

LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT #1

REPORT ON AUDIT OF COMPONENT
UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage
District #1
Denham Springs, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund (the General Fund) of the Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District # 1, “the District,” a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund (the General Fund) of the Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1 as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis of 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 contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements 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

The District's 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.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our 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 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 GAAS, we:

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

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

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the District's December 31, 2022 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated June 27, 2023. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis information on pages 4 through 9 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 11, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP

Denham Springs, Louisiana
June 11, 2024

Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage
District #1
Denham Springs, Louisiana
Management Discussion and Analysis
December 31, 2023

This section of the Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1's (the District) annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's activities for the year ended December 31, 2023. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts. Please read this document in conjunction with the detailed financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- * Net Position on December 31, 2023 was \$11,132,152.
- * The Net Position of the Governmental Activities showed an increase of \$1,273,756 representing a 12.92% increase in 2023.
- * The total fund balance of General Fund at December 31, 2023 was \$8,489,551. This reflects an actual increase in 2023 of \$1,094,583 or 14.80% over the amount in 2022.
- * At the end of 2023, Unassigned Fund Balance of General Fund of \$8,395,558 represents 245.31% of total General Fund Expenditures.
- * The District had a 9.33% decrease in the amount of sales tax revenue in 2023 from the amount in 2022. The sales tax revenue totaled \$3,212,076 in 2023 and \$3,542,611 in 2022, representing 71.34% and 73.92% of the total revenue in each of the respective years.
- * The District had an increase of \$83,375 of ad valorem tax revenue in 2023. The ad valorem tax revenue totaled \$1,089,016 in 2023 and \$1,005,641 in 2022, representing 24.19% and 20.98% of the total revenues in each of the respective years.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The management discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements of the District. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) the government-wide financial statements, 2) the fund financial statements, and 3) the notes to the financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements are designed by GASB Statement 34, as amended, to change the way in which governmental financial statements are presented. It now provides readers for the first time a concise "entity-wide" Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, seeking to give the user of the financial statements a broad overview of the District's financial position and results of operations in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected taxes and accrued but unpaid interest).

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

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financial-related legal requirements. The District has one fund, the General Fund, which is a governmental type fund.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12 through 18 of this report.

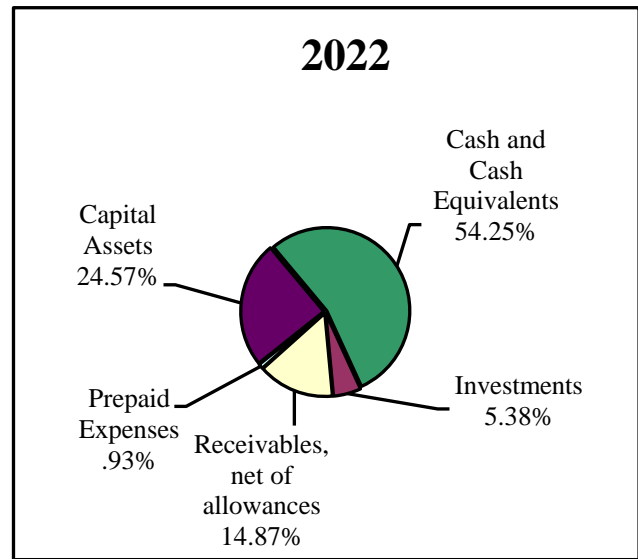
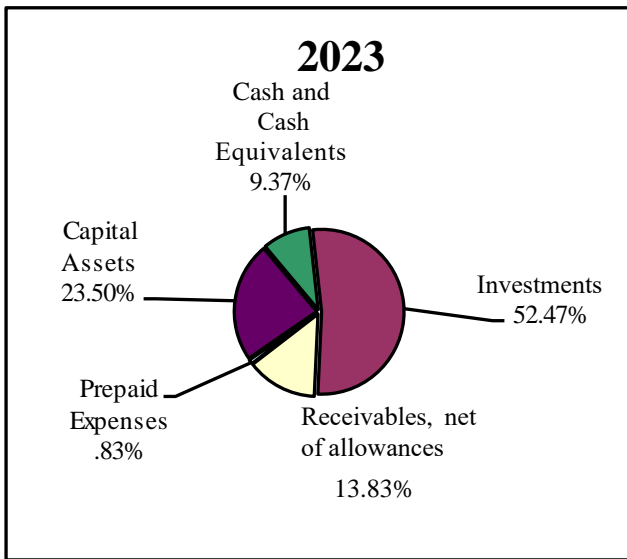
Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 19 through 33 of this report.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

The following is a schedule of the District's net position at December 31, 2023 and 2022. Net position is calculated by taking the difference between the total assets and total liabilities. The District's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of 2023 and 2022 by a total of \$11,132,152 and \$9,858,396, respectively.

Condensed Statements of Net Position

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Increases (Decreases)</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,053,513	\$ 5,438,583	\$ (4,385,070)
Investments	5,900,880	539,277	5,361,603
Receivables, net of allowances	1,555,223	1,490,726	64,497
Prepaid Expenses and Inventory	93,993	92,418	1,575
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>2,642,601</u>	<u>2,463,428</u>	<u>179,173</u>
 Total Assets	 11,246,210	 10,024,432	 1,221,778
 Current Liabilities	 <u>114,058</u>	 <u>166,036</u>	 <u>(51,978)</u>
 Total Liabilities	 114,058	 166,036	 (51,978)
 Net Position			
Investment in Capital Assets	2,642,601	2,463,428	179,173
Unrestricted	<u>8,489,551</u>	<u>7,394,968</u>	<u>1,094,583</u>
 Total Net Position	 <u>\$ 11,132,152</u>	 <u>\$ 9,858,396</u>	 <u>\$ 1,273,756</u>



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The District is committed to previous years' goals of accomplishing proper maintenance to the existing infrastructure canal and ditch systems for drainage. Various improvement projects at certain sites were undertaken as well as the continued ongoing clearing, spraying, and general improvement to drainage areas. The extreme growth in the number of homeowners along with business establishments in the District and the new challenges and demands for better drainage of water flow throughout the District is currently challenging management to improve all areas for drainage. Improving methods of clearing, cleaning, and maintaining existing canals is management's priority. Lower areas are being developed and the general population is occupying these areas in large numbers. As the growth continues within the District, due diligence and expenditure of resources will be a priority to secure proper drainage for all. Increased staff and equipment purchases were made in recent years to achieve the goal of proper drainage. The District has focused on the routine maintenance of problem drainage areas in the District and attempting assistance to various citizens with drainage issues. The District has completed the first phases of engineering of designing a modeling program of the major tributary, Gray's Creek, along other areas of the District. Dixon Creek, Allen Bayou, Beaver Creek, Colton Creek, LongSlash Branch, Plantation Estates, are being addressed with further modeling for drainage.

