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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Members of the Board West Carroll Parish Library Oak Grove, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund, of the West Carroll Parish Library, a component unit of West Carroll Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the West Carroll Parish Library's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the General Fund, of the West Carroll Parish Library, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, issued by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the West Carroll Parish Library 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.

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 West Carroll Parish Library's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 23 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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Required Supplementary Information (Continued)

Management has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis; the Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability; and the Schedule of Employer's Contributions 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 opinion on the basic financial statements is 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 West Carroll Parish Library's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, Reimbursements, and Other Payments to Agency Head 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. 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 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 United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, Reimbursements, and Other Payments to Agency Head is 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 May 20, 2024, on our consideration of the West Carroll Parish Library's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the West Carroll Parish Library'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 West Carroll Parish Library's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

BOSCH & STATHAM, LLC

Bosch & Statham

Ruston, Louisiana May 20, 2024



STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

LIABILITIES Current liabilities: 3,962 13,389 Noncurrent liabilities: 41,391 - Net pension liability 41,391 - TOTAL LIABILITIES 55,353 13,389 DEFERRED INFLOWS Pension related 6,340 37,424 NET POSITION Net investment in capital assets 131,743 138,974	ASSETS	2023	2022
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Unrestricted 1,271,365 1,176,187	NET POSITION		
	Net investment in capital assets	131,743	138,974
TOTAL NET POSITION \$1,403,107 \$1,315,161	Unrestricted	1,271,365	1,176,187
	TOTAL NET POSITION	\$1,403,107	\$1,315,161

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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FUNCTIONS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		PENSES	1	ARGES FOR RVICES	GRA	RATING NTS AND RIBUTIONS	СН	ENUE AND ANGES IN I ASSETS
Culture and recreation	\$	296,908	\$	9,768	\$	-	\$	(287,140)
General revenues:								
Taxes:								
General property taxes								334,006
Grants and contributions not restricted to a specific pro-	grams							12,445
Fines and forfeitures								303
Investment earnings								17,335
Other revenues								10,997
Total general revenues								375,086
Change in net position								87,946
Net position at beginning of year								1,315,161
Net position at end of year							\$	1,403,107

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

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GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND - BALANCE SHEETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

ASSETS		2022		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	880,515	\$	821,303
Investments		60,189		60,189
Receivables		345,808		301,806
TOTAL ASSETS	_	1,286,512		1,183,297
LIABILITIES				
Accounts, salaries, and other payables		13,962	_	13,389
DEFERRED INFLOWS				
Property taxes unavailable	-	14,520	_	13,516
FUND EQUITY - FUND BALANCE				
Committed		60,000		60,000
Unassigned	1 - 1 <u></u>	1,198,030		1,096,393
Total fund balance		1,258,030		1,156,393
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND				
FUND BALANCE		1,286,512	\$	1,183,297

STATEMENTS OF GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2022	
Revenues:		
Taxes:		
General property taxes	\$ 332,756	\$ 331,266
Intergovernmental funds:		
State government shared revenue	12,691	13,473
Charges for services	9,768	6,705
Fines and forfeitures	303	44
Investment earnings	17,335	3,306
Other revenues	1,595	1,591
Total revenues	374,448	356,385
Expenditures:		
Current:		
Culture and recreation:		
Personal services	170,448	129,184
Operating services	60,243	51,878
Materials and supplies	18,321	21,280
Capital outlay	23,799	30,372
Intergovernmental		12,052
Total expenditures	272,811	244,767
Net change in fund balance	101,637	111,618
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,156,393	1,044,775
Fund balance at end of year	\$1,258,030	\$ 1,156,393

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

Introduction

The West Carroll Parish Library was established by the West Carroll Parish Police Jury, under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 25:211. The Library provides citizens of the parish access to library materials, books, magazines, records, and films. The Library is governed by a board of control which is appointed by the parish police jury in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 25:214. The members of the Board of Control serve without compensation.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the West Carroll Parish Library have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Management has elected not to present Management's Discussion and Analysis to provide an overview of the financial activities of the Library, which is required by GAAP.

