## WEST FELICIANA PARISH 911 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA

Financial Report As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2022

## WEST FELICIANA PARISH 911 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DECEMBER 31, 2022

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

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## Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

## **Opinions**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications District (the District), a related organization of the West Feliciana Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, 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 my opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Basis for Opinions**

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit section of my report. I am required to be independent of the District and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my 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 the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may ra**Member**antial doubt shortly thereafter.

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## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My 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 my opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS 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 judgement of a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, I

- exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- 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 my judgement, 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.

I am 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 I identified during the audit.

## **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison schedule be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who consider it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an

opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Supplementary Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the Unites States of America. In my opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated June 5, 2023, on my consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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John L. McKowen, CPA

Baton Rouge, Louisiana June 5, 2023

# REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART 1 OF 2)

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) is presented to provide an overview of the financial activities of the District based on currently known facts, decisions and/or conditions.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION**

These financial statements are comprised of three components -(1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements and (3) notes to the financial statements. There is also other supplementary information contained in this report provided for additional information.

**Government-wide Financial Statements.** The government-wide financial statements present financial information for all activities of the District from an economic resource measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. These provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial status. They include a statement of net position and statement of activities.

Statement of Net Position. This statement presents information on all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference between these reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or not.

Statement of Activities. This statement presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. This statement is designed to show the District's financial reliance on general revenues.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10-11 of this report.

**Fund Financial Statements.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District has one category of funds: governmental funds.

*Governmental Funds.* Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements except that the focus with fund statements is to provide a distinct view of the District's governmental funds only. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability emphasizing the use of spendable resources during the year and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year.

Because the view of governmental funds is short-term and the view of the government-wide financial statements is long-term, it is useful to compare these two perspectives. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide reconciliation to the government-wide statements to assist in understanding the differences between the two viewpoints.

Governmental funds of the District include a general fund that is used to account for all accounts not required to be accounted for separately.

The fund financial statements can be found on pages 13-16 of this report.

**Notes to the Financial Statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

The index of the notes is found on page 17 with the actual notes beginning immediately afterwards.

**Other Information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District's budgetary comparisons on page 29. This schedule indicates the District's compliance with its adopted and final revised budget.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT

Net position is an indicator of the District's financial position from year to year. A summary of net position follows.

## SUMMARY OF NET POSITION Governmental Activities

	2022	<u>2021</u>
Assets		
Current and other assets	\$ 2,933,580	\$ 2,664,571
Capital assets, net	549,242	625,796
Total Assets	3,482,822	3,290,367
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	72,129	46,243
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	549,194	625,796
Restricted for 911 services and ops.	227,507	183,821
Unrestricted	2,633,944	2,434,507
Net Position	<u>3,410,693</u>	3,244,127

A summary of changes in net position is included below.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 214,864	\$ 325,375
Grants and contributions	62,120	246,745
General revenues:		
Taxes	824,025	850,342
Investment income	35,819	2,816
Total Revenues	1,136,828	1,335,278
Expenses		
Public safety	970,2597	794,423
Change in net position	166,569	540,855
Net position, beginning	3,244,124	2,703,269
Net position, ending	3,410,693	3,244,124

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION Governmental Activities

## **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The District received \$90,758 less in revenues than anticipated for the year ended December 31, 2022. Expenditures were more than budgeted amounts by \$24,490 providing an overall unfavorable variance of \$115,248.

## CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

*Capital Assets:* The District's investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and related debt at December 31, 2022 and 2021, was \$549,242 and \$625,796 respectively. The two most significant capital assets include buildings and communication equipment.

Capital outlay to purchase equipment during the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, were -0- and \$103,334 respectively.

Capital assets at year-end are summarized as follows:

## CAPITAL ASSETS Net of Accumulated Depreciation Governmental Activities

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Depreciable Assets		
Buildings	\$ 414,802	\$ 454,555
Radio tower	14,000	23,453
Equipment	65,552	81,765
Office furniture	54,888	66,023
Net Depreciable Assets	549,242	625,796

## LONG TERM DEBT

The District has no long-term debt.

## **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances, comply with finance-related laws and regulations and demonstrate the District's commitment to public accountability. Any questions or requests for additional information can be obtained by contacting the West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications District, P. O. Box 3417, St. Francisville, Louisiana 70775.