The majority of the funding for the District's operation and maintenance is provided by sales taxes on public sales within the boundaries of the District. The District collects a one-half cent sales and use tax within the boundaries of the District which is placed into the general fund. The District's voters passed a renewal of the 5 mill Ad Valorem property tax in 2019 which began in 2021. The District collected 5 mills in 2023. The funds are used to pay for the operation and maintenance of the drainage systems and asset purchases. Other sources of revenue result from interest earned and governmental revenue sharing amounts..

Condensed Statement of Activities

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Increases (Decreases)</u>
Revenues:			
General Revenues:			
Ad Valorem Tax	\$ 1,089,016	\$ 1,005,641	\$ 83,375
Sales Tax	3,212,076	3,542,611	(330,535)
State Revenue Sharing	32,314	31,526	788
Net Realized and Unrealized			
Gains on Investments	-	537	(537)
Miscellaneous	924	806	118
Interest	166,218	7,552	158,666
Intergovernmental	2,475	203,712	(201,237)
Net Gain on Sale of Assets	14,000	16,690	(2,690)
Total General Revenues	<u>4,517,023</u>	<u>4,809,075</u>	<u>(292,052)</u>
Expenses:			
Public Works	2,948,146	2,607,127	341,019
Depreciation	295,121	220,047	75,074
	<u>3,243,267</u>	<u>2,827,174</u>	<u>416,093</u>
Change in Net Assets	1,273,756	1,981,901	(708,145)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>9,858,396</u>	<u>7,876,495</u>	<u>1,981,901</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 11,132,152</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,858,396</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,273,756</u></u>

REVENUES

- * Sales and use tax revenue decreased by \$330,535 or 9.33% in 2023 from the previous year.
- * Ad valorem tax revenue, increased \$83,375 in 2023 over the prior year.
- * Sales tax revenue grew tremendously in the past four years and leveled out in 2023.

EXPENSES

Total public works expenses for 2023 increased by \$341,019. This net increase in operating expense was because of the following:

- * Salaries, payroll taxes, and retirement expenses decreased \$121,805 over the past year with contracted services for grass cutting was substituted for seasonal employees which was an increase of \$448,112.
- * Equipment repairs decreased by a total of \$46,673 in 2023, along with no Storm Damage expenses being realized for a decrease of \$65,912.
- * Engineering/Legal fees included in professional fees increased by \$184,977.
- * Health insurance expenses decreased by \$26,376.
- * Supplies decreased by \$21,926.
- * Sales tax collection fees increased by \$441.
- * Insurance increased by \$6,123.
- * Uniform expense decreased by \$10,321.

FUND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the District's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

The general fund is the only fund of the District. At the end of the year, the total fund balance for the general fund was \$8,489,551 as compared to the previous fiscal year of \$7,394,968 an increase of \$1,094,583. Of the ending governmental fund balance, \$93,993 was considered non-spendable for prepaid insurance and inventory and \$8,395,558 was unassigned. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represented 245.31% percent of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represented 248.06% of total general fund expenditures.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

- * The final amended budget for revenues in 2023 reflects an increase of \$205,500. This was caused by continued higher interest rates earning increased interest on reserve funds and continued growth beyond expectations of local sales tax revenue and ad valorem collections.
- * In 2023, the District received \$17,076 greater in sales tax than the final amended revenue budget or a .54% favorable variance, and in 2022 revenues were greater than the final amended revenue budget by \$77,611 or 2.24% favorable variance.
- * In 2023, the final amended budget for total operational expenditures reflects a \$71,554 favorable variance as compared to a \$112,973 favorable variance in 2022. The 2023 final amended capital outlay budget reflected a \$47,106 favorable variance in capital outlay expenditures along with the unfavorable variance of \$2,387 in 2022.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The District's investment in capital assets as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 amounts to \$2,642,601 and \$2,463,428 (net of accumulated depreciation), respectively. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, system improvements, machinery, and equipment. The total net increase in the District's cost of investment in capital assets for 2023 was \$179,173 or 7.28%

- 2023: Total cost of additions equaled \$474,294:
- Equipment purchased amounted to \$452,727.
 - Building improvements amounted to \$18,267.
 - Construction in Progress additions amounted to \$3,300.
 - Depreciation expense for 2023 amounted to \$295,121.

FUTURE EXPENSES

The District is committed to previous years' goals of accomplishing proper maintenance to all major canals, ditches, and lateral drainage channels for the new population demand being experienced within the District. The extreme growth in the number of homeowners in the District and the additional drainage impact effects from new development will require additional cleaning of major drainage channels. Focusing attention on canals which are holding surface water or causing delayed drainage will be pursued by the District in the future with the resources available. Increases in expenditures for engineering, employee salaries, general supplies will be realized in upcoming years. New capital outlay items for related maintenance equipment, interaction projects with FEMA and other federal matching capital outlay programs (Louisiana Watershed Initiative), Parish cooperative endeavor projects, and engineering for multiple watershed studies (revealing new improvement projects affecting citizen's drainage) will be realized.

