## OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Directors Opelousas Downtown Development District Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of Opelousas Downtown Development District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility 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; this includes 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.

#### Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the audit considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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#### **Opinions**

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 major fund of the Opelousas Downtown Development District, as of June 30, 2020 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.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison schedule on page 15 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of the 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.

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 the 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.

#### Other Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer on page 17 and the Schedule of Directors' and Officers' compensation on page 16 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 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 the basic financial statement themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 20, 2020, on our consideration on the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

John S. Dowling & Company

Opelousas, Louisiana November 20, 2020

# **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

## OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2020

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents <u>Total assets</u>	<u>\$ 911,458</u> 911,458
<u>LIABILITIES</u> Accounts payable <u>Total liabilities</u>	<u>    19,817</u> <u>    19,817</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u> Unrestricted	891,641
Total net position	891,641

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

## OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Activities	Expenses	Program Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Change in Net Position Governmental Activities
<u>Governmental activities</u> General government	\$ 153,872	\$ <u>-</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$ (153,872)
Total governmental activities	153,872	-		(153,872)
General RevenuesSales tax revenue780,806Interest earned32Total general revenues780,838				32
	Chang	e in net positio	on	626,966
	Net position - July 1, 2019		264,675	
	Net position - June 30, 2020		891,641	

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

# FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUND JUNE 30, 2020

		ENERAL FUND
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	911,458
Total assets	<u> </u>	911,458
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$	19,817
<u>Total liabilities</u>		19,817
FUND BALANCE		
Unassigned		891,641
Total fund balance		891,641
Total liabilities and fund balance		911,458

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

## OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	GENERAL FUND
REVENUES	
Sales tax	\$ 780,806
Interest earned	32
Total revenues	780,838
EXPENDITURES	
Current operating	
Consulting fees	50,429
SLED admin fees	61,602
Meals	786
Insurance	751
Professional fees	13,783
Sales tax collection fees	7,803
Communications/marketing	6,067
Legal fees	1,140
Office expense & supplies	1,811
Project - new life center	9,700
Total expenditures	153,872
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	626,966
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	264,675
FUND BALANCE, end of year	891,641

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

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

The Opelousas Downtown Development District was established in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:2740.39 and 33:9038.32(F) to provide economic growth and development in downtown Opelousas.

The District is governed by a Board of Directors, composed of seven members; one member appointed by the mayor of Opelousas, one appointed by St. Landry Economic Development District, one appointed by a member of the Louisiana Senate, one appointed by a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, one appointed by the city council of Opelousas, one appointed from the membership of Vision St. Landry, and one appointed by the St. Landry Parish president. The members of the Board serve without pay.

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

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices of the Opelousas Downtown Development District:

#### A. FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the St. Landry Parish Government is the financial reporting entity for St. Landry Parish.

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

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the St. Landry Parish Government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
  - a. The ability of the parish government 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 parish government.
- 2. Organizations for which the parish government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the parish government.

## NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### A. <u>FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY</u> (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.

The Opelousas Downtown Development District is not considered to be a component unit of the parish government because the parish government does not appoint a majority of the members of the District's seven-member Board. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the parish government.

#### B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

<u>Government-wide Financial Statements (GWFS)</u>. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Opelousas Downtown Development District. They include all funds of the reporting entity. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Fiduciary funds are not included in the GWFS.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

<u>Fund Financial Statements</u>. The Opelousas Downtown Development District uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The fund presented in the financial statements is described as follows:

#### Governmental Fund

<u>General Fund</u> – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

## NOTE (1) - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

#### C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

#### Measurement Focus

On the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

- a. The fund financial statements utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b. The government-wide financial statements utilize an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objective of this measurement focus is the determination of operating income, changes in net position and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

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

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

## NOTE (1) - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

## C. <u>MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING</u> (Continued)

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of sales taxes. Sales tax revenues and revenues received from the State of Louisiana are recognized when susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

Purchases of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased. The costs of governmental fund-type inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased and items on hand at year-end, if any, are not recorded as assets, unless material. Expenditures for insurance and similar services which extend over more than one accounting period are accounted for as expenditures of the period of acquisition.

## D. <u>BUDGETS</u>

The District adopted a budget for its General Fund on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

#### E. ENCUMBRANCES

The District does not employ the encumbrance system of accounting.

## F. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the Unites States.

#### G. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS

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

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

## NOTE (1) - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

#### G. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance reports aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources.

The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

- <u>Restricted fund balance</u> This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either

   (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or
   (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions for enabling legislation.
- 2. <u>Committed fund balance</u> This amount can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the Board of Directors the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.
- 3. <u>Assigned fund balance</u> This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the District's "intent" to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The Board of Directors have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.
- 4. <u>Unassigned fund balance</u> This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

The District considers restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as in grant agreements requiring dollar for dollar spending. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use externally restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources – committed, assigned and unassigned – in order as needed.

## NOTE (1) - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

#### H. 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 reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### I. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

The Opelousas Downtown Development District does not provide any post-employment benefits to retirees and therefore is not required under GASB No. 45, <u>Accounting and Financial Reporting by</u> <u>Employers for Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions</u>.

