Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Caddo Parish, Louisiana Financial Statements With Auditors' Report

As of and For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Caddo Parish, Louisiana

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Supervisors Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Caddo Parish, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and major fund of Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2, a component unit of the Caddo Parish Commission, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and major fund of Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2, as of June 30, 2023, 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

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the 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 audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; 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.

Auditors' 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 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 made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- · 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 Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2'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 Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2'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

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2's basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information listed in the table of contents as Schedule of Payments Made to Board of Supervisors and Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head and shown on pages 17 – 18 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the Schedule of Payments Made to Board of Supervisors and Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head, shown on pages 17 – 18, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic 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 December 20, 2023, on our consideration of Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2'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 Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2'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 Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Cook & Morehart Certified Public Accountants December 20, 2023

Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Caddo Parish, Louisiana Statement of Net Position June 30, 2023

| | Business - Activitie | |
|---|-------------------------|---------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 203,141 |
| Restricted cash - customer deposits | | 23,465 |
| Investments - certificates of deposit | | 253,471 |
| Accounts receivable - sewerage fees | | 15,611 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 16,599 |
| Total current assets | | 512,287 |
| Capital assets: | | |
| Land | | 59,452 |
| Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation | | 117,016 |
| Other assets | | 2,340 |
| Total assets | | 691,095 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | | 5,999 |
| Customer deposits | | 23,465 |
| Total current liabilities | - | 29,464 |
| NET POSITION | | |
| Net investment in capital assets | | 176,468 |
| Unrestricted | | 485,163 |
| Total net position | \$ | 661,631 |

Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Caddo Parish, Louisiana Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | | | Progr | am Revenues | Re | t (Expense) evenue and hanges in et Position |
|---|----------------|---------|-------|------------------------|----|---|
| | E | xpenses | | harges for Services | | siness-Type Activities |
| Functions / Programs: | | | | | | |
| Business-Type Activities Sewerage services | \$ | 348,695 | \$ | 177,966 | \$ | (170,729) |
| Total business-type activities | | 348,695 | | 177,966 | | (170,729) |
| Genera | al revenues: | | | | | |
| | alorem taxe | | | | | 116,107 |
| Inte | rest income | | | | | 658 |
| Stat | e revenue s | haring | | | | 1,747 |
| Oth | | U U | | | | 967 |
| Total | general reve | enues | | | | 119,479 |
| Change | e in net posi | tion | | | | (51,250) |
| Net pos | sition - begir | nning | | | | 712,881 |
| Net pos | sition - endir | ng | | | \$ | 661,631 |

Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Caddo Parish, Louisiana Statement of Net Position Proprietary Fund June 30, 2023

| | Enterprise Fund |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Assets | |
| Current assets: | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 203,141 |
| Restricted cash - customer deposits | 23,465 |
| Investments - certificates of deposit | 253,471 |
| Accounts receivable | 15,611 |
| Prepaid expenses | 16,599 |
| Total current assets | 512,287 |
| Noncurrent assets: | |
| Capital assets: | |
| Land | 59,452 |
| Plant and equipment | 1,960,088 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (1,843,072) |
| Other assets | 2,340 |
| Total noncurrent assets | 178,808 |
| Total assets | 691,095 |
| Liabilities | |
| Current liabilities: | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 5,999 |
| Customer deposits | 23,465 |
| Total current liabilities | 29,464 |
| Net position | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 176,468 |
| Unrestricted | 485,163 |
| Total net position | \$ 661,631 |
| Unrestricted | 485,16 |

Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Caddo Parish, Louisiana Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | Enterprise | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Operating revenues: | | |
| Charges for service - | | |
| Sewerage fees | \$ | 177,966 |
| Total operating revenues | | 177,966 |
| Operating expenses: | | |
| Salaries and payroll taxes | | 49,917 |
| Accounting and auditing | | 10,860 |
| Board of supervisor's fees | | 840 |
| Contract labor - operator fees | | 27,600 |
| Insurance | | 20,797 |
| Maintenance and repairs | | 138,337 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | | 11,356 |
| Computer support and maintenance | | 3,592 |
| Office expense | | 21,880 |
| Utilities | | 34,553 |
| Depreciation | | 28,963 |
| Total operating expenses | | 348,695 |
| Operating income (loss) | | (170,729) |
| Non-operating revenues (expenses): | | |
| Ad valorem taxes | | 116,107 |
| State revenue sharing | | 1,747 |
| Other | | 967 |
| Interest income | | 658 |
| Net non-operating revenues (expenses) | | 119,479 |
| Change in net position | | (51,250) |
| Net position - beginning of year | | 712,881 |
| Net position - end of year | \$ | 661,631 |

Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Caddo Parish, Louisiana Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

| Cash Flows From Operating Activities Receipts from customers Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services | | |
|--|----|-----------|
| | | |
| Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services | \$ | 177,654 |
| | | (280,580) |
| Cash payments to employees for services | | (48,664) |
| Net cash (used in) operating activities | | (151,590) |
| Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities | | |
| Ad Valorem taxes | | 116,107 |
| State revenue sharing and other | | 2,714 |
| Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities | | 118,821 |
| Cash from Capital and Related Financing Activities | | |
| Payments for capital assets | | (27,540) |
| Net cash (used in) capital and related financing activities | | (27,540) |
| Cash Flow From Investing Activities | | |
| Interest income | | 658 |
| Purchase of investments - certificates of deposit | | (380) |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | | 278 |
| Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | | (60,031) |
| Cash, Beginning of year | | 286,637 |
| Cash, End of year | \$ | 226,606 |
| Cash is reflected on the statement of net position as follows: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 203,141 |
| Restricted cash - customer deposits | Ψ | 203,141 |
| | \$ | 226,606 |
| Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided | | |
| | | |
| By/(Used In) Operating Activities | ¢ | (170 700) |
| Operating income (loss) | \$ | (170,729) |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities | | |
| Depreciation | | 28,963 |
| Accounts receivable | | (312) |
| Prepaid expenses | | (2,215) |
| Accounts payable | | (7,567) |
| Meter deposits | | 270 |
| Net cash flows (used in) operating activities | \$ | (151,590) |

INTRODUCTION

The Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 (the District) was created by the Caddo Parish Commission by ordinance section 44-452. The District is comprised of a board of five supervisors, each appointed by the Caddo Parish Commission.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The District's financial statements are prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the District are discussed below.

A. Reporting Entity

Because the Caddo Parish Commission appoints the members of the governing board and because the District operates within the geographical boundaries of Caddo Parish, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Caddo Parish Commission, the governing body of the parish and the governmental body with oversight responsibility. This report includes only funds which are maintained by the District and does not present information on the Caddo Parish Commission, the general government service provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the Commission.

B. Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Statements

The District's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the funds maintained by the District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the District's major funds).

Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The District's general fund and all activities are classified as business-type activities.

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

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the District's functions. The functions are supported by program revenues and general government revenues. The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by any related program revenues, which must be directly associated with the function. Program revenues of the District consist of sewerage fee charges. The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenues.

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in the District's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

C. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the District are recorded in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the District:

Proprietary Fund – the focus of proprietary fund measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. The following is a description of the proprietary fund of the District:

a. Enterprise funds are required to be used to account for operations for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services and the activity (a) is financed with debt that is solely secured by a pledge of the net revenues, (b) has third party requirements that the cost of providing services, including capital costs, be recovered with fees and charges, or (c) establishes fees and charges based on a pricing policy designed to recover similar costs.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in the governmental category. GASB sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of either fund category or the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The District's enterprise fund was determined to be a major fund.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

1. Accrual:

The business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Revenues of the District consist principally of fees for services relating to sewerage services, property taxes, state revenue sharing, grants and interest income. Property taxes are recorded in the year for which the taxes are levied. Property taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. Grant revenue is recorded when the District is entitled to the funds. Interest income is recorded when earned. State revenue sharing revenue is recorded when it is both measurable and available

E. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

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

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

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at acquisition value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

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

| Treatment and disposal plant | 20 - 50 years |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Equipment | 5 - 15 years |
| Office furniture and fixtures | 5 years |
| Sewer collection system | 10 – 50 years |

G. Compensated Absences

The District has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

Employees earn annual leave based upon their length of employment. Upon separation of employment, employees are paid for accumulated annual leave based upon certain conditions. Employees also earn sick leave, but no unused sick leave is paid upon separation of employment.