# **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## WEST FELICIANA PARISH 911 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2022

		Governmental <u>Activities</u>	
ASSETS		\$	2,375,162
Cash and cash equivalents		Ψ	2,373,102
Receivables, net:			45,842
Accounts			242,455
Taxes			42,433
Prepaid expenses			
Restricted assets, cash and cash equivalents			227,507
Capital assets, net			549,242
	Total Assets	\$	3,482,822
LIABILITIES Accounts payable		\$	72,129
NET POSITION Net investment in capital assets			549,242
Restricted for 911 services and operations			227,507
Unrestricted			2,633,944
	Total Net Position	\$	3,410,693

## WEST FELICIANA PARISH 911 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

									<u>Net Re</u>	venues (Expenses)
						perating		apital	0	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Functional/Programs	<u>E</u>	<u>Expenses</u>		Service		<u>ntributions</u>	Cont	ributions		<u>Activities</u>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>										
Public safety	\$	970,259	\$	214,864	\$	62,120	\$	-	\$	(693,275)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	970,259	\$	214,864	\$	62,120	\$	-	\$	(693,275)
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			Gei	neral Reven	ues					
		Taxes - ad valorem					824,025			
			Invsetment income				35,819			
		Total General Revenues			_\$	859,844				
			<b>C1</b>						¢	
			Cna	inge in Net I	POSITIO	'n			\$	166,569
			Net Position, beginning			\$	3,244,124			
			Net	Position, er	nding				<u> </u>	3,410,693

# FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## WEST FELICIANA PARISH 911 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2022

## ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,375,162
Receivables, net:		45,842
Accounts Taxes		242,455
Prepaid expenses		42,614
Restricted assets, cash and cash equivalents		227,507
Restricted assets, cash and cash equivalents		
Total Assets	\$	2,933,580
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$	72,129
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Unavailable revenues - property taxes	\$	44,498
FUND BALANCES		
Restricted for 911 services and operations	\$	227,194
Committed for building repairs		550,000
Committed for equipment replacement		220,000
Unassigned	<u></u>	1,819,759
Total Fund Balances	\$	2,816,953
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of		
Resources and Fund Balances		2,933,580

## WEST FELICIANA PARISH 911 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2022

Total Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 2,816,953
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	549,242
Some taxes receivable remained uncollected for more than sixty days after year-end and, therefore, are not available to pay current-period expenditures	 44,498
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 3,410,693

## WEST FELICIANA PARISH 911 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

## **REVENUES**

Taxes - ad valorem Charges for services:	\$	821,874
E911 fees		214,864
Grants and contributions		62,120
Investment income		35,819
Total Revenues	\$	1,134,677
EXPENDITURES		
Public Safety:		
Contracted services		566,327
Insurance		21,066
Maintenance/system expenses		67,134
Office and supplies		239,178
Capital outlay		
Total Expenditures	_\$	893,705
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$	240,972
Fund Balances, beginning	\$	2,575,981
Fund Balances, ending	\$	2,816,953

## WEST FELICIANA PARISH 911 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUNDS BALANCES TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 240,972
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Some property taxes will not be collected for several months after year-end, they are not considered "available" revenues in the governmental funds. This is the change in unavailable funds from the prior year.	2,151
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation charged exceeds capital outlay.	(76,554)
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 166,569

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

The West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications District (the District) is a related organization of the West Feliciana Parish Council. It is located in St. Francisville, Louisiana and was created by the West Feliciana Parish Police Jury (now "Parish Council") on July 10, 1990 as allowed under Louisiana Revised Statute 33:9101. It is governed by a board of seven commissioners one of whom is appointed by the West Feliciana Sheriff, two by the board of aldermen of the Town of St. Francisville, one by the Fire Protection District No. 1 of West Feliciana Parish, one by the West Feliciana Parish Hospital Service District, and two by the West Feliciana Parish Council. The commissioners serve four-year terms and are not paid for their services.

The District was created to provide the citizens of West Feliciana Parish with enhanced aid in the event of an emergency through use of a single, primary three-digit emergency number.

Revenue sources of the District include ad valorem taxes and E911 (Enhanced Universal Emergency Number Service) fees.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of Presentation:** The accounting and reporting practice of the District conforms to governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and to the guides set forth in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and to the industry audit guide *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

**Financial Reporting Entity:** As required by GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity – an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*, the District is considered a related organization of the West Feliciana Parish Council. The accompanying financial statements present only the transactions of the West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications District.

**Government-wide Accounting:** In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Boards Statement No. 34, the District has presented a statement of net position and statement of activities for the District as a whole. These statements include the primary government and its component units, if applicable, with the exception of fiduciary funds. Those funds are reported separately. Government-wide accounting is designed to provide a more comprehensive view of the government's operations and financial position as a single economic entity.