#### NOTE (2) - <u>CASH AND INVESTMENTS</u>

At June 30, 2020, the bank and book balance of cash in the checking account was \$911,458. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District's deposits may not be recovered or will not be able to recover the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal security 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 bank.

As of June 30, 2020, the \$250,000 of the total bank balance was covered by FDIC insurance and \$661,458 was exposed to custodial credit risk. Deposits exposed to custodial credit risk are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institutions' trust department or agent, but not in the District's name. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

#### NOTE (3) - ADMINISTRATION FEE

Louisiana Revised Statue 33:9038.32(F) states that 8% of the District's annual revenue shall be paid to St. Landry Parish Economic Development District (SLED). For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District paid SLED administration fees of \$ 61,602 for economic development of St. Landry Parish.

## NOTE (4) - FUND BALANCE CONSTRAINTS

The constraints on fund balance as listed in aggregate in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance are detailed according to balance classification.

	General Fund	
Fund Balances:		
Nonspendable	\$	-
Restricted		-
Committed		-
Assigned		-
Unassigned		891,641
Total fund balances		891,641

## NOTE (5) - <u>SUBSEQUENT EVENTS</u>

On November 1, 2019, the District entered into an agreement with Center for Planning Excellence, Inc. (CPEX) to provide consulting services related to the District's master plan. The terms of the agreement state that the District will pay up to \$179,010 on a percent completion basis and the agreement will end on December 31, 2020. As of June 30, 2020, the District has paid CPEX a total of \$50,429.

On July 30, 2020, the District entered into a cooperative agreement with the City of Opelousas to contribute funds to CLECO on behalf of the City for the cost of upgrading the existing street lights located within the downtown development district with the amount of funds not to exceed \$102,000. Payments to CLECO shall be made within 30 days of the District receiving the invoices for services rendered. The commitment will expire on December 31, 2020, unless extended or terminated by the District's Board of Commissioners.

Subsequent events were evaluated through November 20, 2020, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### NOTE (6) - <u>UNCERTAINTIES</u>

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of novel coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") as a pandemic. We expect this matter may negatively impact the results of the District's operations and financial position, but the related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

# **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

## OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	BUDO ORIGINAL	GET FINAL	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
Sales tax revenue	\$ 720,000	\$ 720,000	\$ 780,806	\$ 60,806
Interest earned	-	25	32	7
Total revenues	720,000	720,025	780,838	60,813
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current operating				
Bank charges	100	100	-	100
Consulting fees	150,000	150,000	50,429	99,571
SLED admin fees	57,600	57,600	61,602	(4,002)
Grant match fund	35,000	35,000	-	35,000
Meals	-	786	786	-
Insurance	850	850	751	99
Professional fees	10,000	10,411	13,783	(3,372)
Sales tax collection fees	7,200	7,197	7,803	(606)
Communications/marketing	20,000	20,000	6,067	13,933
Legal fees	15,000	15,000	1,140	13,860
Office expense & supplies	-	1,646	1,811	(165)
Project - new life center	-	9,700	9,700	-
Total expenditures	295,750	308,290	153,872	154,418
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	424,250	411,735	626,966	215,231
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year			264,675	
FUND BALANCE, end of year			891,641	

See independent auditor's report.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' COMPENSATION JUNE 30, 2020

Name of Commissioner	Office Held	Term	Amount
Lena Charles	Chairwoman		\$ -
Don D'Avy	Vice Chairman		-
Keith Broussard	Secretary/Treasurer		-
Ogden Pitre	Board Member		-
Pat Fontenot	Board Member		-
Rob Hillard	Board Member		-
Sarah Branton	Board Member		
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See independent auditor's report.

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## OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER JUNE 30, 2020

## Agency Head Name: Lena Charles, Chairwoman

Purpose	Amount
Salary	0
Benefits-insurance	0
Benefits-retirement	0
Benefits	0
Car allowance	0
Vehicle provided by government	0
Per diem	0
Reimbursements	0
Travel	0
Registration fees	0
Conference travel	0
Continuing professional education fees	0
Housing	0
Unvouchered expenses	0
Special meals	0
Other	0

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors Opelousas Downtown Development District Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Opelousas Downtown Development District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 20, 2020.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination if 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 weakness or, significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of 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 matter that is required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

#### **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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

John S. Dowling & Company

Opelousas, Louisiana November 20, 2020

## <u>OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT</u> <u>OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES</u> <u>FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020</u>

#### SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statements of Opelousas Downtown Development District of Opelousas, Louisiana.
- No significant deficiencies and no material weakness relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in 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 <u>Government Auditing</u> <u>Standards</u>.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.
- 4. No management letter was issued for the District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020.
- 5. There was no single audit requirement under The Uniform Guidance.

#### SECTION II - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

No findings

#### SECTION III - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS

N/A

#### SECTION IV - MANAGEMENT LETTER

N/A

## OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

## SECTION I - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## INTERNAL CONTROL

None

**COMPLIANCE** 

Expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 7%.

Resolved

# SECTION II - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS

N/A

SECTION III – MANAGEMENT LETTER

N/A