

**SOUTH TOLEDO BEND WATERWORKS DISTRICT
MANY, LOUISIANA**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

South Toledo Bend Waterworks District
 Many, Louisiana
 September 30, 2024

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SOUTH TOLEDO BEND WATERWORKS DISTRICT

MANY, LOUISIANA 71449

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District's (hereafter referred to as the District) annual financial report presents an overview and analysis of the District's financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2024. Certain comparative information with the previous year is presented to provide an overview of the District's operations.

Financial Highlights

The Basic Financial Statements of the District report information about the District using Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) accounting principles. The Statement of Net Position (pages 8-9) includes all of the District's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amount of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to District creditors (liabilities). All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (page 10). This statement measures improvements in the District's operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether the District has been able to recover all of its costs through its water service revenue and other revenue sources. The final required financial statement is the Statement of Cash Flows (page 11-12). The primary purpose of this statement is to provide information about the District's cash from operations, investing and financing activities, and to provide answers to such questions as "where did cash come from?", "what was cash used for?" and "what was the change in cash balance during the reporting period?"

Financial Analysis of the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position report information about the District's activities. These two statements report the net position of the District and changes in them. The District's net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, is one way to measure the District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

A summary of the District's basic financial statements is as follows:

Summary of Statement of Net Position

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS:		
Assets	\$ 2,017,534	\$2,242,129
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>9,271,070</u>	<u>5,716,308</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$11,288,604</u>	<u>\$7,958,437</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 93,464</u>	<u>\$ 166,612</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Payables, Accruals and Other Liabilities	\$ 1,018,073	\$ 511,336
Long-Term Debt, Net of Current Portion	<u>3,598,517</u>	<u>3,044,776</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 4,616,590</u>	<u>\$3,556,112</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 15,608</u>	<u>\$ 15,422</u>
NET POSITION:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 5,497,553	\$2,768,805
Restricted for Debt Service	96,847	80,921
Unrestricted	<u>1,155,470</u>	<u>1,703,789</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 6,749,870</u>	<u>\$4,553,515</u>

Summary of Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Changes in Net Position

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
REVENUES:		
Operating Revenues	\$1,140,305	\$1,200,925
Non-Operating Revenues	<u>2,231,893</u>	<u>761,913</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$3,372,198</u>	<u>\$1,962,838</u>
EXPENSES:		
Operating Expenses	\$1,100,144	\$1,128,851
Interest	<u>75,699</u>	<u>64,969</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,175,843</u>	<u>\$1,193,820</u>
Changes in Net Position	<u>\$2,196,355</u>	<u>\$ 769,018</u>

Sources of Revenue

Charges for water service totaled \$1,140,305 or 34% of total revenue of the District for the year ended September 30, 2024.

Expenses

The majority of the District's total expenses is for payroll cost and depreciation. Salaries and retirement totaled \$299,899 which is 27% of total operating expenses. Depreciation totaled \$289,340 which is 26% of total operating expenses.

Capital Assets

The District's capital assets consist of the distribution system and related equipment, along with the land.

Long-Term Debt

The District issued bonds for the purpose of constructing and acquiring the waterworks system. The payments on these bonds and the applicable bond covenants are made on a timely basis.

Economic Factors

The District's major revenue source is from water sales. The District does not have any knowledge of significant changes of water sales for future years.

Contacting the Waterworks District's President

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or requests for additional information, contact the District's President at 2200 Old Hwy 476, Many, LA 71449.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

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Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and the major fund of the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District (District), a component unit of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, 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 our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and the major fund of the District as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about District’s ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statements date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability, and Schedule of Employer Contributions, listed as required supplementary information in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head is required by Louisiana R.S. 24:513(A)(3), and is presented for purposes of additional analysis. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

This supplementary 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. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 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 be 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 Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are 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 February 24, 2025, on our consideration of the 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 solely 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 effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, we have issued a report, dated February 24, 2025, on the results of our state wide agreed-upon procedures performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's state wide agreed-upon procedures, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance.