Government-wide statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities are those financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange revenues and are usually reported in governmental and internal service funds. Business activities are financed in whole or in part through fees charged for goods or services to the general public and are usually reported in proprietary funds.

Policies specific to the government-wide statements are as follows:

#### Eliminating Internal Activity

Inter-fund receivables and payable are eliminated in the statement of net position except for the net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities. These are presented as internal balances. The allocation of overhead expenses, from one function to another or within the same function, is eliminated in the statement of activities. Allocated expenses are reported by the function to which they were allocated.

#### Capitalizing Assets

Tangible and/or intangible assets used in operations with an initial useful life that extends beyond one year are capitalized. Infrastructure assets such as roads and bridges are also capitalized. Capital assets are recorded at their historical cost and are depreciated using the straight-line method of depreciation over their estimated useful lives. They are reported net of accumulated depreciation on the statement of net position.

#### **Program Revenues**

The statement of activities presents three categories of program revenues -(1) charges for services; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions. Charges for services are those revenues arising from charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods and services provided by the District. Grants and contributions, whether operating or capital in nature, are revenues arising from receipts that are reserved for a specific use.

#### Indirect Expenses

Expenses are reported according to function except for those that meet the definition of special or extraordinary items. Direct expenses are specifically associated with a service or program. Indirect expenses include general government or administration that cannot be specifically traced to a service or program. Governments are not required to allocate indirect expenses to other functions, and the District has chosen not to do so.

#### **Operating/Non-Operating Revenues**

Proprietary funds separately report operating and non-operating revenues.

#### **Restricted Net Position**

Restricted net position is composed of those resources for which a constraint has been imposed either externally or by law. The District recognizes the use of restricted resources for expenditures that comply with the specific restrictions. Restricted resources are exhausted before unrestricted

resources are used.

**Fund Accounting:** The District uses funds 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 entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds of the District are classified under one category: governmental. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate fund types. The fund classifications and a description of each existing fund type follow:

<u>Governmental Funds</u>: Governmental funds account for all or most of the District's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally reserved monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term obligations. Governmental funds of the District include:

1. General Fund – the primary operating fund that accounts for all activities not required to be reported in another fund.

**Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus:** In April of 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local governmental entities. The GASB has issued a Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (GASB Codification). This codification and subsequent GASB pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such principles.

The type of financial statement presentation determines the accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund.

The government-wide statements are reported using an economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, all assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows associated with the operation of governmental and business-type activities are included in the statement of net position. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized at the time the liabilities are incurred in the statement of activities. In these statements, capital assets are reported and depreciated in each fund, and long-term debt is reported.

The fund statements are reported using a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements present increases and decreases in net current assets. Expenditures for capital assets are reported as current expenses, and such assets are not depreciated. Principle and interest paid on long-term debt is reported as current expenses.

**Budgets:** The District adopts an annual budget for its general fund, prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting utilized by that fund. It is published and made available for public inspection prior to the start of the year. Appropriations lapse at year-end. There were amendments made to the budget during the year ended December 31, 2022.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents:** Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits and money market savings. Cash equivalents include amounts in investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States or under the laws of the United States.

**Investments:** Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2955. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments. Otherwise, the investments are classified as cash and cash equivalents. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, investments are recorded at fair value, based on quoted market prices, with the corresponding increase or decrease reported in investment earnings.

**Inventory:** Inventory of the District includes only office supplies, the amount of which is considered immaterial. Therefore, the acquisition of such items is expensed when purchased, and the inventory on hand at year-end is not reported in the accompanying financial statements.

**Receivables:** Trade receivables are recorded at management's estimate of the amount that is expected to be collected. This is based in part on historical information. Revenues become susceptible to accrual when they become both measurable and available.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Capital Assets:** The District's assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing assets. Depreciation is recorded using the straight-line method over the useful lives of the assets as follows: buildings 15 -40 years; equipment 7 - 10 years; office furniture/equipment -5-7 years; vehicles 7 - 10 years.

**Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources:** In addition to assets, the statement of net position may report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an expenditure until then. The District does not have any deferred outflows of resources.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position may report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as revenue until that time. The District does not have any deferred inflows of resources.

