ANNUAL BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Year Ended December 31, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Commissioners Allen Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 Oakdale, Louisiana

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Allen Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 (the District), a component unit of the Allen Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, 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 each major fund of the District as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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.

Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; 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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, 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.

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- 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison schedule on pages 3 through 7 and 27 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 Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation paid to the board members, and the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to chief executive officer are presented on pages 29 and 30 as other supplementary information (OSI) for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion this OSI is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 14, 2022, 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.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Within this section of the Allen Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 annual financial report, the District's management is pleased to provide this narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 with comparisons to prior year results. The District's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying basic financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Financial Highlights

- The District's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$3,017,810 and \$2,803,184 (net position) for the fiscal years 2021 and 2020, respectively.
- For 2021, total revenues of \$493,449 exceeded total expenses of \$278,823, which resulted in a 2021 surplus of \$214,626. For 2020, total revenues of \$543,773 exceeded total expenses of \$247,094, which resulted in a prior year surplus of \$296,679.
- Total net position of \$3,017,810 is comprised of the following:
 - (1) Invested in capital assets of \$1,170,786 includes property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced for outstanding debt, if any, related to the purchase of capital assets.
 - (2) Unrestricted net position of \$1,847,024.
- The District's governmental funds reported total ending fund balances of \$1,847,024 and \$1,858,861, for 2021 and 2020, respectively. Therefore, they reflect a decrease of \$11,837 in 2021 and an increase of \$335,215 during 2020.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the governmental funds was \$1,847,024, or 366% of total governmental fund expenditures and 374% of total governmental fund revenues. At the end of the prior fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the governmental funds was \$1,614,352 or 774% of total governmental fund expenditures and 297% of total governmental fund revenues.
- Overall, the District continues to maintain a solid financial position and is continuing to work to improve on this financial position.

The above financial highlights are explained in more detail in the "financial analysis" section of this document.

Overview of the Basic Financial Statements

This Management's Discussion and Analysis document introduces the District's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the basic financial statements. The District also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The District's annual report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall financial status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of activities between funds.

The first of these government-wide statements is the *Statement of Net Position*. This is the government-wide statement of position presenting information that includes all of the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources together with all of the District's liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as *net position*. Over

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the District would extend to other nonfinancial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base in addition to the financial information provided in this report.

The second government-wide statement is the *Statement of Activities*, which reports how the District's net position changed during the current fiscal year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid. An important purpose of the design of the Statement of Activities is to show the financial reliance of the District's distinct activities or functions on revenues provided.

The government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 10 through 11 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds rather than the District as a whole. Major funds are separately reported while all others, if any, are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

The District uses governmental funds as follows:

Governmental funds are reported in the fund financial statements and encompass the same function as governmental activities reported in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is very different with fund statements providing a distinctive view of the District's governmental funds, including object classifications. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of governmental programs and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund operating statement provide a reconciliation to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

The basic governmental fund financial statements are presented on pages 14 through 17 of this report.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements begin on page 18 of this report.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents as required supplementary information, a general fund budgetary comparison schedule (page 27) which demonstrates compliance with the District's adopted and final revised budget.

As other supplementary information, this report contains a schedule of compensation paid to board members (page 29) and a schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the chief executive officer (page 30), as required by Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513(A)(3).

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

The District's net position at fiscal year-end December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 was \$3,017,810 and \$2,803,184, respectively. The following table provides a summary of the District's net position:

	2020		2021			
Assets:						
Current assets	\$ 1,851,050	60%	\$ 1,847,104	61%		
Capital assets	1,190,164	39	1,170,786	38		
Other assets	<u>17,500</u>	1	<u>17,500</u>	1		
Total assets	3,058,714	<u>100</u> %	<u>3,035,390</u>	<u>100</u> %		
Deferred outflows of resources		%		%		
Liabilities:						
Current liabilities	38,530	15%	17,580	100%		
Long-term liabilities	217,000	_85	, -	-		
Total liabilities	255,530	<u>100</u> %	17,580	<u>100</u> %		
Deferred inflows of resources	-	<u></u> %	-	%		
Net position:						
Investment in capital						
assets, net of debt	944,323	34%	1,170,786	39%		
Restricted	244,509	9	-	-		
Unrestricted	1,614,352	57	1,847,024	<u>61</u>		
Total net position	\$ <u>2,803,184</u>	<u>100</u> %	\$ <u>3,017,810</u>	<u>100</u> %		

The District continues to maintain a high current ratio. The current ratio compares current assets to current liabilities and is an indication of the ability to pay current obligations. The current ratios are 105.07 to 1 and 48.04 to 1 for the current and prior fiscal years, respectively. Note that approximately 39% of the governmental activities' net position are tied up in capital assets. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens.

Overall, the District reports net position of \$3,017,810 and \$2,803,184 for 2021 and 2020, respectively. These amounts reflect increases in net position of \$214,626 and \$296,679 for 2021 and 2020, respectively. The District has \$2,671,216 invested in capital assets, net of \$1,500,430 in accumulated depreciation. The District's overall financial position improved significantly during fiscal year 2021. It remains financially strong from a liquidity standpoint for a District of its size.

The following table provides a summary of the District's changes in net position:

Revenues:	20	20		202	1
Program:					
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 10,658	2%	\$	10,690	2%
General:					
Grand income – local	-	-		220	-
Ad valorem tax revenues	529,655	97		480,892	98
Interest income	3,460	1		<u>1,647</u>	
Total revenues	543,773	<u>100</u> %		493,449	<u>100</u> %
Expenses:					
Program expenses:					
Fire-fighting and rescue	240,683	97%		274,134	98%
Interest on long-term debt	6,411	3	_	4,689	2

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Total expenses	_247,094	<u>100</u> %	_278,823	<u>100</u> %
Change in net position Beginning net position	296,679 <u>2,506,505</u>		214,626 2,803,184	
Ending net position	\$ <u>2,803,184</u>		\$ <u>3,017,810</u>	

Governmental Revenues

The District is heavily reliant on property taxes to support its operations. Property taxes provided 98% of the District's revenues.

Governmental Functional Expenses

The total function of the District is fire-fighting and rescue. The only other non-functional cost is interest expense related to the general obligation bonds. Of the total cost, depreciation on the property and equipment was \$117,149 for 2021 and \$112,362 for 2020 or 42% and 45% of total expenses in 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

Governmental Funds

As discussed, governmental funds are reported in the fund statements with a short-term inflow and outflow of spendable resources focus. This information is useful in assessing resources available at the end of the year in comparison with upcoming financing requirements.

Governmental funds reported an unassigned ending fund balance of \$1,847,024 at the end of 2021.

The total governmental funds fund balance decreased by \$11,837 in 2021 and increased by \$335,215 in 2020.

Major Governmental Funds

The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund and the largest source of day-to-day service delivery. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$232,672 and \$326,302 in 2021 and 2020, respectively. In fiscal year 2021, revenues are below prior year figures by \$8,828, a decrease of 2% primarily attributable to decreased ad valorem taxes. Operating expenditures increased by \$78,771 or 45% in 2021 after having decreased by \$447,932 in 2020. The increase in expenditures from 2020 to 2021 is primarily attributable to increases in capital outlay.

The Debt Service Fund accumulates resources for the payment of long-term debt. The fund balance in the Debt Service Fund decreased by \$244,509 in 2021. The District reported no ending restricted fund balance in the Debt Service Fund since the related bonds were paid off in 2021.