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February 24, 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

South Toledo Bend Waterworks District
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Fund
September 30, 2024

Assets-

Current Assets-

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,220,742
Receivables	
Less, Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	122,863
Grant Receivable	410,325
Prepaid Expenses	<u>63,405</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ <u>1,817,335</u>

Restricted Asset-

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ <u>96,847</u>
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Capital Assets-

Plant & Distribution System	\$ 9,967,961
Land & Improvements	106,361
Machinery & Equipment	320,131
Construction in Progress	5,739,376
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(6,862,759)</u>
Total Capital Assets	\$ <u>9,271,070</u>

Other Assets-

Deposits	\$ 200
Bond Issue Costs, Less Amortization	<u>103,152</u>
Total Other Assets	\$ <u>103,352</u>

Total Assets	\$ <u>11,288,604</u>
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Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ <u>93,464</u>
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Liabilities-

Current Liabilities-

Accounts Payable	\$ 625,436
Accrued Payroll	15,644
Accrued Expenses	42,337
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	<u>175,000</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$ <u>858,417</u>

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Proprietary Fund
September 30, 2024

Non-Current Liabilities-	
Customers' Deposits	\$ 125,650
Net Pension Liability	34,006
Long-Term Debt, Net of Current Portion	<u>3,598,517</u>
Total Non-Current Liabilities	\$ <u>3,758,173</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>4,616,590</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ <u>15,608</u>
Net Position-	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 5,497,553
Restricted for Debt Service	96,847
Unrestricted	<u>1,155,470</u>
Total Net Position	\$ <u>6,749,870</u>

See independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

South Toledo Bend Waterworks District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position-
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

OPERATING REVENUES:	
Charges for Services	\$1,073,732
Connection Fees	22,500
Late Fees	15,816
Miscellaneous	<u>28,257</u>
 Total Operating Revenues	 <u>\$1,140,305</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Amortization	\$ 4,849
Automobile Expense	23,014
Bad Debts	221
Chemicals	60,400
Collection Expense	15,165
Commissioners' Fees	9,600
Computer Services	18,050
Depreciation	289,340
Insurance	63,906
Legal & Accounting	31,329
Licenses & Permits	23,939
Materials & Supplies	77,543
Miscellaneous	2,131
Office & Other Expenses	41,373
Payroll Taxes	5,505
Repairs & Maintenance	34,419
Retirement & Salaries	299,899
President & Secretary Services	6,900
Telephone	13,218
Utilities	55,587
Water Purchased	<u>23,756</u>
 Total Operating Expenses	 <u>\$1,100,144</u>
 Operating Income	 <u>\$ 40,161</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 12,532
Interest Income	21,048
Grant Revenue	2,198,313
Interest Expense	<u>(75,699)</u>
 Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	 <u>\$2,156,194</u>
 Change in Net Position	 \$2,196,355
 Net Position-Beginning of Year	 <u>4,553,515</u>
 Net Position-End of Year	 <u>\$6,749,870</u>

See independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

South Toledo Bend Waterworks District
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 1,159,227
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(199,713)
Cash Payments to Employees	<u>(318,830)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ <u>640,684</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Rental Income	<u>9,000</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Principal Paid on Capital Debt	\$ (160,000)
Interest Paid on Capital Debt	(70,186)
Bond Proceeds	986,014
Grant Proceeds	2,149,967
Construction and Purchase of Capital Assets	<u>(3,844,102)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	\$ <u>(938,307)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Investment Income	<u>21,048</u>
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ (267,575)
Cash and Cash Equivalents-Beginning of Year	<u>1,585,164</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents-End of Year	\$ <u>1,317,589</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH
PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Operating Income	\$ 40,161
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities-	
Depreciation and Amortization	294,189
Changes in Assets and Liabilities-	
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	(8,055)
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	8,572
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	314,454
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Payroll	(830)
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Expenses	(56)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Pension Liability	(18,101)
Increase (Decrease) in Customer Deposits	<u>10,350</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 640,684</u>

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:

Current Assets-	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,220,742
Restricted Asset-	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u>96,847</u>
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u>\$1,317,589</u>

See independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

South Toledo Bend Waterworks District
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2024

INTRODUCTION

The South Toledo Bend Waterworks District was created by an ordinance of the Sabine Parish Police Jury on December 21, 1988. The District is governed by a Board of Commissioners consisting of five members appointed by the Sabine Parish Police Jury. Commissioners are residents of the parish and serve terms of 1-5 years.