A modeling system is in process for engineering of the major District tributaries (Gray's Creek Watershed Project and four other watershed areas in the District) which will add expenses of major improvements within the next five years. The District adopted a 2024 budget amount equal to \$4,541,500 which included Capital Outlay (designated for equipment and watershed projects) in 2024 of \$2,450,000 to accomplish the goals stated above inclusive of District improvements along the watershed of Allen Bayou, Gray's Creek, and other watershed projects as they become feasible. Much of these new projects will require assistance through the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Program and other drainage based matching programs.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The financial report is designed to provide our citizens and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and reveal the District's accountability for the money received through its operations. If there are any questions about this report or need of additional financial information, contact Administrative Secretary, Randall Smith, Post Office Box 1265, Denham Springs, La 70727.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT #1**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023
(With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2022)

ASSETS

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,053,513	\$ 5,438,583
Investments	5,900,880	539,277
Due From Other Governments	6,709	17,417
Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable, Net of Allowance	934,382	886,640
Sales Tax Receivable, Net of Collection Fees	611,998	586,561
Other Receivables	2,134	108
Inventory	3,459	6,972
Prepaid Insurance	90,534	85,446
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	2,642,601	2,463,428
Total Assets	\$ 11,246,210	\$ 10,024,432

LIABILITIES

Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 79,947	\$ 128,307
Accrued Liabilities	34,111	37,729
Total Liabilities	114,058	166,036

NET POSITION

Investment in Capital Assets	2,642,601	2,463,428
Unrestricted	8,489,551	7,394,968
Total Net Position	11,132,152	9,858,396
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 11,246,210	\$ 10,024,432

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT #1**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2022)

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Governmental Activities:		
Expenses:		
Public Works	\$ 2,948,146	\$ 2,607,127
Depreciation	295,121	220,047
	3,243,267	2,827,174
General Revenues:		
Ad Valorem Tax	1,089,016	1,005,641
Sales Tax	3,212,076	3,542,611
State Revenue Sharing	32,314	31,526
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments	-	537
Miscellaneous	924	806
Interest	166,218	7,552
Intergovernmental	2,475	203,712
Net Gain on Sale of Assets	14,000	16,690
	4,517,023	4,809,075
Change in Net Position	1,273,756	1,981,901
Net Position - Beginning of Year	9,858,396	7,876,495
Net Position - End of Year	\$11,132,152	\$ 9,858,396

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT #1**

BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

(With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2022)

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,053,513	\$ 5,438,583
Investments	5,900,880	539,277
Due From Other Governments	6,709	17,417
Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable, Net of Allowance	934,382	886,640
Sales Tax Receivable, Net of Collection Fees	611,998	586,561
Other Receivables	2,134	108
Inventory	3,459	6,972
Prepaid Insurance	90,534	85,446
Total Assets	\$ 8,603,609	\$ 7,561,004
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 79,947	\$ 128,307
Accrued Liabilities	34,111	37,729
Total Liabilities	114,058	166,036
Fund Equity:		
Fund Balance:		
Nonspendable:		
Inventory and Prepaid Insurance	93,993	92,418
Unassigned	8,395,558	7,302,550
Total Fund Balance	8,489,551	7,394,968
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 8,603,609	\$ 7,561,004

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT #1**

RECONCILIATION OF THE GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023
(With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2022)

	2023	2022
Fund Balances - Total Governmental Fund	\$ 8,489,551	\$ 7,394,968
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:</p> <p>Capital assets used in the governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund</p>		
Governmental Capital Assets	5,698,982	5,377,591
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(3,056,381)	(2,914,163)
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	2,642,601	2,463,428
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 11,132,152	\$ 9,858,396

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT #1**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE- GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2022)

	2023	2022
Revenues:		
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,089,016	\$ 1,005,641
Sales Tax	3,212,076	3,542,611
State Revenue Sharing	32,314	31,526
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments	-	537
Miscellaneous	924	806
Interest	166,218	7,552
Intergovernmental	2,475	203,712
Total Revenues	4,503,023	4,792,385
Expenditures:		
Public Works:		
Salaries	893,955	1,002,632
Per Diem-Board Members	8,600	10,000
Payroll Taxes	68,888	77,891
Retirement Contributions	65,236	67,961
Health Insurance	185,033	211,409
Assessor's Pension Fund	41,951	40,098
Business Insurance	146,809	140,686
Contract Services	448,112	-
Fuel	61,738	72,878
Legal and Professional Fees	661,780	476,803
Supplies	106,277	128,203
Miscellaneous	12,310	11,714
Office Supplies	14,074	7,346
Repairs and Maintenance	123,213	169,886
Sales Tax Collection Fees	48,151	47,710
Storm Damage Expense	-	65,912
Telephone	6,509	11,988
Uniforms	16,631	26,952
Utilities	38,879	37,058
	2,948,146	2,607,127

(CONTINUED)

**LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT #1**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE- GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2022)

	2023	2022
Expenditures (Continued):		
Capital Outlay	474,294	352,887
Total Expenditures	3,422,440	2,960,014
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	1,080,583	1,832,371
Other Financing Sources:		
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	14,000	16,690
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,094,583	1,849,061
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	7,394,968	5,545,907
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 8,489,551	\$ 7,394,968

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT #1**

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2022)

	2023	2022
Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Fund	\$1,094,583	\$1,849,061
<p>Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the difference between capital outlays and depreciation in the period:</p>		
Capital Outlays	474,294	352,887
Depreciation Expense	(295,121)	(220,047)
	179,173	132,840
Add accumulated depreciation on capital assets retired during the year	152,903	142,575
Less cost basis of capital assets retired during the year	(152,903)	(142,575)
	-	-
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$1,273,756	\$1,981,901