Budgetary Highlights

The General Fund – As adopted, the original 2021 budget reflected an increase of \$31,250 or 7% in comparison to the previous year's final budget. The original 2021 budget also reflected a \$58,300 or 22% decrease in expenditures in comparison to the previous year's final budget. The budget was amended once during the current year. Budgeted revenues were amended by a \$5,400 increase primarily related to an increase in ad valorem taxes. Budgeted expenditures were amended by a \$68,000 increase primarily related to an increase in capital outlays. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, actual revenues were exceeded by budgeted amounts by \$5,225. Actual expenses for the current year were \$31,828337 less than the budgeted amount of \$286,550.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital assets

The District's investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, was \$1,170,786 and \$1,190,164, respectively. See Note D for additional information about changes in capital assets during the fiscal year and the balance at the end of the year. The following table provides a summary of capital asset activity.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Nondepreciable assets - Land Depreciable assets:	\$ 34,224	\$ 34,224
Buildings and improvements	441,614	431,698
Furniture and fixtures	4,353	5,445
Machinery and equipment	744,032	730,571
Vehicles	1,414,239	1,469,278
Total depreciable assets	2,604,238	2,636,992
Less accumulated depreciation	1,448,298	<u>1,500,430</u>
Book value-depreciable assets	\$ <u>1,155,940</u>	1,136,562
Percentage depreciated	<u>56</u> %	<u>57</u> %
Book value-all assets	\$ <u>1,190,164</u>	\$ <u>1,170,786</u>

The depreciable assets were 57% and 56% depreciated for 2021 and 2020, respectively. This comparison indicates that the District is replacing its assets at a rate slower than they are depreciating.

The major additions were:

- Rescue boat
- 17 Radios
- Bunker gear

Long-term debt

At the end of the fiscal year, the District had no general obligation bonds outstanding. During the year 2021, the District retired all of the \$244,000 in the general obligation bonds outstanding. See Note E for additional information regarding long-term debt.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances, comply with finance-related laws and regulations, and demonstrate the District's commitment to public accountability. If you have any questions about this report or would like to request additional information, contact the District's Treasurer, Tina Williams, at (318) 335-1536.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

Statement of Net Position December 31, 2021

	Primary Government			
	Govern	mental Activities		
ASSETS				
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$	1,374,774		
Ad valorem taxes receivable		471,641		
Accrued interest receivable		689		
Building deposit		17,500		
Land		34,224		
Capital assets, net		1,136,562		
Total Assets		3,035,390		
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Aggregated deferred outflows	**************************************			
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		m w		
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable		17,580		
Total Liabilities		17,580		
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Aggregated deferred inflows				
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources				
NET POSITION				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		1,170,786		
Unrestricted		1,847,024		
Total Net Position	\$	3,017,810		

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

			Program Revenues					Net (Expense) Revenue	
Functions/Programs		Expenses		Charges for Services	_	Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government Governmental Activities
Primary Government Governmental Activities:									
Fire fighting and rescue	\$	274,134	\$	\$	\$	10,690	\$		\$ (263,444)
Interest and fiscal charges		4,689				<u></u>			 (4,689)
Total Governmental Activities	_	278,823				10,690	_		(268,133)
				General Revenues:					
				Grant income - local					220
				Interest income					1,647
				Ad valorem Income					480,892
				Total General Rev	/er	nues			482,759
				Change in Net Pos	sit	ion			214,626
				Net Position at Begin	nni	ng of Period			 2,803,184
				Net Position at End	01	^f Period			\$ 3,017,810

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

General Fund

To account for financial resources traditionally associated with governments, which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Debt Service Fund

To account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of long-term debt.