Reporting entity

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

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, establishes criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the West Carroll Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criteria for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity are financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criterion includes:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and;
 - a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or;
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.
- 2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Reporting entity (Continued)

3. Organizations for which the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the police jury appoints the Library Board of Control and the Library provides services to all residents of West Carroll Parish, the West Carroll Parish Library was determined to be a component unit of the West Carroll Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Library and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Funds

The Library uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain Library functions or activities. A fund is a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

The General Fund accounts for all of the Library's general activities. Governmental funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the Library.

Measurement focus and basis of accounting

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected in the governmental fund financial statements are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement focus and basis of accounting (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (FFS) (Continued)

The amounts reflected in the governmental fund financial statements use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Library considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which are recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental fund uses the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded in the year the taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, attach as an enforceable lien, and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages.

Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1993 requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. Ad valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31. The taxes are normally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

Fees, fines, and forfeitures are recorded when the Library is entitled to the funds. Interest income on time deposits is recorded when the time deposits have matured. Interest income on demand deposits is recorded monthly when the interest is earned and credited to the account.

Based on the above criteria, ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing have been treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement focus and basis of accounting (Continued)

Fund Balance Type Definitions

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the West Carroll Parish Library classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

Non-spendable	Includes fund	balance	amounts	that	cannot	be s	spent	either	because	it	is	not	in
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spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints.

Restricted Includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are

externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to

constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed Includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are

internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision making authority and does not lapse at year-end. Fund balance may be

committed by the West Carroll Parish Library Board.

Assigned Includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that

are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund balance may be assigned by the

West Carroll Library Board.

Unassigned Includes positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified

within the above mentioned categories and negative fund balances in other

governmental funds.

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statements of Net Position and the Statements of Activities display information about the Library as a whole. These statements include all of the financial activities of the Library. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions.

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the Statements of Activities are derived directly from the Library's users as a fee for services. Program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Library's general revenues.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement focus and basis of accounting (Continued)

Reconciliation

The reconciliation of the items reflected in the fund statements to the government-wide statements is as follows:

	2023	2022
Fund balance	\$1,258,030	\$1,156,393
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of		
net assets are different because:		
Some assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources		
Capital assets	131,743	138,974
Net pension asset	-	39,280
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures		
and, therefore, are deferred in the funds	14,520	13,516
Deferred outflows - pension related	46,545	4,422
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are therefore		
not reported in the funds:		
Net pension liability	(41,391)	-
Deferred inflows - pension related	(6,340)	(37,424)
Net position of governmental activities	\$1,403,107	\$1,315,161

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement focus and basis of accounting (Continued)

Reconciliation (Continued)		
	2023	2022
Net change in fund balance	\$ 101,637	\$111,618
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlay	23,800	30,372
Depreciation	(31,031)	(36,051)
Revenues that do not provide current financial resources are deferred in the funds, but are recognized on the statement of activities.		
Current year deferred revenue	14,520	13,516
Prior year deferred revenue	(13,516)	(18,010)
Some items reported in the statement of activities, such as a net decrease or increase in compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources, nor do they provide any, and therefore are not reported as expenditures or revenues in the governmental funds.		
Pension expense & revenue	(7,464)	14,898
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 87,946	\$116,343

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement focus and basis of accounting (Continued)

Capital assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Library maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. Capital assets are recorded in the GWFS but are not reported in the FFS. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for their intended purposes by the Library, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Estimated
Description	Lives
Building improvements	15 Years
Vehicles	5 Years
Furniture and equipment	3 - 15 Years
Library materials	10 Years

Approximately 95 percent of capital assets are valued at actual historical costs while the remaining 5 percent are based on estimated historical costs based on the actual costs of like items.

Cash and cash equivalents and investments

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Library's deposits may not be returned to it. The Library's policy to ensure that there is no exposure to this risk is to require each financial institution to pledge its own securities to cover any amount in excess of Federal Depository Insurance Coverage (FDIC). Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Library that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Accordingly, the Library had no custodial credit risk related to its deposits at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

The Library's investment policy is governed by state statute. Under state law, the Library may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Library had cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$940,704 and \$881,491, respectively.

Demand deposits	\$ 880,515
Time deposits	 60,189
Total	\$ 940,704

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash and cash equivalents and investments (Continued)

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. 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. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at December 31, 2023 and 2022, were \$951,139 and \$888,610, respectively. Of the \$951,139, \$627,873 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Insured by FDIC	\$ 323,266
Uninsured and uncollateralized	-
Collaterlized by pledged securities not in the Library's name	627,873
Total balances exposed to custodial credit risk	627,873
Total bank balanaces	\$ 951,139

The West Carroll Parish Library considers all investments with an original maturity of ninety days or less to be cash equivalents. Those investments with an original maturity greater than ninety days are reported as investments in the financial statements.