The District was created for the purpose of providing water service to any user within the geographical bounds of the district.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

A. Basis of Presentation-

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. Reporting Entity-

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Sabine Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Sabine Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the 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 Sabine Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

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

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Because the Sabine Parish Police Jury appoints the organization's governing body, and the ability of the Sabine Parish Police Jury to impose its will on the District, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Sabine Parish Police Jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. Fund Accounting-

The District uses one fund to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

The South Toledo Bend Waterworks District, uses an enterprise fund type of the proprietary fund category to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses for the proprietary funds include the cost of personal and contractual services, supplies and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

D. Basis of Accounting-

The accounting and financial treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and a determination of net income and capital maintenance. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the statement of net position. The proprietary fund uses the accrual basis of accounting; revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized at the time the related liabilities are incurred.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents-

The District has deposits in highly liquid investment vehicles such as certificates of deposit. Since all of the District's cash is readily available, these deposits are listed in the financial statements as "Cash & Cash Equivalents". 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. The District may also purchase investments in securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, "cash and cash equivalents" include all demand and savings accounts.

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F. Compensated Absences-

All full-time employees are entitled to one week of vacation each year. Vacation time may not be carried over from one year to the next and does not vest or accumulate. Therefore, no liability for compensated absences has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

G. Pensions-

For purposes of measuring the Net Pension Liability, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and additions to/deductions from PERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

H. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources-

The Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred outflows and (or) deferred inflows or financial resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies 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 applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

I. Capital Assets-

The capital assets of the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District enterprise fund are included on the Statement of Net Position, along with accumulated depreciation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of that asset or materially extend the life of that asset are not capitalized. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets used by the enterprise fund operation is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation has been computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which is generally 10 to 40 years for buildings and building improvements, 7 to 40 years for the distribution system, 5 years for automobiles, and 5 to 10 years for machinery and equipment.

J. Bad Debts-

Uncollectible amounts due for customer's water receivables are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. Allowance for bad debts at September 30, 2024 was \$22,174.

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K. Bond Issue Costs-

Bond issue costs and bond discounts are capitalized and amortized over the terms of the respective bonds using a method which approximates the effective interest method. Total bond issue costs for the current year paid by South Toledo Bend Waterworks District, was \$103,152. The amortization expense related to deferred debt expense was \$4,849 for the year ended September 30, 2024. This amortization expense included the unamortized amount of the bond issue costs from the 1997 water revenue bonds. The 1997 water revenue bonds were paid off with the issuance of 2024 water revenue bonds.

L. Estimates-

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

M. Net Position-

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

- a. Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position - Consists of net resources with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position - All other net resources 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 are available, management applies unrestricted net position first, unless a determination is made to use restricted 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 the incurrence of the expenses.

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2. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The cash and cash equivalents of the District are subject to the following risk:

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District 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 District 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 District's name.

At September 30, 2024, the District had cash and cash equivalents (collected bank balances) totaling \$1,314,046. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market.

The deposits at September 30, 2024, were secured as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,314,046
FDIC	(250,000)
Pledged Securities	<u>(1,064,046)</u>
Uninsured	<u>\$ 0</u>

3. Revenue Receivable:

At year-end, the District has \$122,863 in receivables as follows:

Charges for Services	\$145,037
Less, Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	<u>(22,174)</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$122,863</u>

4. Compensation of Board Members:

A detail of compensation paid to individual board members for the year ended September 30, 2024 follows:

Malcolm Franks	\$ 5,680
Tim Collins	2,080
Michael Walker	5,220
Shawnette Newby	1,440
Mike Pitt	<u>2,080</u>
Total	<u>\$16,500</u>

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5. Capital Assets:

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital Assets:				
Construction in Progress	\$ 1,946,359	\$ 3,793,017	\$ -	\$ 5,739,376
Land & Improvements	106,361	-	-	106,361
Plant & Distribution System	9,967,961	-	-	9,967,961
Machinery & Equipment	269,046	51,085	-	320,131
Total Assets	\$ 12,289,727	\$ 3,844,102	\$ -	\$ 16,133,829
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	\$ 9,999	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,999
Plant & Distribution System	6,365,781	272,918	-	6,638,699
Machinery & Equipment	197,639	16,422	-	214,061
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 6,573,419	\$ 289,340	\$ -	\$ 6,862,759
Total Net Assets	\$ 5,716,308	\$ 3,554,762	\$ -	\$ 9,271,070

Depreciation expense of \$289,340 was recorded for the year ended September 30, 2024.

6. Pension Plan:

Plan Description

The District contributes to Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) which is a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan established by Act 205 of the 1952 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to provide retirement benefits to all employees of any parish in the State of Louisiana or any governing body or a parish which employs and pays persons serving the parish. Act 765 of the year 1979, established by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, revised the System to create Plan A and Plan B to replace the "regular plan" and the "supplemental plan". Plan A was designated for employers out of Social Security. Plan B was designated for those employers that remained in Social Security on the revision date. The System is governed by Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 11, Section 1901 through 2025, specifically, and other general laws of the State of Louisiana. The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System, which can be obtained at www.persla.org.

All permanent parish government employees (except those employed by Orleans, Lafourche and East Baton Rouge Parishes) who work at least 28 hours a week shall become members 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.

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Benefits Provided

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.

Retirement

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

For employees hired prior to January 1, 2007:

- At any age after 30 or more years of creditable service
- At age 55 after 25 years of creditable service
- At age 60 after 10 years of creditable service
- At age 65 after 7 years of creditable service

For employees hired after January 1, 2007:

- At age 55 after 30 years of creditable service
- At age 62 after 10 years of creditable service
- At age 67 after 7 years of creditable 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.

Survivor's Benefits

Upon the death of any member of Plan A with five (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

Act 338 of 1990 established the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for the System. DROP is an option for that member who is eligible for normal retirement.

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 DROP in which they 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.

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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/her option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into 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 individuals who become eligible to participate in DROP on or after 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 returns 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

For Plan A, 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 is 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 of Plan A shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of an amount equal to 3% of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of service, not to be less than 15, or 3% multiplied by years of service assuming continued service to age 60 for those members who are enrolled prior to January 1, 2007 and to age 62 for those members who are enrolled January 1, 2007 and later.

Cost-of-Living Increases

The Board is authorized to provide a cost of living allowance for those retirees who retired prior to July 1973. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from 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 October 1, 1977, (or the member's retirement date, if later). Also, the Board may provide a cost of living increase up to 2.5% for retirees 62 and older. (LA R.S. 11:1937). Lastly, Act 270 of 2009 provided for further reduced actuarial payments to provide an annual 2.5% cost of living adjustment commencing at age 55.

Contributions

According to state statute, contributions for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the actuarially determined contribution rate was 7.49% of member's compensation for Plan A. However, the actual rate for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 was 11.50% for Plan A.

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According to state statute, the System also receives $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of ad valorem taxes collected within the respective parishes, except for Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes. The System also receives revenue sharing funds each year as appropriated by the Legislature. Tax monies and revenue sharing monies are apportioned between Plan A in proportion to the member's compensation. The non-employer contribution is \$3,532. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations.

The District's contractually required composite contribution rate for the year ended September 30, 2024 was 11.50% of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$30,732 for the year ended September 30, 2024.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At September 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$34,006 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability, compared to an asset of \$128,973 for the prior year. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of December 31, 2023 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, 2023, the District's proportion was .03569%, which was an increase of .00218% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2022.

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$13,452 minus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions of \$820.