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT #1**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,043,000	\$ 1,091,000	\$ 1,089,016	\$ (1,984)
Sales Tax	3,200,000	3,195,000	3,212,076	17,076
State Revenue Sharing	21,000	22,000	32,314	10,314
Miscellaneous	-	-	924	924
Interest	5,000	166,500	166,218	(282)
Intergovernmental	-	-	2,475	2,475
Total Revenues	4,269,000	4,474,500	4,503,023	28,523
Expenditures:				
Public Works:				
Salaries	1,030,000	902,000	893,955	8,045
Per Diem- Board Members	12,000	9,500	8,600	900
Payroll Taxes	84,000	80,000	68,888	11,112
Retirement Contributions	70,000	65,000	65,236	(236)
Health Insurance	228,000	190,000	185,033	4,967
Assessor's Pension Fund	42,000	42,000	41,951	49
Business Insurance	155,000	155,000	146,809	8,191
Contract Services	200,000	420,000	448,112	(28,112)
Fuel	80,000	58,000	61,738	(3,738)
Legal and Professional Fees	435,000	682,000	661,780	20,220
Supplies	115,000	125,000	106,277	18,723
Miscellaneous	8,000	14,200	12,310	1,890
Office Supplies	8,000	12,000	14,074	(2,074)
Repairs and Maintenance	112,000	130,000	123,213	6,787
Sales Tax Collection Fees	49,000	50,000	48,151	1,849
Telephone	12,500	7,000	6,509	491
Uniforms	47,000	19,000	16,631	2,369
Utilities	40,000	57,000	38,879	18,121
Watershed Studies	-	2,000	-	2,000
	2,727,500	3,019,700	2,948,146	71,554

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**LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Expenditures (Continued):				
Capital Outlay	1,625,000	521,400	474,294	47,106
Total Expenditures	4,352,500	3,541,100	3,422,440	118,660
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(83,500)	933,400	1,080,583	147,183
Other Financing Sources:				
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	-	14,000	14,000	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(83,500)	947,400	1,094,583	147,183
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	7,394,968	7,394,968	7,394,968	-
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ 7,311,468</u>	<u>\$ 8,342,368</u>	<u>\$ 8,489,551</u>	<u>\$ 147,183</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies -

Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1 (“the District”) is a corporate body created by the Livingston Parish Council on November 22, 1969, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statutes. The purpose of the District is to provide maintenance services to drainage structures within the boundaries of the district. The District is governed by a board of five commissioners.

In October 2019, an election was held whereby the voters of Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1 approved a ten year 5-mill property tax on assessed property within the District which will expire in 2030. Also, on January 15, 2005, a 20-year renewal election was held whereby the voters of the District approved a ½% sales tax. In addition, the District receives State Revenue Sharing funds from State provisions connected to the local property tax election passage.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units. The more significant of these accounting policies are described below and, where appropriate, subsequent pronouncements will be referenced.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

This report includes all funds which are controlled by or dependent on the District's Board of Commissioners. Control by or dependence on the board was determined on the basis of taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, and other general oversight responsibility.

In conformance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board, Statement 61, the District is a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council, the governing body of the parish. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements are to be included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended within the financial statements or separately reported as a discrete component unit. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the fund maintained by the District and do not present information on the Council and the general government services provided by that governmental unit.

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B. Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements (reporting the District's major fund). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type. There were no activities of the District categorized as a business-type activity.

Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the governmental activity column (a) is presented on a consolidated basis by column, and (b) is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of the District's functions. The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while capital grants reflects capital-specific grants. The District does not have any program revenues or operating and capital grants.

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (taxes, interest and investment earnings, etc.).

The District does not allocate indirect costs.

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.

Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

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

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DECEMBER 31, 2023

The District uses the following fund type:

Governmental Funds:

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental fund of the District:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. At December 31, 2023, it is the only fund of the District.

C. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and 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 governmental activities in the government-wide 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 sales taxes, property taxes, state revenue sharing, and interest income. Interest income is recorded when earned. Sales taxes are recorded as revenues when the underlying transaction occurs and meets the availability criteria. Property taxes are recorded as revenues when levied even though a portion of the taxes may be collected in subsequent years. State revenue sharing is recorded when made available.

2. Modified Accrual -

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on 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 that the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means that the amount of the transaction is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. A sixty-day availability period is used for revenue recognition for all governmental fund type revenues. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Depreciation is not recognized in the Governmental Fund Financial Statements.

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D. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements at historical cost. Additions, improvements or other capital outlays costing at least \$1,500 and significantly extending the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on a straight line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and Improvements	20 to 40 years
Machinery and Equipment	5 to 10 years
Furniture and Fixtures	5 to 7 years
Vehicles	5 years

E. Budgetary Practices

The District utilizes the following budgetary practices:

The Chairperson of the Board prepares the annual budget which is based on what is expected to be collected during the fiscal year and is approved by the Board of Commissioners. The adopted budget constitutes the authority of the District to incur liabilities and authorize expenditures from the respective budgeted funds. Additionally, certain expenditures are approved monthly by the Board before payment. The 2023 budget was discussed in a public hearing and adopted during a meeting of the Board on December 13, 2022. The amended 2023 budget was discussed in a public hearing and adopted during a meeting of the Board on December 12, 2023.

All budget amounts presented in the financial statements have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budget during the year.

F. Reclassifications

Certain items in the 2022 financial statements may have been reclassified to conform to the presentation in the current year financial statements. Such reclassifications had no effect on previously reported excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses or change in net position.

G. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires 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 and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and such differences may be material.

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H. Inventory

Inventory is valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in first-out method. The District's inventory consists of fuel.

I. Encumbrances

Encumbrances outstanding at year end do not represent GAAP expenditures or liabilities but represent budgetary accounting controls. The Governmental Fund's budget is maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting except that budgetary basis expenditures include purchase orders and contracts (encumbrances) issued for goods or services not received at year end.

The actual results of operations are presented in accordance with GAAP and the District's accounting policies do not recognize encumbrances as expenditures until the period in which the goods or services are actually received and a liability is incurred. At December 31, 2023, the District had no outstanding encumbrances.

J. Net Position

GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, for State and Local Governments*, required reclassification of net position into three separate components. GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*, revised the terminology by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required components of the residual measure and by renaming that measure as net position, rather than net assets. GASB Statement No. 63 requires the following components of net position:

Net Investment in Capital Assets Component of Net Position - The *net investment in capital assets* component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds or deferred inflows of resources at the end of the reporting period, the portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources attributable to the unspent amount should not be included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Instead, that portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources should be included in the same net position component (restricted or unrestricted) as the unspent amount. The District does not have any capital related debt or capital related deferred inflows of resources, and as such, the component is *investment in capital assets* in the current year.