**Compensated Absences:** The District does not have employees.

**Long-Term Obligations:** In the government-wide financial statements, debt principal payments of government activities are reported as decreases in the balance of the liability on the statement of net position. In the fund financial statements, however, debt principal payments of governmental funds are recognized as expenditures when paid.

**Net Position/Fund Balances:** In the statement of net position, the difference between a government's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is recorded as net position. The three components of net position are as follows:

#### Net Investment in Capital Assets

This category records capital assets net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by any outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of capital assets.

#### Restricted

The restricted component of net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets.

#### Unrestricted

The unrestricted component of net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted components of net position.

In the balance sheet of governmental funds, fund balances are segregated as follows:

#### Non-spendable

This includes amounts in permanent funds and inventories that are permanently precluded from conversion to cash.

#### Restricted

Fund balances that are restricted include those resources constrained to a specific purpose by enabling legislation, external parties or constitutional provisions.

#### Committed

Fund balances may be committed for a specific purpose by the highest level of decision-making authority through a formal action such as the adoption of an ordinance. The removal of or

change in this commitment can only be accomplished by the same level of authority through the same type of action taken to commit the fund balances initially.

#### Assigned

Resources earmarked for a specific purpose by a government's management are reported as assigned fund balances.

#### Unassigned

This category represents that portion of equity that is available for any purpose.

**Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements:** For the year ended December 31, 2022, the District implemented GASB Statement No, 87, *Leases*. GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases* enhances the relevance and consistency of information of the government's leasing activities. It establishes requirements for lease accounting based on the principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. A lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right to use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources.

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 87 had no effect on the District's net position as reported December 31, 2021. The District has adopted the accounting policy election of not recognizing right-of-use assets and lease liabilities arising from short-term leases, twelve months or less, for any class of underlying assets.

#### NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, they must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Even though pledged securities are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 3. La. 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 that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

With the adoption of GASB Statement No. 40, only deposits are considered exposed to custodial credit risk are required to be disclosed. The District has no deposits exposed to custodial credit risk.

The cash and cash equivalents on hand (book balances) of governmental activities are as follows:

Demand deposits	\$ 17,470
LAMP, Inc.	<u>2,585,199</u>
Total	\$ <u>2,602,669</u>

The District has investments in a statewide investment pool that is administered by a non-profit corporation, LAMP, Inc. This corporation was organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana and its purpose is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, highquality investments. Securities included in its portfolio are restricted to those issued, guaranteed or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Government or one of its assigns, and include only those with maturities of ninety days or less. This design allows participants immediate access to their funds, and for this reason, these deposits are recorded cash and cash equivalents.

### NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

The net receivables at December 31, 2022, are as follows:

Class of Receivables	
Accounts	
Charges for services	11,766
Tower rent reimbursement	34,076
Taxes	<u>242,455</u>
Total	288,297

No allowance has been recorded as substantially all receivables due at year-end are expected to be collected. The District utilizes the direct write-off method for any receivables considered as bad debts.

### NOTE 4 – RESTRICTED ASSETS

Restricted assets include cash and cash equivalents totaling \$227,507 at December 31, 2022. These assets are restricted by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:9109 to be used for the express purpose of providing 911emergency response communications services and operations.

#### NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2022, was as follows:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Additions	Retirements	<u>Balance</u>
Capital Assets, being depreciated				
Buildings/towers	\$ 1,712,356	\$-	\$-	\$ 1,712,356
Less: accumulated depreciation	1,234,348	49,207	-	1,283,555
Net Buildings/Towers	478,008	(49,207)	-	428,801
Equipment	1,331,879	-	-	1,331,879
Less: accumulated depreciation	1,250,114	16,213		1,266,327
Net Equipment	81,765	(16,213)	-	65,552

Office furniture/equipment Less: accumulated depreciation Net Office Furniture/Equipment	184,914 <u>118,891</u> <u>66,023</u>	<u>11,135</u> (11,135)		184,914 <u>130,026</u> <u>54,888</u>
Capital Assets, being depreciated, net	625,796	(76,554)	-	549,242

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$76,554.

#### NOTE 6 – ACCOUNTS AND OTHER PAYABLES

The payables are as follows at December 31, 2022:

Class of Payable	
Accounts - trade	\$ <u>72,129</u>

#### NOTE 7 – LEVIED TAXES

The District levies taxes at a rate of 2.00 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District's boundaries. The purpose of this tax is to acquire, construct, improve, maintain and/or operate an enhanced 911 telephone system.

Property taxes are levied on or about October 1<sup>st</sup> for the current year and invoiced/collected by the West Feliciana Parish Sheriff. Taxes are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> following the levy date and are considered delinquent after the due date.