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds December 31, 2021

	General Fund		 Service und	Total	Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$	1,374,774	\$ 	\$	1,374,774
Ad valorem taxes receivable		471,641			471,641
Accrued interest receivable		689			689
Building deposit		17,500	 		17,500
Total Assets		1,864,604			1,864,604
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Aggregated deferred outflows					
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	1,864,604	\$ 	\$	1,864,604
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$	17,580	\$ 	\$	17,580
Total Liabilities		17,580			17,580
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Aggregated deferred inflows			 		
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources		17,580	 		17,580
FUND BALANCE					
Unassigned		1,847,024	 		1,847,024
Total Fund Balance		1,847,024			1,847,024
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance	\$	1,864,604	\$ 	\$	1,864,604

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet with the Statement of Net Position December 31, 2021

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$	1,847,024
Fixed assets are capitalized in the Statement of Net Position and depreciated in the Statement of Activities. These are expensed when acquired in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance.	:	1,170,786
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	3,017,810

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Ge	neral Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total	Governmental Funds
Revenues					***************************************
Ad valorem taxes	\$	480,886	\$ 6	\$	480,892
Intergovernmental		10,910			10,910
Interest income		1,629	18		1,647
Total Revenues		493,425	24		493,449
Expenditures					
Current:					
Advertising		1,130			1,130
Automotive		4,719			4,719
Bank service charges			34		34
Contract labor		41,930	-		41,930
Dues and subscriptions		81			81
Insurance		30,895			30,895
Postage and delivery		59			59
Professional fees		9,150			9,150
Repairs and maintenance		42,388			42,388
Supplies		2,789			2,789
Telephone		4,745			4,745
Training		200			200
Utilities		7,200			7,200
Capital Outlay		109,436			109,436
Debt Service:					
Principal retirement			244,000		244,000
Interest and fiscal charges		****	6,530		6,530
Total Expenditures		254,722	250,564		505,286
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over					
(Under) Expenditures		238,703	(250,540)		(11,837)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Operating transfers		(6,031)	6,031		
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(6,031)	6,031		
Net Change in Fund Balance		232,672	(244,509)		(11,837)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Period		1,614,352	244,509		1,858,861
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$	1,847,024	\$	\$	1,847,024

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance with Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Changes in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 214,626
Accrued interest expense included in Statement of Activities, expensed as paid in governmental fund statements.	1,841
Depreciation expense reflected in entity-wide statements, not reflected in governmental fund statements.	(117,149)
Principal payments on long-term debt expensed in governmental fund statements and treated as reductions of outstanding debt in entity-wide statements.	244,000
Fixed assets expensed as capital outlay in governmental fund statements, capitalized as fixed assets in Statement of Net Position.	109,436
Basis in assets disposed of during the year.	(11,665)
Total Net Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ (11,837)

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
December 31, 2021

Allen Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 was created under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:1491-1510 for the purpose of providing fire protection for the citizens of District 6 of Allen Parish. The district is governed by a board of commissioners composed of five members appointed by the Allen Parish Police Jury.

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of Allen Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

1. Financial Reporting Entity

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

GASB Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Allen Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization, and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.
- 2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but which are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
- 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the police jury appoints all members to the governing body and has the ability to impose its will on the District, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Allen Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying basic financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by the governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity. The District has no component units.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements-Continued December 31, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and GASB 34, "Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis-For State and Local Governments", issued in June 1999.

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements generally include all the financial activities of the District except for fiduciary-agency funds. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each of the functions of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include operating grants and contributions. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The various funds of the District are classified in one category: governmental. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or its total assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures are at least 10% of the corresponding total for all governmental funds. The major funds of the District are described below:

Governmental Fund Types:

General Fund -

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. All financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund, are accounted for in the General Fund.

Debt Service Fund -

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

3. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various basic financial statements. On the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, the governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with their activities are reported. Equity is classified as net position.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements-Continued December 31, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

The amounts reflected in the governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of District operations.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the basic financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions."

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

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes are recorded in the year taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent after December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December, January, and February of the fiscal year. The government considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. A one-year

availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental fund revenues. Those revenues susceptible to accrual include property taxes and interest income.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized and recorded under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due or when amounts have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payments to be made early in the following year. Capital expenditures are regarded as expenditures at the time of purchase.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements-Continued December 31, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

4. Deposits

Deposits include amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. State statutes authorize the District to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. government agencies, or time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana and national banks having an office or branch in the State of Louisiana or any other federally insured investment. In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP), a non-profit corporation formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. LAMP generates a local government investment pool.