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Restricted Component of Net Position - The *restricted* component of net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Generally, a liability relates to restricted assets if the asset results from a resource flow that also results in the recognition of a liability or if the liability will be liquidated with the restricted assets reported. Net position should be reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use are either: (a) Externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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

K. Fund Balance

The District follows the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 which defines how fund balances are presented in fund financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable - Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The nonspendable fund balance at the governmental fund level is equal to the amount of inventory and prepaid insurance at year-end to indicate the portion of the governmental fund balance that is nonspendable.

Restricted - These are amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes, because of constitutional provisions, enabling legislation or constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed - Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District board, which is the highest level of decision making authority for the District. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed.

Assigned - These are amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, but are intended to be used for specific purposes based on the discretion of the Board.

Unassigned - These are amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and amounts that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. Also, within other governmental funds, these include expenditure amounts incurred for specific purposes which exceed the amounts restricted, committed or assigned for those purposes.

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The details of the fund balances are included in the Balance Sheet - General Fund (page 12). As noted above, restricted funds are used first as appropriate. Assigned Funds are reduced to the extent that expenditure authority has been budgeted by the District board or the assignment has been changed by the District board. Decreases to fund balance first reduce Unassigned Fund balance; in the event that Unassigned becomes zero, then Assigned and Committed Fund Balances are used in that order.

L. Summary Financial Information for 2022

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized information in total. Such information does not include sufficient details to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, from which the summarized information was derived.

(2) Cash and Cash Equivalents -

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash, demand deposits, and time certificates of deposit with remaining or original maturities less than 90 days. Under state law the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, any other state in the union, or under the laws of the United States. Further, the District may invest in time deposits or certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

The District had bank balances of cash and cash equivalents totaling \$1,064,631 with book balances of amount of \$1,053,513 at December 31, 2023.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. To mitigate this risk, state law requires for these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) to be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities 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. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Even though the pledged securities may be considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. The District does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. At December 31, 2023, the District has \$1,064,631 in demand deposits (collected bank balances) for cash and cash equivalents. \$250,000 of the demand deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance and the remaining \$814,631 of demand deposits are secured by pledged securities. The \$814,631 is exposed to custodial credit risk because while the amount is secured by pledged securities, such securities are held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

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At December 31, 2023, the District also has \$539,655 in time certificates of deposits, in one bank. \$250,000 of the time certificates of deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance and the remaining \$289,655 of certificates of deposits are secured by pledged securities. The \$289,655 is exposed to custodial credit risk because while the amount is secured by pledged securities, such securities are held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

(3) Investments -

Investments at December 31, 2023, consists of \$539,655 in time certificates of deposits as discussed in Note 2 and \$5,361,225 in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a local government external investment pool.

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA-R.S. 33:2955.

GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure*, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments.

LAMP is an investment pool that, to the extent practical, invests in a manner consistent with GASB Statement No. 79. The following facts are relevant for investment pools:

- **Credit risk**: LAMP is rated AAAm by Standards and Poor's.
- **Custodial credit risk**: In the case of LAMP participants, investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.
- **Concentration of credit risk**: Pooled investments are excluded from the five percent disclosure requirement.
- **Interest rate risk**: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments. The WAM for LAMP's total investments is 53 days as of December 31, 2023,
- **Foreign currency risk**: Not applicable.

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LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. LAMP, Inc., issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LAMP, Inc. That report may be obtained by writing to LAMP, Inc., 650 Poydras Street, Suite 2220, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, or by calling (800) 249-5267.

As of December 31, 2023, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Investment Maturities (in years)</u>			
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Less Than 1</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>6-10 More Than 10</u>
Time Certificates of Deposit at Amortized Cost	\$ 539,655	\$ 539,655	\$ -	\$ -
		<u>\$ 539,655</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
LAMP at Fair Value	<u>5,361,225</u>			
Total	<u>\$ 5,900,880</u>			

Fair Value Measurements. The investments are reflected at fair value except for the following which are permitted per GASB Statement No. 31:

- Investments in nonparticipating interest-earning contracts, such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposit with redemption terms that do not consider market rates are reported using a cost-based measure. Interest-earning investment contracts include time deposits with financial institutions (such as certificates of deposit), repurchase agreements, and guaranteed investment contracts.

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

Interest Rate Risk. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

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(4) Ad Valorem Taxes -

On October 2019, the voters, who live within the boundaries of Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, renewed a 5-mill (\$5.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation) ad valorem tax to provide funds for the maintenance, improvement, and construction of drainage structures within the District. The tax is effective for a 10-year period (2021-2030).

The ad valorem taxes are levied each November 15 on the taxable assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property located within the boundaries of Gravity Drainage District No. 1. Taxable assessed value represents the appraised value of the property less exemptions allowed by law. The Livingston Parish Assessor periodically determines the appraised values.

Taxes are due on November 15, the levy date, and they become delinquent on the following January 1. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January through March of the following year. During late April or May, of the year following the year the tax was levied, the Sheriff's office sends out delinquent notices to the property owners. Soon after the Sheriff has mailed the delinquent notices, he will publish them in the newspaper. After a second publication in the newspaper and at least 30 days from the date of the first publication, the property is advertised for auction. The auction usually takes place in June or July. Properties sold at auction have liens placed on them by their buyers. The Parish will put a lien on any properties not sold at the auction.

As of January 1, 2023, the assessed value of the property located within Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, was \$220,107,764. For 2023, the District elected to assess 5.0 mills to finance the maintenance, improvement, and construction of drainage structures.