Taxes realized during 2022 and 2021, totaled \$824,025 and \$850,342, respectively.

#### NOTE 8 - E911 SERVICES

As provided by Louisiana R.S. 33:9106, the District levies an emergency telephone service charge in an amount not to exceed 5% of the tariff rate as approved by the Public Service District. This E911 (Enhanced Universal Emergency Number Service) is charged and collected by the telephone service provider and then remitted to the District on a monthly basis. These fees provided, respectively, \$214,864 and \$235,372 in revenues for the District at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

#### NOTE 9 – LEASES

The District has no leases as defined by GASB Statement No. 87, Leases.

#### NOTE 10 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The District had no long-term liabilities at December 31, 2022.

## NOTE 11 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no related party transactions that require disclosure in the accompanying basic financial statements.

#### NOTE 12 - LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

There is no litigation that would require disclosure in the accompanying basic financial statements.

#### NOTE 13 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no events between the close of the year through June 5, 2023, the date that the accompanying financial statements were available for issuance that would materially impact these basic financial statements.

# REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (PART 2 OF 2)

## WEST FELICIANA PARISH 911 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

				Variance with Final Budget
	Budgeted A	Budgeted Amounts		Favorable
-	Original	<u>Final</u>	Amounts	(Unfavorable)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Taxes - ad valorem	934,121	934,121	821,874	(112,247)
Charges for services:				
E911 fees	194,933	229,492	214,864	(14,628)
Grants and contributions	38,224	31,091	62,120	31,029
Investment income	2,450	30,731	35,819	- 5,088
Total Revenues	1,169,728	1,225,435	1,134,677	(90,758)
EXPENDITURES				
Public safety:				
Contracted services	396,985	538,664	566,327	(27,663)
Insurance	19,050	20,810	21,066	(256)
Maintenance/system expenses	56,611	68,374	67,134	1,240
Office and supplies	186,516	241,367	239,178	2,189
Capital outlay	5,000		-	
Total Expenditures	664,162	869,215	893,705	(24,490)
Net Change in Fund Balances	505,566	356,220	240,972	(115,248)
Fund Balances, beginning	2,575,981	2,575,981	2,575,981	
Fund Balances, ending	3,081,547	2,932,201	2,816,953	(115,248)

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## WEST FELICIANA PARISH 911 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

## Agency Head: Billie Giroir, Chair

The Chair serves without compensation. There were also no benefits or other payments made to or on behalf of the Chair during 2022.

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

Board of Commissioners West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications District P. O. Box 3417 St. Francisville, Louisiana 70775

I have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications District, a related organization of the West Feliciana Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated June 5, 2023.

### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements. I considered the West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications 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 my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications District's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications 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 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 is important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

My 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 my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed one instances of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022-001.

#### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my 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 conducted 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.

Star & M. Ylason, CPA

John L. McKowen, CPA

Baton Rouge, Louisiana June 5, 2023

### WEST FELICIANA PARISH 911 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA SCHEUDLE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

I have audited the financial statements of the West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022 and have issued my report thereon dated June 5, 2023. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. My audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2022, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

#### Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

A. Report on Compliance and Internal Control Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control	Deficiencies Material Weakness	□ No □ No
Compliance	Compliance Material to F/S	x Yes

B. Federal Awards

N/A

C. Identification of Major Programs

N/A

## Section II Financial Statement Findings

2022-001 Local Government Budget Act

CONDITION: Revenues in the General Fund failed to meet budgeted revenues by greater than five percent.

CRITERIA: Louisiana R.S. 39:1311 et seq. requires that the budget be amended when revenues fail to meet budgeted amounts by five percent or more, or when actual expenditures exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more.

CAUSE: The District did not properly monitor the budget versus actual results during the year.

EFFECT: The District is not in compliance with the Local Government Budget Act.

RECOMMENDATION: The District should implement procedures to ensure that budgets are amended when required.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE: Management of the District was provided with incorrect numbers for ad valorem taxes receivable during the year ended December 31, 2022 from a source it believed to be reliable, and subsequently failed to verify the amount during the year. It agrees with the finding, and in the future, will not only verify the amount, but will also monitor revenues and expenditures throughout each year to ensure that the budget is amended as required.

## Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None

#### Section IV Management Letter

None

## WEST FELICIANA PARISH 911 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Section I	Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements
None	
Section II	Compliance and Internal Control Material to Federal Awards
N/A	
Section III	Management Letter
None	

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Commissioners of the West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications District and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

I 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 January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The West Feliciana Parish 911 Communications District (the District) 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 January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

## 1) Written Policies and Procedures

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

Not applicable. The District has no employees. All functions of the District are contracted to the West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office. The Board of Commissioners relies on the policies and procedures of the Sheriff.

a) *Budgeting*, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

The District has no written policies and procedures that address budgeting.

b) *Purchasing*. including (1) how purchases are initiated. (2) how vendors are added

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American Institue of Certified Public Accountants Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

The District has no written policies and procedures that address purchasing.

c) *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

The District has no written policies and procedures that address disbursements.

d) *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).

The District has no written policies and procedures that address receipts/collections.

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

The District has no written policies and procedures that address payroll/personnel.

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

The District has no written policies and procedures that address contracting.

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

The District has no written policies and procedures that address travel and expense reimbursement.

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

The District has no written policies and procedures that address credit cards.

*Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.)
42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is

maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

The District has no written policies and procedures that address ethics.

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

The District has no written policies and procedures that address debt service.

k) 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.

The District has no written policies and procedures that address information technology disaster recovery/business continuity.

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

The District has no written policies and procedures that address the prevention of sexual harassment.

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

The board met ten times during the year with a quorum present.

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

during the fiscal period.

The minutes referenced monthly budget to actual comparisons on the general fund. The District has no proprietary or special revenue funds.

iii.For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned 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 unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

Not applicable. The general fund did not have a negative unassigned fund balance in the prior year.

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.

Not applicable. There were no prior year audit findings.

# 3) Bank Reconciliations

- 3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
  - i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);

Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date.

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

# Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management has reviewed each bank reconciliation.

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

Not applicable, there were no reconciling items outstanding for more than 12 months.

# 4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

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

#### Management represents that there is one deposit site.

- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then 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
  - i.Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;

Not applicable. There are no employees and no cash collections.

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

Not applicable. There are no employees and no cash collections.

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

Not applicable. There are no employees and no cash collections.

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

Not applicable. There are no employees and no cash collections.

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

Not applicable. There are no employees.

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

Not applicable. There were no cash collections.

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

Not applicable. There were no cash collections.

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

Not applicable. There were no cash collections.

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).

Not applicable. There were no cash collections.

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

Not applicable. There were no cash collections.

- 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).

Management represents that there is one location that processes payments.

- 9. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that
  - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;

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

b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;

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

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

The Chairman is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.

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

The official responsible for signing checks gives the signed checks to an individual to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

e) 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.

Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds.

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

The disbursements matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicated that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.

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

The disbursement documentation included evidence of segregation of duties.

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 (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

Each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy.

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

The listing was obtained

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

There is evidence that the combined statement and supporting documentation (was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder.

b)Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

There were no finance charges assessed on the selected combined statement.

C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, 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.

The itemized receipts described above were obtained along with acceptable supporting documentation.

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

A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger

is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected

i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (<u>www.gsa.gov</u>);

Not applicable, there were no reimbursements using a per diem.

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

The reimbursements were supported by original itemized receipts that identified 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 Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and

Each reimbursement was supported by documentation of the business/public purpose and other documentation required by written policy.

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

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## 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. Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and
  - i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;

None of the contracts observed required bids in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law.

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

Not applicable.

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

There were no contract amendments.

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.

The invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

#### 9) Payroll and Personnel

A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

Not applicable. The District has no employees.

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

Not applicable. The District has no employees.

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

Not applicable. The District has no employees.

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

Not applicable. The District has no employees.

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

#### Not applicable. The District has no employees.

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

#### Not applicable. The District has no employees.

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

#### Not applicable. The District has no employees.

### **Ethics**

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
  - a. 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

#### Not applicable. The District has no employees.

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

Not applicable. The District has no employees.

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

Not applicable. The District has no employees.

10) Debt Service

Not applicable, the District has no debt.

- 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).

## 11) 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.

Not applicable, there were no misappropriations of assets.

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.

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## 12) 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."
  - Obtain 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.

## I performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

 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 within the past 3 months.

## I performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

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.

# I performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

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.

Not applicable. The District has no employees.

## 13) 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.

## Not applicable. The District has no employees.

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).

## Not applicable. The District has no employees.

B. 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:

Not applicable. The District has no employees.

- 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.

# Not applicable. The District has no employees.

I was engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted my engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. I was 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, I do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

I am required to be independent of the District and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to my 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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