At September 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$16,103	\$ 9,128
Changes in assumption	0	5,924
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	54,805	0
Changes in employer's proportion of beginning net pension liability	0	501
Differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of employer contributions	0	55
Subsequent Period Contributions	22,556	0
Total	\$93,464	\$15,608

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The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date in the amount of \$22,556, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year of September 30, 2025. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended September 30:	
2025	\$ 4,237
2026	27,250
2027	46,089
2028	(22,276)
Total	\$ 55,300

Actuarial Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of September 30, 2024 is as follows:

Valuation Date	December 31, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years.
Investment Rate of Return	6.40%, net of investment expense, including inflation.
Inflation Rate	2.30% per annum.
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 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.
	Experience study performed on plan data for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017.
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 increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

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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 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 capital asset pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up) and an equity building-block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are 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 2.10% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 7.70% for the year ended December 31, 2023. The best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	33%	1.12%
Equity	51%	3.20%
Alternatives	14%	0.67%
Real Assets	2%	0.11%
Total	100%	5.10%
Inflation		2.40%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		7.50%

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability using the discount rate of 6.40%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the 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:

	1.0% Decrease (5.40%)	Current Discount Rate (6.40%)	1.0% Increase (7.40%)
Employer's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$242,635	\$34,006	\$(141,119)

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Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana Annual Financial Report at www.persla.org.

Payables to the Pension Plan

These financial statements include a payable to the pension plan of \$11,758, which is the legally required contribution due at September 30, 2024. This amount is recorded in accrued expenses.

7. Long-Term Debt:

Revenue Bonds-The District issued \$2,265,000 of Series 2021 water revenue bonds at 2.53% interest for the purpose of paying off Series 1997 bonds. The bonds are secured by the pledge of income and revenues derived from the operation of the water system. These bonds will mature on June 1, 2037.

The District issued \$2,855,000 of Series 2021 water revenue bonds at 1.95% interest for the purpose of improving and replacing the waterworks system, including equipment and fixtures to be used for the public improvements of the District. The bonds are secured by the pledge of income and revenues derived from the operation of the water system. These bonds will mature on June 1, 2051.

The annual debt service requirements to maturity for these loans are as follows:

<u>Year Ending September 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 175,000	\$ 84,633	\$ 259,633
2026	176,000	80,466	256,466
2027	182,000	76,280	258,280
2028	188,000	71,948	259,948
2029	190,000	71,012	261,012
2029-2033	1,042,000	266,568	1,308,568
2034-2038	764,000	143,438	907,438
2039-2043	337,000	90,199	427,199
2044-2048	380,000	55,723	435,723
2049-2053	<u>339,517</u>	<u>16,732</u>	<u>356,249</u>
Total	<u>\$3,773,517</u>	<u>\$956,999</u>	<u>\$4,730,516</u>

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended September 30, 2024:

	<u>Balance October 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance September 30, 2024</u>
2024 Water Revenue Bonds	\$2,030,000	\$ 0	\$(125,000)	\$1,905,000
2024 Water Revenue (DWRLF)	<u>917,503</u>	<u>986,014</u>	<u>(35,000)</u>	<u>1,868,517</u>
Total	<u>\$2,947,503</u>	<u>\$986,014</u>	<u>\$(160,000)</u>	<u>\$3,3773,517</u>

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8. Flow of Funds, Restriction on Use:

Under the terms of the bond indentures relating to Revenue Bonds, all income and revenues (hereinafter referred to as revenue) of every nature, earned or derived from operations of the District are pledged and dedicated to the retirement of said bonds, and are to be set aside into the following special accounts:

1. Out of revenue, to the “Operations and Maintenance Account”, an amount sufficient to provide for expenses of the system.
2. Each month, there should be set aside into an account called the “Sinking Fund”, an amount constituting 1/12 of the next maturing yearly installment principal and interest payments. These funds can only be used for payment of bond principal and interest.
3. There should also be set aside into a “Reserve Fund”, an amount equal to 25% of the principal and interest payments required during the current fiscal year until there shall have been accumulated in the Reserve Fund an amount equal to the maximum principal and interest requirements in any one maturity year.
4. Commencing with the month following completion of and acceptance of the improvements and extensions financed with the proceeds of the Bonds, an amount equal to 5% of the net revenues for the preceding month, until such time as there has been accumulated into a “Contingency Fund” the sum of \$150,000.

These accounts will not be set aside until the 2021 Water Revenue Bonds (DWRLF) are completed.