Included in the bank balances above are certificates of deposit totaling \$60,189. These certificates of deposit are reported as investments in the accompanying financial statements.

Vacation and sick leave

Employees receive from five to twenty days of vacation leave each year, depending on length of service and professional status. Vacation leave is not cumulative. Sick leave is earned at the rate of one day per month, with a maximum accumulation of eighteen days. Upon termination, employees may be paid for one out of every four sick leave days accrued. Upon retirement, accumulated sick leave is considered earned service for purposes of calculating employees' retirement benefits. At December 31, 2023, there are no material accumulated and vested benefits relating to vacation and sick leave that require accrual or disclosure.

Estimates

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

NOTE 2 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Library is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and injuries to employees. To handle such risk of loss, the Library maintains a commercial insurance policy covering property, general liability, employee fidelity, and workers' compensation.

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NOTE 2 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years which exceeded the policies' coverage amounts. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

NOTE 3 - LEVIED TAXES

The ad valorem tax millage levied by the Library was 4.75 for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 4.75 for the year ended December 31, 2022. The current tax expires in 2027. Any difference between authorized and levied millages is the result of reassessments of taxable property within the parish as required by Article 7, Section 18 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974. The following are the principal taxpayers for the parish and their 2023 assessed valuation (amounts expressed in thousands):

	٨	2023 ssessed	Percent of Total Assessed
		aluation	Valuation_
Trunkline Gas Company	\$	16,082	18.17%
Energy Transfer Crude Oil Company LLC		9,953	11.25%
Entergy Louisiana Holdings, Inc.		2,325	2.63%
Mueller Inc		2,392	2.70%
Southern Natural Gas Company		2,012	2.27%
ANR Pipeline Company		1,982	2.24%
Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust		891	1.01%
Wal-Mart Lousisiana, LLC		786	0.89%
Regions Bank		776	0.88%
Northeast Louisiana Power Coop		915	1.03%
Total	\$	38,114	43.07%

NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES

The receivables of \$345,808 and \$301,806 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, consisted of the following:

	2023		2022		
Ad valorem taxes	\$	333,363	\$	288,992	
State revenue sharing		12,445		12,814	
Total	\$	345,808	\$	301,806	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 5 - CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2023, follows:

	В	eginning					Ending	
	В	Balance	A	dditions	Del	etions	Balance	
Capital assets being depreciated:								
Vehicles	\$	97,256	\$	-	\$	-	97,250	6
Furniture and equipment		83,418		-		-	83,418	8
Building improvements		50,932		-		-	50,932	2
Library materials		548,700		23,800	(1	7,186)	555,314	4_
Total capital assets being depreciated	_	780,306	_	23,800	(1	7,186)	786,920	0
Less accumulated depreciation:								
Vehicles		(96,156)		(1,100)		-	(97,250	6)
Furniture and equipment		(79,026)		(2,292)		_	(81,318	8)
Building improvements		(48,356)		(523)		-	(48,879	9)
Library materials	(417,794)		(27,116)	1	7,186	(427,724	4)
Total accumulated depreciation	((641,332)		(31,031)	1	7,186	(655,17	7)
Net capital assets	\$	138,974	\$	(7,231)	\$	-	\$ 131,743	3

The depreciation rate for Library materials was reduced from ten percent to five percent for 2013 and future years due to changes in the average useful lives of books and the trend of purchases versus disposals.

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2022, follows:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Vehicles	\$ 97,256	\$ -	\$ -	97,256
Furniture and equipment	83,418	-		83,418
Building improvements	50,932	-	-	50,932
Library materials	532,504	30,372	(14,176)	548,700
Total capital assets being depreciated	764,110	30,372	(14,176)	780,306
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Vehicles	(89,569)	(6,587)	7 <u>-</u>	(96,156)
Furniture and equipment	(76,734)	(2,292)	-	(79,026)
Building improvements	(47,833)	(523)		(48,356)
Library materials	(405,321)	(26,649)	14,176	(417,794)
Total accumulated depreciation	(619,457)	(36,051)	14,176	(641,332)
Net capital assets	\$ 144,653	\$ (5,679)	\$ -	\$ 138,974

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 6 – RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System)

All West Carroll Parish Library (Library) employees, who participate in retirement systems, are members of the Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined-benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees. The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. The Library employees participate in Plan A.