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Total taxes assessed and taxes receivable at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

	General Operations 5.00 Mills
<u>Revenues:</u>	
2023 Ad Valorem Tax Assessed	\$ 1,100,539
Less: 2023 Estimated Uncollectible	(27,513)
Excess Collections Over Prior Year Receivable	15,990
	\$ 1,089,016
<u>Receivable:</u>	
2023 Property Tax Assessed	\$ 1,100,539
Less: Current Year Taxes Collected in 2023	(138,644)
Total Property Taxes Receivable at December 31, 2023	961,895
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(27,513)
Net Property Tax Receivable at December 31, 2023	\$ 934,382

(5) Changes in Capital Assets -

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 157,288	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 157,288
Construction in Progress	120,333	3,300	-	123,633
Total Capital Assets Not being Depreciated	277,621	3,300	-	280,921
Capital Assets being Depreciated:				
Buildings	1,074,368	18,267	-	1,092,635
Improvements/Infrastructure	1,304,971	-	-	1,304,971
Vehicles	529,187	-	-	529,187
Machinery and Equipment	2,171,028	452,727	(152,903)	2,470,852
Furniture and Fixtures	20,416	-	-	20,416
Total Capital Asset Being Depreciated	5,099,970	470,994	(152,903)	5,418,061

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<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings	(345,300)	(31,741)	-	(377,041)
Improvements/Infrastructure	(484,944)	(62,828)	-	(547,772)
Vehicles	(399,243)	(52,914)	-	(452,157)
Machinery and Equipment	(1,670,624)	(145,711)	152,903	(1,663,432)
Furniture and Fixtures	(14,052)	(1,927)	-	(15,979)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(2,914,163)	(295,121)	152,903	(3,056,381)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>2,185,807</u>	<u>175,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,361,680</u>
Total Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 2,463,428</u>	<u>\$ 179,173</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,642,601</u>

Depreciation expense of \$295,121 was charged to the General Operations function in the Statement of Activities.

(6) Commitments -

Following is a schedule that lists various projects and projects costs of each along with amounts spent to date:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Spent to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
Allen Bayou Relief	<u>\$ 165,751</u>	<u>\$ 123,633</u>	<u>\$ 42,118</u>
Total Incomplete Construction at December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 165,751</u>	<u>\$ 123,633</u>	<u>\$ 42,118</u>

(7) Long-Term Debt -

The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1 has no long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2023.

(8) Leases -

The District has no outstanding leases at December 31, 2023 that meet the recognition criteria of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 87, *Leases*.

**LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT #1**

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DECEMBER 31, 2023

(9) Compensated Absences -

The District provides various forms of compensated leave benefits to its employees. An employee can earn sick leave and vacation leave based upon the number of hours worked each pay period and years of continuous employment. The employees of the District must use all of the compensated leave by year end. At this time, the District has no provision for leave carryover, and if leave is not used at year-end, it is lost. As such, a leave accrual is not required in the District's financial statements.

(10) Per Diem Paid Board Members -

Each member of the Board of Commissioners is eligible to receive a per diem allowance of \$100 for attending each regular or special meeting of the board. Per diems paid to the board members for 2023 were as follows:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Number of Meetings</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>
David Provost	19	\$1,900
Chris Whitmire	20	2,000
Robert Borne	19	1,900
Carl Juneau	16	1,600
Jessie Spence	12	<u>1,200</u>
		<u>\$8,600</u>

(11) Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Chairman of the Board of Directors -

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513A, the following is a Schedule of Compensation and Benefits received by David Provost, Chairman of the Board of Directors, who was the acting agency head for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Per Diem	\$1,900
Benefit Insurance	-
Travel Reimbursements	-
Conferences	-
Meals	<u>-</u>
Total Compensation	<u>\$1,900</u>

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DECEMBER 31, 2023

(12) Pension Plan and Retirement Commitments -

The District has a Simplified Employee Pension Plan (SEP) for its employees. Under this defined contribution plan, the District's Board of Commissioners establishes individual retirement accounts for each eligible employee to whom the District will make a contribution as determined on a year-to-year basis. Because contributions are made to individual retirement accounts, all contributions received by an employee are 100% vested. The employee may select between several investments options. The District does not guarantee the results of these investments. The District's Board of Commissioners voted to contribute 9.0% of eligible wages for 2023 which amounts to \$65,236.

(13) Contingencies - Litigation -

The District is involved in lawsuits and claims in the ordinary course of their operations. It is management's opinion that outstanding claims would not have a material effect on the District's operations.

(14) Sales Tax Abatement -

In prior years, the District entered into cooperative endeavor agreements with one economic development district under provisions of the L.A.R.S. 33:9038 Sales Tax Increment Financing. Under the provisions of the law, entities may enter into the cooperative endeavor agreements to dedicate a portion or all of the sales tax collected within the economic development district area for the purpose of repaying revenue bonds issued to fund economic development projects within the districts. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the District abated sales taxes totaling \$386,617 under the cooperative endeavor agreement.

- Juban Crossing Economic Development District (JCEDD) – The District entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the JCEDD to dedicate 40.00 percent of the District's ½ cent sales tax collected within the JCEDD area for the purposes of repaying revenue bonds issued to fund JCEDD projects. The District is not responsible for maintenance within the JCEDD area while the JCEDD revenue bonds are outstanding. Once the JCEDD revenue bonds are paid in full, the District will start receiving 100 percent of its ½ sales tax collected within the JCEDD area and then will be responsible for the maintenance within the JCEDD area. The abated sales tax amounted to \$386,617 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

(15) Current Year Adoption of New Accounting Standards -

The following statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) are effective for the District's 2023 fiscal year. The District has adopted and implemented these statements in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

- During the year, the District adopted GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Agreements (SBITAs)*. This new accounting standard had no material effect on the District's financial statements.

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- During the year the District also adopted GASB Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, and the portion of No. 99 *Omnibus 2022* that relates to leases, PPP, and SBITAs. These statements had no material effect on the District's financial statements.

(16) Current Accounting Pronouncements -

The following statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board will be effective for years subsequent to the District's fiscal year 2023.

1. Statement No. 99 – *Omnibus 2022* – the portion that relates to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 (2024)
2. Statement No. 100 – *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB No. 62 (2024)*
3. Statement No. 101 – *Compensated Absences (2024)*

Management is currently evaluating the effects of each of the new GASB pronouncements.

