$7,152.

At December 31, 2021, the District reported an asset of \$12,768 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability 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 their pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2021, the District's proportion was .0072818%.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the District recognized pension expense of \$7,162 including employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, \$183. At December 31, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred

# Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2021

# NOTE H - RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS - CONTINUED

inflows of resources related to pension from the following sources:

	Deferred		_	eferred
	Out	flows of	Inflows of	
	Res	sources	Resources	
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$	\$ 3,109		1,524
Difference between expected and actual investment		-		24,919
Difference between expected and actual assumption		4,177		-
Changes in proportion and differences between:				
Contributions and proportionate share of				
contributions		1,253		748
Contributions subsequent to the				
measurement date		7,152		-
Total	\$	15,691	\$	27,191

\$7,152 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2022. Other accounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	Amount
2022	\$ (5,126)
2023	(1,571)
2024	(7,699)
2025	(4,254)
2026	-
Thereafter	-

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December 31, 2021

# NOTE H - RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS - CONTINUED

Actuarial methods and assumption. The total pension liability in the December 30, 2020, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Valuation Date	December 31, 2020
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	6.40% (Net of investment expense)
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years
Projected Salary Increases	Plan A – 4.75
Cost of Living Adjustments Mortality	The present values 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 increases not yet amortized by the Board of Trustees. 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 multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale. Pub- 2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale. Pub- 2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for disabled annuitants.

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.40% for Plan A. 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

# Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2021

# NOTE H - RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS - CONTINUED

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 expected 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 (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up) and an equity building-block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations and projected on a forward looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) 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 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.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

	Target Asset	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of
Asset Class	Allocation	Return
Fixed income	33%	0.86%
Equity	51%	3.36%
Alternatives	14%	0.67%
Real assets	2%	0.11%
Total	100%	5.00%
Inflation		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 then 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 of the estimated duration of the System's liabilities. Annuity values calculated based on this mortality were compared to those produced by suing a set back of

# Notes to Basic Financial Statements

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# NOTE H - RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS - CONTINUED

standard tables. The result of the procedure indicated that the tables used would produce liability values approximating the appropriate generational mortality tables.

Sensitivity to changes in discount rate. The following presents the net pension liability of the District calculated using the discount rate of 6.40%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower 5.40% or one percentage point higher 7.40% than the current rate.

	 Changes in Discount Rate 2020				
	1%		1%		
	 Decrease 5.40%		Discount Rate 6.40%		ncrease 7.40%
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 26,771	\$	(12,768)	\$	(45,881)

# NOTE I – POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

General Information about the OPEB Plan

*Plan description* – Gravity Drainage provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. Gravity Drainage's OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by Gravity Drainage. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with Gravity Drainage. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section P52 *Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*—*Reporting For Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria*—*Defined Benefit*.

*Benefits Provided* – Medical and life insurance benefits are provided through comprehensive plans and are made available to employees upon actual retirement. Employees retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: Employees are covered by the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, whose retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: 30 years of service at any age; age 55 and 25 years of service; age 60 and 10 years of service; or, age 65 and 7 years of service. For employees hired on and after January 1, 2007 retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: age 55 and 30 years of service; age 62 and 10 years of service; or, age 67 and 7 years of service.

Life insurance coverage is provided to retirees and 100% of the blended rate (active and retired) is paid by the employer. A level \$20,000 amount of insurance coverage while active is continued after retirement.

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# NOTE I – POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS - CONTINUED

*Employees covered by benefit terms* – At December 31, 2021, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit	
Payments	-
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	1
	1

# **Total OPEB Liability**

Gravity Drainage's total OPEB liability of \$28,749 was measured as of December 31, 2021 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs – The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Actuarial cost method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level dollar, open
Amortization period	30 years
Asset valuation method	Market value
Inflation	2.0%
Salary increases	3.0%, including inflation
Discount rate	2.06% annually which is the Bond Buyer 20-Bond General
	Obligation Index on the Measurement Date. The 20-Bond
	Index consists of 20 general obligation bonds that mature in 20 years.
Healthcare cost trend rates	5.5% annually until year 2030, then 4.5% (0% while on
	Medicare)
Retirement age	4 years after eligibility
0	
Mortality	SOA RP-2014 Combined Mortality Table

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2021.

# Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2021

# NOTE I – POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS - CONTINUED

# Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at December 31, 2020	\$ 26,779
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	2,059
Interest	555
Differences between expected and actual experience	(870)
Changes in assumptions	226
Benefit payments and net transfers	 -
Net changes	1,970
Balance at December 31, 2021	\$ 28,749

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of Gravity Drainage, as well as what Gravity Drainage's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (1.06%) or 1-percentage-point higher (3.06%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease (1.06%)	Current Discount Rate (2.06%)	1.0% Increase (3.06%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 33,438	\$ 28,749	\$ 24,943

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of Gravity Drainage, as well as what Gravity Drainage's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

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# December 31, 2021

# NOTE I – POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS - CONTINUED

	1.0% Decrease	Current Trend	1.0% Increase
	(4.5%)	(5.5%)	(6.5%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 25,510	\$ 28,749	\$ 32,790

# OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended December 31, 2021, Gravity Drainage recognized OPEB expense of \$3,488. At December 31, 2021, Gravity Drainage reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

		eferred flows of sources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	5,461	\$	-
Changes in assumptions		2,480		(706)
Total	\$	7,941	\$	(706)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

875
875
875
875
875
2,859

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

# Budgetary Comparison Schedule

# Year Ended December 31, 2021

	BUDGET		ACTUAL		VARIANCE FAVORABLE TUAL <u>(UNFAVORABLE</u>	
REVENUES						
Ad valorem taxes - net	\$	235,000	\$	465,854	\$	230,854
		100		32		(68)
Intergovernmental - FEMA TOTAL REVENUES		235,100		465,886		230,786
TOTAL REVENUES		235,100		400,000		230,780
EXPENDITURES						
General Government						
Advertising		400		-		400
Contract Labor		8,400		83,030		(74,630)
Drainage Costs		50,000		-		50,000
Equipment Repair		1,000		898		102
Equipment Rental		25,000		11,939		13,061
Fuel		5,000		4,268		732
Insurance		5,100		4,240		860
Health Insurance		-		19,678		(19,678)
Office Expense		500		2,691		(2,191)
Payroll and Related Expenses		88,000		59,336		28,664
Pension Expense		-		7,152		(7,152)
Per diem		9,000		7,200		1,800
Professional and Legal		5,000		-		5,000
Repairs and Maintenance		-		-		-
Spraying		-		44,831		(44,831)
Supplies		4,000		15,112		(11,112)
Utilities		100		965		(865)
Vehicle Expense		-		3,465		(3,465)
Capital Outlay		100,000		-		100,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		301,500		264,805		36,695
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES		(00,400)		004 004		007 404
OVER EXPENDITURES		(66,400)		201,081		267,481
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		928,611		928,611		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	862,211	\$	1,129,692	\$	267,481

# Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability

# Year Ended December 31, 2021

# Parochical Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana

		2021		2020	2019		2018		
Employer's portion of the net pension liablility (asset)	0.00728		0.00660%		0.00686%		0.00617%		
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$	(12,768)	\$	(11,580)	\$	30,440	\$	(8,120)	
Employer's covered payroll	\$	58,837	\$	62,107	\$	63,851	\$	54,988	
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll		-21.70%		-18.65%		47.67%		-14.77%	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		104.00%		104.00%		88.86%		101.98%	

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

\*The amounts presented have a measurement date of December 31, 2020.

# Schedule of Employer Contributions

# Year Ended December 31, 2021

Date	F	ntractually Required ontribution	in I Co F	ntributions Relation to Intractually Required Intribution	D	ontribution eficiency Excess)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll		Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	
Parochial	Emplo	oyees' Retiren	nent	System of Lo	ouisi	ana				
2018	\$	6,593	\$	6,593	\$	-	\$	54,988	12.0%	
2019	\$	7,037	\$	7,037	\$	-	\$	63,851	11.0%	
2020	\$	7,490	\$	7,490	\$	-	\$	62,107	12.1%	
2021	\$	7,152	\$	7,152	\$	-	\$	58,837	12.2%	