H. Use of Estimates

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

I. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

J. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide and fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position.

K. Bad Debts

The District uses the direct charge-off method of accounting for uncollectible ad valorem taxes and water system receivables. Although this method is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the overall effect on the financial statements is immaterial.

L. Statement of Cash Flows

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

M. Postretirement Benefits

The District provides no postretirement benefits to its employees.

N. Prepaid Items

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

O. Fair Value Measurements

Generally accepted accounting principles require disclosure to be made about fair value measurements, the level of fair value hierarchy, and valuation techniques. The fair value hierarchy categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels:

<u>Level 1 inputs</u> – The valuation is based on quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities traded in active markets;

<u>Level 2 inputs</u> – The valuation is based on quoted market prices for similar instruments traded in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;

<u>Level 3 inputs</u> – The valuation is determined by using the best information available under the circumstances and might include the government's own data but should adjust those data if (a) reasonably available information indicates that other market participants would use different data or (b) there is something particular to the government that is not available to other market participants.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

(2) Levied Taxes

The following is a summary of authorized and levied as valorem taxes:

| | Authorized | Levied | Expiration |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|------------|
| | Millage | Millage | Date |
| Operating and maintenance | 16.74 | 16.74 | 2028 |

(3) Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

At June 30, 2023, the District had cash, cash equivalents and investments (book balances), totaling \$480,077 as detailed below.

The District had cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2023 (book balances) totaling \$226,606, of which \$23,465 is shown as restricted for customer deposits. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

Investments at June 30, 2023 consisted of certificates of deposit totaling \$253,471. The certificates of deposit have initial maturities greater than 90 days and are carried at cost, which approximates market value. The investments presented in the financial statements using a level 2 fair value measurement.

Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank or other depositing institution failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2023, the District's bank balances totaled \$495,315 were exposed to custodial credit risk, of which 100% was insured by FDIC.

(4) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

| Balance at July 1, 2022 | Additions | Deletions | Balance at June 30, 2023 |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| \$ 59,452 | \$ | \$ | \$ 59,452 |
| | | | |
| 1,075,802 | | (426,060) | 649,742 |
| 84,492 | 8,810 | | 93,302 |
| 15,974 | | (15,064) | 910 |
| 1,200,281 | 18,730 | (2,877) | 1,216,134 |
| 1 | | | |
| 2,376,549 | 27,540 | (444,001) | 1,960,088 |
| | | | |
| (1,001,896) | (22,570) | 426,060 | (598,406) |
| (58,738) | (1,374) | | (60,112) |
| (15,974) | | 15,064 | (910) |
| (1,181,502) | (5,019) | 2,877 | (1,183,644) |
| (2,258,110) | (28,963) | 444,001 | (1,843,072) |
| Ι. | | | |
| 118,439 | (1,423) | | 117,016 |
| \$ 177.891 | \$ (1.423) | \$ | \$ 176,468 |
| | July 1, 2022 \$ 59,452 1,075,802 84,492 15,974 1,200,281 2,376,549 (1,001,896) (58,738) (15,974) (1,181,502) (2,258,110) 4, | July 1, 2022 Additions \$ 59,452 \$ 1,075,802 8,810 15,974 1,8,730 1,200,281 18,730 2,376,549 27,540 (1,001,896) (22,570) (58,738) (1,374) (15,974) (5,019) (2,258,110) (28,963) 4, 118,439 (1,423) | July 1, 2022 Additions Deletions \$ 59,452 \$ 1,075,802 (426,060) 84,492 8,810 15,974 (15,064) 1,200,281 18,730 (2,877) 2,376,549 27,540 (444,001) (1,001,896) (22,570) 426,060 (58,738) (1,374) 15,064 (1,181,502) (5,019) 2,877 (2,258,110) (28,963) 444,001 4, 118,439 (1,423) |

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$28,963 and reported in sewerage services function of business-type activities.