(17) Subsequent Events -

Management has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosures in the financial statements through June 11, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

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



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage
District #1
Denham Springs, 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 *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund (the General Fund) of the Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1, (the District) a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 11, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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*.

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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose; however, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP

Denham Springs, Louisiana
June 11, 2024

**LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT #1**

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

A. Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| • Material weaknesses identified? | _____ Yes | _____ x | _____ No |
| • Significant deficiencies identified? | _____ Yes | _____ x | _____ None reported |

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

_____ Yes	_____ x	_____ No
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Other matter reported?

_____ Yes	_____ x	_____ No
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B. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

None

C. Compliance and Other Matters

None

**LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT #1**

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

A. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Finding 2022-01 Unauthorized Credit Card Transactions (Material Weakness)

Questioned Costs: \$101

Criteria:

The District has a written policy for the monthly review and approval of credit card statements and transactions. Below is an excerpt of that policy:

- The Administrative Assistance is responsible for reviewing the receipts and documentation for proprietary (authorization to purchase, documentation for business purpose, etc.) upon return of the card.
- At the end of each month, the Administrative Assistance is to compare card issuance log, purchase documentation, and purchase orders to the monthly credit card statement. During this review, the Administrative Assistant is to ensure that: (1) all card purchases were documented on the issuance log (check for card usage approval); (2) all purchases are supported by documentation (checking for inappropriate purchases and completeness of purchase documentation); and (3) all purchases were supported by an approved purchase order (checking for proper approval for the purchases).
- Any purchase/charge without appropriate supporting documentation requires a detailed explanation and description and the written approval of the Board of Directors.
- The District Accountant is to attach the receipts and documentation to the monthly statement and submit to the Board of Directors for review and approval (in writing) before payment is made. One board member will initial and date the statement as proof.

Condition:

During our prior year review of credit card transactions, we identified two transactions on a credit card statement that did not have a receipt or a written explanation and description of the transactions as per the District's procedures. The District was unable to provide an original receipt and was not able to verify that the charges were for the District. The two transactions were in the amounts of \$66 and \$35 and occurred on February 1, 2022, and on February 2, 2022, respectively. The District's management had not previously identified the two potential unauthorized transactions.

Cause:

The District did not follow its procedures for the monthly review and approval of credit card statements and transactions prior to payment.

Effect:

By not following its procedures, the District did not identify potential unauthorized transactions in a timely manner and prior to payment. In addition by not following its procedures, this could expose the entity to risks including, but not limited to, misappropriation of assets and inaccurate financial reporting.

Recommendation:

We recommended that the District follow its procedures in place that require the monthly review and approval of credit card statements and transactions prior to payment.

Management's Response:

Management followed the established procedures for eleven of the twelve months regarding matching all charged items on the District's credit card account. In February 2022, to avoid a credit card penalty of going past a due date, the month's statement was paid in full with two missing items which were to be researched further. The two tickets missing totaled \$101. Management will adhere to the current procedures in place for every month of the current year and require the manager to match, describe category of expense, and initial each charge item ticket on the billing statement before it is paid through the accounts payable system from this point forward.

Corrective Action:

There were no such events noted during the fiscal year.

B. Compliance and Other Matters

Finding 2022-02 Misappropriation of Cash and Assets

Criteria:

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor requires the reporting of misappropriations of cash and assets that are \$1,000 or greater.

Condition:

In September 2022, three fraudulent checks totaling \$14,254, one on September 16, 2022 and two on September 19, 2022, were erroneously processed through the District's main operating bank account by the District's financial institution. On September 19, 2022 it was discovered when the District's Accountant was contacted by the financial institution to validate the two September 19, 2022 fraudulent checks debited to the District's account.

The three fraudulent checks were fabricated by bad actors that had no affiliation with the District. When the financial institution contacted the District's accountant on September 19, 2022 to validate the two fraudulent checks, the District's accountant informed the financial institution that the checks were not authorized and fraudulent. The financial institution immediately contacted the local law enforcement, and two individuals were arrested at the financial institution's site. A police report was filed and criminal charges were filed against the individuals. The financial institution replaced the \$14,254 in funds which had been incorrectly disbursed. The bank is the "victim" in this case due to the types of instruments used. The fraudulent checks were not in the regular format of a normal District operating check, had forged signatures that were copies of validated check signers' signatures, were printed on plain white check paper with no District watermark, and the check numbers used were not in sequence with the District's operating checks.

The fraudulent activity was reported to local law enforcement and the district attorney and criminal charges were filed. Also, the District reported the fraudulent activity to the legislative auditor as required by R.S. 24:513.

Cause and Effect:

Due to bad actors creating fraudulent checks, the bank incorrectly processed the fraudulent checks through the District's operating bank account.

Recommendation:

The fraudulent activity was identified in a timely matter. The financial institution replaced the District's funds which had been incorrectly disbursed. The fraudulent activity was reported to local law enforcement and the district attorney and criminal charges were filed. Also, the District reported the fraudulent activity to the legislative auditor as required by R.S. 24:513. Also, the District implemented "Positive Pay" on the District's operating account with the financial institution. Positive Pay is process whereby all checks issued on the District's bank account are verified by the District before the financial institution will process payments.

We recommended the District continues to monitor its internal controls to ensure the safeguarding of public funds.

Management's Response:

Management's view of this finding reflects that this is a financial institution banking procedure problem that was cleared up by the bank within four days after reporting (unauthorized payment of fraudulent checks). The District has no liability regarding a poor banking practice, but established another layer of security protection as a response in securing District assets (Positive Pay software enhancement in cooperation with the bank). The District had strong controls in place (special paper, water mark, and a two signature requirement) before this banking error was allowed by this event and was not responsible by the financial institution's lack of procedure application. The bank filed the police report and recovered the funds that they allowed to be removed over a two-day period. The bank re-deposited the funds within four days from event reporting. The District notified the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's office of this event.

Corrective Action:

There were no such events noted during the fiscal year.

LIVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT# 1

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

DECEMBER 31, 2023



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Independent Accountant’s Report
on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board of Commissioners
Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage
District #1
Denham Springs, Louisiana
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the controls and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s (LLA’s) Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District #1’s (the District) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA’s SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity’s written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity’s operations:
 - a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget. – **No exceptions.**
 - b) ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes. – **No exceptions.**
 - c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving. – **No exceptions.**
 - d) ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management’s actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation). – **No exceptions.**



- e) ***Payroll/Personnel***, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules. – **No exceptions.**
- f) ***Contracting***, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process. – **No exceptions.**
- g) ***Travel and Expense Reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers. – **No exceptions.**
- h) ***Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)***, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases). – **No exceptions.**
- i) ***Ethics***, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity’s ethics policy. – **No exceptions.**
- j) ***Debt Service***, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements. – **No exceptions.**
- k) ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event. – **No exceptions.**
- l) ***Prevention of Sexual Harassment***, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting. – **No exceptions.**

Board or Finance Committee

- 2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board’s enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board’s enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document. – **No exceptions.**
 - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. – **No exceptions.**
 - c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund. – **Per review of the prior year’s audit report, there was no negative ending unassigned fund balance in the general fund.**

- d) Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved. – **No exceptions.**

Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); – **No exceptions.**
 - b) Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and – **No exceptions.**
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable. – **No exceptions.**

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5). – **No exceptions.**
5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers; — **No exceptions.**
 - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit; – **No exceptions.**
 - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and – **No exceptions.**
 - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, is (are) not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation. – **No exceptions.**
6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period. – **No exceptions.**

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

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

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

10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and: – **No exceptions.**
 - a) Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity. – **No exceptions.**
 - b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9 above as applicable. – **No exceptions.**
11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. *Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.* – **No exceptions.**

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

12. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. – **No exceptions.**
13. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
 - a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and – **No exceptions.**
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

Finding – For 1 of 5 monthly credit card statements selected for testing, we observed that finance charges and late fees of \$69.15 were assessed on the statement.
14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #13 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and

(3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a “missing receipt statement” that is subject to increased scrutiny. – **No exceptions.**

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

15. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected; – **There were no travel and travel related expense reimbursements during the current fiscal period. Obtained management’s representation that there were none.**
- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov); – **N/A for current year. See note above.**
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased; – **N/A for current year. See note above**
 - c) Observe each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedure #1g; and – **N/A for current year. See note above**
 - d) Observe each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement. – **N/A for current year. See note above.**

Contracts

16. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner’s contract, and:
- a) Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
Note: Of the 5 contracts selected for testing, only one was required to bid in accordance with Louisiana Public Bid Law and no exceptions were noted.
 - b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter); – **No exceptions.**
 - c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and —
Note: Of the 5 contracts selected for testing, only one had a contract amendment. No exceptions.

- d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract. – **No exceptions.**

Payroll and Personnel

17. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files. – **No exceptions.**
18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #17 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
- a) Observe all selected employees or official documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory; – **No exceptions.**
 - b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials; – **No exceptions.**
 - c) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity’s cumulative leave records; and – **No exceptions.**
 - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file. – **No exceptions.**
19. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management’s termination payment calculations and the entity’s policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee’s or official’s cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee’s or official’s authorized pay rates in the employee’s or official’s personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy. – **No exceptions.**
20. Obtain management’s representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers’ compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines. – **No exceptions.**

Ethics

21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from “Payroll and Personnel” procedure #17 above obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
- a) Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and – **No exceptions.**
 - b) Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity’s ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable. – **No exceptions.**
22. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170. – **No exceptions.**

Debt Service

23. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution. – **No debt was issued during current fiscal period. Obtained management's representation for this.**
24. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants). – **The District did not have any debt outstanding during the current fiscal period. Obtained management's representation for this.**

Fraud Notice

25. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523. – **No exceptions.**
26. Observe the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Finding – The notice was posted on District's premises, but it was not posted on the District's website.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

27. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**
- Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted. – **We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.**
 - Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months. – **We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.**
 - Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor. – **We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.**

28. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #19. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network. – **No exceptions.**
29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #17, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency’s information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows: 1) Hired before June 9, 2020 completed the training; and 2) Hired on or after June 9, 2020 – completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

Finding – None of the 5 employees/officials selected for testing completed the cybersecurity training.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

30. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from “Payroll and Personnel” procedure #17 above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343. – **No exceptions.**
31. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity’s premises if the entity does not have a website). – **No exceptions.**
32. Obtain the entity’s annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
- a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Finding – The District did not complete an annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period. However, the District indicated that there were no complaints received during the fiscal period.

Management's Responses - The District's responses to the exceptions identified in our performance of the SAUPs is attached. The District's responses were not subjected to any procedures applied in the SAUPs and, accordingly, we express no opinion or any assurance on it.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP

Denham Springs, Louisiana
June 11, 2024

Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District One

Audit Compliance 2023

June 4, 2024

Wesley Kinnebrew

Manager

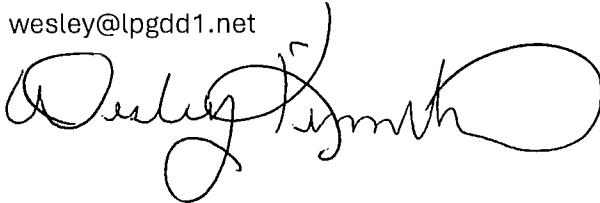
1. Line 13 section B, Charges were applied due to invoice was mailed to street address not P.O. Box and did not get turned in on time.
2. Line 26, The web site was not being maintained by developer due to getting a full time job and neglect, we are in the process of obtaining new personel and company to fix and maintain the site
3. Line 29, I was not informed that this was a procedure to be done until 2024 so no one did it, it is in place for this year.
4. All Employees did the sexual harassment training as instructed, there were no complaints reported was not aware of report to fill out, we now have a report in place to be completed for future years

Sincerely

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Manager

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wesley Kinnebrew". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.