9. Restricted Assets:

Certain resources of the District are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by bond ordinances.

10. Subsequent Events:

Management has evaluated events through February 24, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available for issue. There were no items to be reported as subsequent events.

OTHER REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

South Toledo Bend Waterworks District
Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

<u>Year</u>	<u>Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)</u>	<u>Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)</u>	<u>Employer's Covered Employee Payroll</u>	<u>Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Pension as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</u>
<i>Parochial Employees' Retirement System – Plan A</i>					
2015	.04048%	\$ 11,067	\$217,030	5.10%	99.15%
2016	.03677%	\$ 96,787	\$219,668	44.06%	92.23%
2017	.03712%	\$ 76,439	\$225,863	33.84%	94.15%
2018	.03531%	\$ (26,206)	\$227,366	-11.53%	101.98%
2019	.03326%	\$ 147,615	\$215,140	68.61%	88.86%
2020	.03486%	\$ 1,641	\$222,894	0.74%	99.89%
2021	.03365%	\$ (59,011)	\$219,043	-26.94%	104.00%
2022	.03291%	\$ (155,025)	\$226,102	-68.56%	110.46%
2023	.03351%	\$ 128,973	\$249,644	51.66%	91.74%
2024	.03569%	\$ 34,006	\$267,239	12.72%	98.03%

The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

See independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

South Toledo Bend Waterworks District
Schedule of Employer Contributions
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

<u>Year</u>	<u>Contractually Required Contributions</u>	<u>Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contributions</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>Employer's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll</u>
<i>Parochial Employees' Retirement System-Plan A</i>					
2015	\$32,345	\$32,345	\$0	\$217,030	14.90%
2016	\$29,339	\$29,339	\$0	\$219,668	13.36%
2017	\$29,339	\$29,339	\$0	\$225,863	12.99%
2018	\$23,005	\$23,005	\$0	\$227,366	10.12%
2019	\$24,741	\$24,741	\$0	\$215,140	11.50%
2020	\$26,876	\$26,876	\$0	\$222,894	12.10%
2021	\$26,833	\$26,833	\$0	\$219,043	12.30%
2022	\$26,458	\$26,458	\$0	\$226,102	11.70%
2023	\$28,709	\$28,709	\$0	\$249,644	11.50%
2024	\$30,732	\$30,732	\$0	\$267,239	11.50%

Changes of Assumptions:

- There were no changes of benefit assumptions for the year ended September 30, 2024.

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South Toledo Bend Waterworks District
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to
Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Agency Head Name: Malcolm Franks, President

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$3,600
Expense Account	0
Benefits-Insurance	0
Benefits-Retirement	0
Deferred Compensation	0
Benefits-Other	0
Car allowance	0
Vehicle provided by government	0
Cell phone	0
Dues	0
Vehicle rental	0
Per Diem	2,080
Reimbursements	0
Travel	0
Registration fees	0
Conference travel	0
Housing	0
Unvouchered expenses	0
Special meals	0
Other	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$5,680</u>

See independent auditor's report.

South Toledo Bend Waterworks District
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended September 30, 2024

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass through Grantors/Program</u>	<u>Federal Assistance Listing</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Treasury:		
Passed through La. Division of Administration- Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Water Sector Program – ARPA		
Grant ID No. LAWSP10127	21.027	\$2,198,313
U.S. Department of Environmental Protection:		
Passed through La. Department of Health & Hospitals- Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Grant ID No. 1085055-1		
	66.468	<u>986,014</u>
Total Federal Financial Assistance		<u>\$3,184,327</u>

See independent auditors' report.

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Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended September 30, 2024

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the *Uniform Guidance, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the primary government financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

The District's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the District's financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2024. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the *Uniform Guidance*, wherein certain type of expenditures are not allowable or are limited to reimbursement.

Indirect Cost Rate

The District has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimus indirect cost as allowed under the *Uniform Guidance*.

Subrecipients

The District did not provide any funding to subrecipients.