5. Accounts Receivable

Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes and other receivables of governmental funds are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate that the particular receivable is not collectible.

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the statement of net position. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Estimated
	<u>Useful Lives</u>
Buildings and improvements	25-50 Years
Furniture and fixtures	12-25 Years
Machinery and equipment	5-25 Years
Vehicles	7-25 Years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

7. Budget

A general fund budget is adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. On or before the last meeting of each year, the budget is prepared by function and activity, based on information from the past year and current year estimates for the next fiscal year. The proposed budget is presented to the District's Board of Commissioners for review. The board holds a public hearing. Any changes in the budget must be within the revenues and reserves estimated. The final budget for 2021 consists of the original budget adopted November 19, 2020, which was amended on December 14, 2021.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements-Continued December 31, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

8. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of moneys are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the District as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the funds.

9. Equity Classification

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

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position All other net position that does not meet either of the above definitions.

The District's policy is to use restricted net position prior to the use of unrestricted net position when both restricted and unrestricted net position are available for an expense or expenditure which has been incurred.

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified follows:

- a. 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.
- b. Restricted Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- c. Committed Amounts that can be used for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board, which is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through resolutions approved by the Board.
- d. Assigned Amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the Board's adopted policy, only board members may assign amounts for specific purposes.
- e. Unassigned All other spendable amounts.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements-Continued December 31, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

The District's policy is to use restricted assets first when both restricted and other classes of fund balances are available unless prohibited by legal or contractual provisions. Additionally, the District will use committed and then assigned fund balances prior to utilizing unassigned fund balances when such classifications of fund balance are available for a selected expense or expenditure. However, the District reserves to right to selectively spend unassigned resources and to defer the use of other classified funds.

10. Use of Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

11. Long-Term Debt

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payments of principal and interest are reported as expenditures.

NOTE B - DEPOSITS

As of December 31, 2021, the District had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$1,374,774. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover its deposits or the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. On December 31, 2021, the District had \$1,376,291 in deposits (collected bank balances), all of which was secured from risk by federal deposit insurance and pledged securities as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$1,376,291</u>
Federal deposit insurance	\$ 750,000
Pledged securities (Category 3)	626,291
Total	<u>\$1,376,291</u>

Pledged securities in Category 3 includes uninsured or unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the District's name. Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3), Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities

Notes to Basic Financial Statements-Continued December 31, 2021

within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

NOTE C - AD VALOREM TAXES

For the year ended December 31, 2021, taxes of 11.42 mills were levied on property with taxable assessed valuations totaling \$43,470,260 dedicated as follows:

Maintenance millage expiring December 31, 2027

11.42 mills

Total taxes levied during 2021 were \$496,430. Total taxes collected during 2021 were \$539,483. Property tax millage rates are adopted before November for the calendar year in which the taxes are levied and recorded. All taxes are due and collectible when the assessment rolls are filed on or before November 15th of the current year and become delinquent after December 31st. Property taxes not paid by the end of February are subject to lien.

NOTE D - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets follows:

, , ,	12/31/20			12/31/21
	Balance	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 34,224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,224
Other capital assets:				
Buildings and improvements	441,614	-	9,916	431,698
Furniture and fixtures	4,353	1,092	_	5,445
Machinery and equipment	744,032	51,524	64,985	730,571
Vehicles	<u>1,414,239</u>	<u>56,820</u>	1,781	1,469,278
Total Capital Assets	2,638,462	109,436	76,682	2,671,216
Less: accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	169,285	11,352	5,022	175,615
Furniture and fixtures	3,405	235	_	3,640
Machinery and equipment	530,884	48,307	58,214	520,977
Vehicles	<u>744,724</u>	57,255	1,781	800,198
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,448,298</u>	117,149	65,017	<u>1,500,430</u>
Net Capital Assets	\$ <u>1,190,164</u>	\$ <u>(7,713)</u>	\$ <u>11,665</u>	\$ <u>1,170,786</u>

Depreciation expense in the amount of \$117,149 was charged to fire fighting and rescue in 2021.