(5) Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses at June 30, 2023 consisted of the following:

| Accounts payable | \$ 3,916 |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Payroll liabilities | 2,083 |
| | \$ 5,999 |

(6) Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 20, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(7) Risk Management

The District purchases commercial insurance to provide workers compensation coverage and general liability and property insurance. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year. Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Caddo Parish, Louisiana Other Supplementary Information Schedule of Payments Made to Board of Supervisors For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | AMOUNT |
|------------------|---------------|
| Kenneth Mitchell | \$ 420 |
| Diann Adams | 420 |
| Total | <u>\$ 840</u> |

Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Caddo Parish, Louisiana Other Supplementary Information Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Agency Head: Steve Barras, Board Chairman

PURPOSE

AMOUNT

Board of Supervisors fees

\$ -0-

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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*

Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Supervisors Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2

We 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 business-type activities and the major fund of the Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2'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 important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of the 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompany Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings, and listed as 2023-01, that we consider to be a material weakness.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2'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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings. Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.

Cook & Morehart Certified Public Accountants December 20, 2023

Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Caddo Parish, Louisiana Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings June 30, 2023

There were two findings in the audit for the year ended June 30, 2022, as follows:

| Reference No: | 2022-01 Material Weakness – Controls Over Revenue Collections |
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| Criteria: | Internal controls should be in place to provide adequate segregation of duties over collections of the District's revenue for sewerage fees and other revenues. |
| Condition: | Collections of the sewerage fees and other revenues are generally done by one employee of the District. That one employee also maintains the accounting records in regards to customer's accounts receivable. |
| Cause: | Due to the small size of the District and available resources, there is a lack of segregation of duties. |
| Effect: | Due to lack of segregation of duties, errors or irregularities could occur and not be detected. |
| Recommendation: | The District should consider implementing controls whereby the duties concerning collection of the sewerage fees and other revenues can be properly segregated. |
| Corrective Action Planned: | The District will consider controls where feasible, but due to the size of District and available resources, segregation of duties will not always be possible. |
| Current Status: | Repeat finding for the year ended June 30, 2023. |
| Reference No: | 2022-02 Material Weakness – Timely Cash Deposits |
| Criteria: | Internal controls should be in place to provide for timely deposits of cash collections of the District's revenue for sewerage fees and other revenues. |
| Condition: | Deposits for cash collections (currency) were sometimes not made for up to three (3) or four (4) months. Checks and payments received by credit cards were made through remote deposit processes and made timely. |
| Cause: | Small size of District office staff. |
| Effect: | Errors or irregularities could occur due to not making timely deposits of cash collections. |
| Recommendation: | The District should implement policies to not accept cash (currency) payments. |
| Corrective Action Planned: | The District implemented a policy to not accept cash (currency) payments. |
| Current Status: | Finding not repeated for the year ended June 30, 2023. |

Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Caddo Parish, Louisiana Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings Schedule For Louisiana Legislative Auditor June 30, 2023

Current Year Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plan

There is one finding in the current audit for the year ended June 30, 2023, as follows:

| Reference No: | 2023-01 Material Weakness – Controls Over Revenue Collections |
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| Criteria: | Internal controls should be in place to provide adequate segregation of duties over collections of the District's revenue for sewerage fees and other revenues. |
| Condition: | Collections of the sewerage fees and other revenues are generally done by one employee of the District. That one employee also maintains the accounting records in regards to customer's accounts receivable. |
| Cause: | Due to the small size of the District and available resources, there is a lack of segregation of duties. |
| Effect: | Due to lack of segregation of duties, errors or irregularities could occur and not be detected. |
| Recommendation: | The District should consider implementing controls whereby the duties concerning collection of the sewerage fees and other revenues can be properly segregated. |
| Corrective Action Planned: | The District will consider controls where feasible, but due to the size of District and available resources, segregation of duties will not always be possible. |
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