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

## Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

## Year Ended December 31, 2021

		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>	
Total OPEB Liability Service cost Interest Changes of benefit terms	\$	2,059 555	\$	1,757 540	\$	2,554 623	\$	1,367 455 -	
Differences between expected and acutal experience Changes of assumptions Benefit payments		(870) 226 -		3,155 457 -		1,342 3,048 -		32 (1,103) -	
Net change in total OPEB Liability		1,970		5,909		7,567		751	
Total OPEB liability - beginnning		26,779		20,870		13,303		12,552	
Total OPEB liability - ending (a)	\$	28,749	\$	26,779	\$	20,870	\$	13,303	
Covered-employee payroll	\$	58,837	\$	62,107	\$	63,851	\$	54,988	
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		48.86%		43.12%		32.69%		24.19%	
Notes to Schedule: Benefit change									
Changes of assumptions:		None		None		None		None	
Discount rate: Mortality: Trend:		2.06% RP-2014 Variable		2.12% RP-2014 5.5%		2.74% RP-2000 5.5%		4.10% RP-2000 Variable	

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

# OTHER INFORMATION

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

Year Ended December 31, 2021

Chief Executive Officer: Wesley Hardin, Board President

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$-
Benefits-insurance	-
Benefits-retirement	-
Benefits-cell phone	-
Car allowance	-
Vehicle provided by government	-
Per diem	1,700
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration fees	-
Travel	-
Registration fees	-
Conference travel	-
Continuing professional education fees	-
Housing Unvouchered expenses	-
Special meals	-



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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

July 29, 2022

Board of Directors Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 9 Hackberry, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the Louisiana Government Audit Guide and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 9 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 9's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2021 included in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire. Management of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 9 is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

# Public Bid Law

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$30,000, or public works exceeding \$250,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law).

There were no expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$30,000, or for public works exceeding \$250,000.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

The District has one employee.

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4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

None.

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interests of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.

#### Budgeting

6. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with the original budget for 2021.

7. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

We traced the adopted and the amended budgets to approval in the minutes.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more or if actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 5% of more.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual revenues were greater than budgeted revenues for the year and actual expenditure were less than budget expenditures.

#### Accounting and Reporting

- 9. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:
  - (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee;

We examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

(b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

The payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

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(c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

The payments received proper approvals.

#### Meetings

10. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

The District is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the meeting place, a public place. We found no evidence of noncompliance.

#### Debt

11. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

We inspected copies of bank deposit slips for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

#### Advances and Bonuses

12. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

A reading of the minutes of the District and a review of payroll records indicated no payments for any bonuses, advances or gifts.

#### State Audit Law

13. Report whether the District provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The District's report was due June 30, 2022, but approved extensions have been obtained to August 15, 2022. The report was filed within the extended due date.

14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211,et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

The District did not obtain/utilize any state funds.

15. Prior Year Comments and Recommendations.

None

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to

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and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the District's compliance with he foregoing matters. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statue 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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# CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 9 PO Box 344, Hackberry, Louisiana 70645

#### LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Gragson, Casiday & Guillory P.O. Drawer 1847

Lake Charles, LA 70602

In connection with your review of our financial statements as of December 31, 2021 and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulation and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of July 29, 2022.

Public Bid Law It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 38:2212-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office.

Yes [X] No [ ]

#### Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1119.

Yes [X] No [ ]

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:34.

Yes [X] No [ ]

Accounting and Reporting All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, and 33:463, and/or 39:92 where applicable.

Yes [X] No [ ]

Yes [X] No [ ]

#### **Budgeting**

Yes [X] No [ ]

July 29, 2022

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Meetings

Debt

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

We have complied with R.R. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained; the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in RS 42:1 through 42:12. Yes [X] No [ ]

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and LSA-RS 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Advances and Bonuses It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

General We are responsible for our compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes [X] No [ ]

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We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations.

Yes [X] No [ ]

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We have made available to you all records that we believe are relevant to the foregoing agreedupon procedures.

# Yes [X] No [ ]

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants or the other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of your report.

# Yes [X] No [ ]

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies any known noncompliance that may occur up to the date of your report.

Yes [X] No [ ]

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Secretary/Treasurer