All permanent employees working at least twenty-eight hours per week who are paid wholly or in part from parish funds and all elected parish officials, except coroners, justices of the peace, and parish presidents, are eligible to participate in PERS.

Under Plan A, employees who were hired prior to January 1, 2007 can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria:

- 1. Any age after 30 years of creditable service.
- 2. Age 55 after 25 years of creditable service.
- 3. Age 60 after 10 years of creditable service.
- 4. Age 65 after 7 years of creditable service.

Under Plan A, employees who were hired after January 1, 2007 can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria:

- 1. Age 55 after 30 years of creditable service
- 2. Age 62 after 10 years of creditable service
- 3. Age 67 after 7 years of creditable service.

Retirement benefits are generally distributed monthly at an amount equal to 3% of the employee's final average compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statue.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system. The report may be obtained by writing to the Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 7509 Wrenwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or by calling (225) 928-1361, or by visiting the System's website www.persla.org.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 6 – RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (CONTINUED)

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) (Continued)

Under Plan A, members are required to contribute 9.50% of their annual covered salary with the Library being required to contribute 11.50% of the annual covered payroll. Contributions to the system also include one-fourth of one percent (except Orleans and East Baton Rouge Parishes) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish. These tax dollars are divided between Plan A and Plan B based proportionately on the salaries of the active members of each plan. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Library are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The Library's contributions to the System under Plan A for the year ended December 31, 2023 totaled \$9,525.

GASB Statement No. 68 requires that the Library accrue its proportionate share of an actuarial determined net pension liability and the related expense in the financial statements of the governmental activities. Management implemented GASB No. 68 the year it became effective. Since implementation, management has retained a professional to calculate the changes in the liability and related amounts, prepare the note to the financial statements, and prepare the required supplemental information. Effective with the 2019 financial statements, management has elected not to retain professional services or present the required supplemental information. Management has concluded that the cost of the services outweighs the benefit received. The liabilities and related amounts have been adjusted to amounts in the audit reports and valuation reports of the retirement systems. In management's opinion, any differences in financial statement amounts would be immaterial.

NOTE 7 - ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

In a prior year, the West Carroll Parish Library Board of Control placed \$60,000 in a certificate of deposit that they intend to use future building expansion and renovations.

NOTE 8 - STEWARDSHIP

Actual revenues exceeded budgeted amounts and expenditures were below budgeted amounts.

NOTE 9 - LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

At December 31, 2023, the West Carroll Parish Library is not involved in any litigation.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 10 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 20, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 11 -NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

GASB Statement No. 99, Omnibus 2022, was issued April 2022. The requirements of this Statement will enhance comparability in the application of accounting and financial reporting requirements and will improve the consistency of authoritative literature. Consistent authoritative literature enables governments and other stakeholders to more easily locate and apply the correct accounting and financial reporting provisions, which improves the consistency with which such provisions are applied. The comparability of financial statements also will improve as a result of this Statement. Better consistency and comparability improve the usefulness of information for users of state and local government financial statements. The requirements of this Statement are effective as follows: The requirements related to extension of the use of LIBOR, accounting for SNAP distributions, disclosures of nonmonetary transactions, pledges of future revenues by pledging governments, clarification of certain provisions in Statement 34, as amended, and terminology updates related to Statement 53 and Statement 63 are effective upon issuance. The requirements related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter. The requirements related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The Board considered the effective dates for the requirements of this Statement in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and in concert with Statement No. 95, Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance.

GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes And Error Corrections—An Amendment Of GASB Statement No. 62 - The requirements of this Statement will improve the clarity of the accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections, which will result in greater consistency in application in practice. In turn, more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information will be provided to financial statement users for making decisions or assessing accountability. In addition, the display and note disclosure requirements will result in more consistent, decision useful, understandable, and comprehensive information for users about accounting changes and error corrections. The requirements of this Statement are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences - The unified recognition and measurement model in this Statement will result in a liability for compensated absences that more appropriately reflects when a government incurs an obligation. In addition, the model can be applied consistently to any type of compensated absence and will eliminate potential comparability issues between governments that offer different types of leave. The model also will result in a more robust estimate of the amount of compensated absences that a government will pay or settle, which will enhance the relevance and reliability of information about the liability for compensated absences. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 11 -NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (CONTINUED)

GASB Statement No. 102, Certain Risk Disclosures, was issued December 2023. This Statement defines a concentration as a lack of diversity related to an aspect of a significant inflow of resources or outflow of resources. A constraint is a limitation imposed on a government by an external party or by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Concentrations and constraints may limit a government's ability to acquire resources or control spending. This Statement requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this Statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. If a government determines that those criteria for disclosure have been met for a concentration or constraint, it should disclose information in notes to financial statements in sufficient detail to enable users of financial statements to understand the nature of the circumstances disclosed and the government's vulnerability to the risk of a substantial impact. The disclosure should include descriptions of the following (1) the concentration or constraint, (2) each event associated with the concentration or constraint that could cause a substantial impact if the event had occurred or had begun to occur prior to the issuance of the financial statements, and (3) actions taken by the government prior to the issuance of the financial statements to mitigate the risk. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.



GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	BUDGETED	AMOUNTS		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET POSITIVE		
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	- ACTUAL	(NEGATIVE)		
Revenues:						
Taxes:						
General property taxes	\$ 326,880	\$ 302,000	\$ 332,756	\$ 30,756		
Intergovernmental funds:						
State government shared revenue	13,805	12,805	12,691	(114)		
Charges for services	11,500	9,900	9,768	(132)		
Fines and forfeitures	1,400	300	303	3		
Investment earnings	1,700	15,950	17,335	1,385		
Other revenues	2,000	1,560	1,595	35		
Total revenues	357,285	342,515	374,448	31,933		
Expenditures:						
Current:						
Culture and recreation:						
Personal services	202,200	171,600	170,448	1,152		
Operating services	84,575	62,180	60,243	1,937		
Materials and supplies	28,700	14,900	18,321	(3,421)		
Capital outlay	63,000	30,000	23,799	6,201		
Total expenditures	378,475	278,680	272,811	5,869		
Net change in fund balance	(21,190)	63,835	101,637	26,064		
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,028,645	1,156,393	1,156,393	-		
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 1,007,455	\$1,220,228	\$1,258,030	\$ 26,064		

Note: The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting.



SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, REIMBURSEMENTS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Jan Franklin, Director:	
Salary	\$ 43,368
Benefits:	
Medicare	629
Retirement contributions	4,988
Insurance	9,813
Total	\$ 58,798





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

Honorable Members of the Board West Carroll Parish Library Oak Grove, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, issued by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, the financial statements of the governmental activities and General Fund of West Carroll Parish Library, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise West Carroll Parish Library's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 20, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered West Carroll Parish Library'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 West Carroll Parish Library's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of West Carroll Parish Library's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2023-001 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 West Carroll Parish Library'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*.

West Carroll Parish Library's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the West Carroll Parish Library's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. West Carroll Parish Police Jury'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. Although the intended use of this report may be limited, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, it is issued by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

BOSCH & STATHAM, LLC

Bosch & Statham

Ruston, Louisiana May 20, 2024

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the basic financial statements of the West Carroll Parish Library.
- 2. The Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* includes one material weakness.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the West Carroll Parish Library were disclosed during the audit.

B. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

2023-001 Segregation of Duties

Condition/Criteria/Effect

During 2023, the Director performed many functions including:

- Opening mail
- Preparing deposits
- Recording deposits
- Preparing vendor checks
- Processing payroll
- Signing checks
- Issuing checks

The President of the Board provides some oversight. However, it is not adequate to affect a proper segregation of duties. A proper internal control system segregates the duties of authorization, custody, and recording. Lack of proper segregation of duties increases the risk that assets could be misappropriated or misstatements recorded and that such actions could go undetected.

Cause

It is not feasible for other employees to be assigned any of the above duties.

Recommendation

We understand that the Library has concluded that it is not feasible to correct this deficiency. We recommend that the Board or a designated board member review monthly financial statements and bank statements on a regular basis.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED) AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>Management's Response</u> The President will continue performing this function.

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

2022-1 Segregation of Duties

Current status: Unresolved. See 2023-001