OTHER REPORTS/SCHEDULES

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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*

Mr. Malcolm Franks, President
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South Toledo Bend Waterworks District
Many, Louisiana 71449

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, and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, the financial statements of the business-type activities and major fund as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District’s (District) basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 24, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY
THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Mr. Malcolm Franks, President
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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District's (District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2024. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures, that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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South Toledo Bend Waterworks District
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended September 30, 2024

I. Summary of Audit Results

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District.
2. The audit disclosed no material weaknesses in internal control that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.
3. The audit disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.
4. The audit did not disclose any instances of material weaknesses in internal control over major programs.
5. An unmodified opinion was issued on compliance for major programs.
6. The audit did not disclose any instances of noncompliance related to federal awards that are required to be reported under the Uniform Guidance.
7. The following program was considered major for the year ended September 30, 2024:
 - 1) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Water Sector Program - ARPA Assistance Listing # 21.027
 - 2) Drinking Water State Revolving Funds – Assistance Listing # 66.468
8. \$750,000 was the threshold used to distinguish Type A and Type B programs.
9. The South Toledo Bend Waterworks District did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

II. Findings in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

None identified.

III. Findings in Accordance with *Uniform Guidance*

None identified.

IV. Prior Year Audit Findings

None identified.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT ON APPLYING
STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s (LLA’s) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The South Toledo Bend Waterworks District’s (District) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA’s SAUPs for the fiscal period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user for this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity’s written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity’s operations).
 - i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - ii. **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - iv. **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management’s actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation)

- v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- vii. **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Procedure Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of these procedures.

2) Board or Finance Committee

- 2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent documents in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparison on the general fund and major special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the non-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
 - iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unrestricted fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unrestricted fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unrestricted fund balance in the general fund.

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

Procedure Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of these procedures.

3) Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of client bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for selected each account, and observe that:
- Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
 - Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Procedure Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of these procedures.

4) Collections (excluding EFTs)

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/check/money order (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
- Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
 - Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
 - The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.
- C. Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.

- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under “Bank Reconciliations” above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Procedure Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of these procedures.

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

8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
9. For each location selected under #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.
 - v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
10. For each location selected under #5A above, obtain the entity’s non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management’s representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:

- i. Observe that the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - ii. Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #5B, as applicable.
11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (1) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

Procedure Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of these procedures.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
 - i. Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder; and
 - ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #6B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Procedure Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of these procedures.

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

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:

- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
- ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
- iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
- iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Procedure Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of these procedures.

8) Contracts

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
 - i. Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - ii. Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
 - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
 - iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Procedure Results: We noted one exception as a result of these procedures. Two of the selected employee files did not have documentation demonstrating the completion of one hour of ethics training.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtain a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - i. Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - ii. Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials;
 - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and

- iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. Obtain a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Procedure Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of these procedures.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain ethics compliance documentation from management, and:
 - i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Procedure Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of these procedures.

11) Debt Service (excluding nonprofits)

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

Procedure Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of these procedures.

12) Fraud Notice

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

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

Procedure Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of these procedures.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report “We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.”**
- i. Observe and inspect the entity’s most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government’s local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - ii. Obtain and inspect the entity’s most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed in the past 3 months.
 - iii. Obtain a listing of the entity’s computers currently in use and their related locations, and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency’s information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:
- Hired before June 9, 2020 – completed the training; and
 - Hired on or after June 9, 2020 – completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

Procedure Results: We performed these procedures and discussed the results with management.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity’s premises if the entity does not have a website).
- C. Obtain the entity’s annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S.

42:344:

- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
- ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Procedure Results: We noted one exception as a result of these procedures. Two of the selected employee files did not have documentation demonstrating the completion of sexual harassment training.

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

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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

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February 24, 2025

South Toledo Bend Waterworks District
Management's Response to Exceptions
to Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures
Year Ended September 30, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE TO EXCEPTIONS:

Item 10: Exception – One of the selected employee files did not have documentation demonstrating the completion of one hour of ethics training.

Response – Management will ensure that all employee files have a copy of their completed ethics training.

Item 14: Exception – Two of the selected employee files did not have documentation demonstrating the completion of sexual harassment training.

Response – Management will ensure that all employee files have a copy of their completed sexual harassment training.