NOTE E - LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of the long-term debt transactions during the year 2021:

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2020	\$ 244	4,000
Additions		
Reductions	244	<u>4,000</u>
Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2021	\$	

Notes to Basic Financial Statements-Continued December 31, 2021

NOTE F - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE G - LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The District was not involved in any litigation on December 31, 2021 or during the year then ended, except that the District was named as a defendant on one lawsuit involving an automobile accident. However, no District vehicle or personnel were actually involved in the accident and based on management's opinion, the ultimate disposition of such claim and legal proceeding is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the District's financial position or changes in financial position. If the District is liable at all, management expects any losses or liability to be fully covered by the District's liability insurance coverage.

NOTE H - SUBSEQUENT REVIEW

The District has evaluated subsequent events through June 14, 2022, the date which the basic financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE I - TAX ABATEMENTS

Louisiana's State Constitution Article VII, Section 21 authorized the State Board of Commerce and Industry to create a ten (10) year ad valorem tax abatement program for new manufacturing establishments in the State. Under the terms of this program, qualified businesses may apply for an exemption of local ad valorem taxes on capital improvements and equipment relating to manufacturing for the first ten years of its operation; after which the property will be added to the local tax roll and taxed at the value and millages in force at the time. The future value of this exempt property could be subject to significant fluctuation from Today's value; however, the District could receive an increase in ad valorem tax revenues once the exemption on this property expires. All applicable agreements have been entered into by the Allen Parish Police Jury and directly affect the District's ad valorem assessments. Because these taxes are not assessed or due, no adjustments have been made to the District's basic financial statements to record a receivable. As of December 31, 2021, \$4,366,080 of assessed property in the District's taxing jurisdiction is receiving this exemption. This resulted in ad valorem tax exemptions amounting to \$49,860 for the maintenance millage.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget and Actual General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Variance

		5						Favorable
	-	Budgete Original	d Amo	Final		Actual		(Unfavorable) Final to Actual
Revenues		Original		rillai		Actual	-	I mai to Actual
Ad valorem taxes	\$	480,000	\$	485,000	\$	480,886	\$	(4,114)
Intergovernmental	•	10,650	•	10,650	•	10,910	•	260
Interest income		2,600		3,000		1,629		(1,371)
Total Revenues		493,250		498,650		493,425		(5,225)
Expenditures								
Current:								
Advertising		1,200		1,200		1,130		70
Automotive		9,000		6,000		4,719		1,281
Bank service charges		100		100				100
Contract labor		40,000		42,000		41,930		70
Dues and subscriptions		500		3,000		81		2,919
Insurance		30,500		32,000		30,895		1,105
Postage and delivery		250		250		59		191
Professional fees		13,500		10,000		9,150		850
Repairs and maintenance		35,000		50,000		42,388		7,612
Supplies		5,000		3,500		2,789		711
Telephone		3,500		4,500		4,745		(245)
Training		500		500		200		300
Utilities		7,500		8,500		7,200		1,300
Capital Outlay		75,000		125,000		109,436		15,564
Total Expenditures		221,550		286,550		254,722		31,828
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over								
(Under) Expenditures		271,700		212,100		238,703		26,603
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Operating transfers			_			(6,031)		(6,031)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)						(6,031)		(6,031)
Net Change in Fund Balance		271,700		212,100		232,672		20,572
Fund Balance at Beginning of Period	<u> </u>	1,614,352		1,614,352		1,614,352		
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$	1,886,052	\$	1,826,452	\$	1,847,024	\$	20,572

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Compensation Paid to Board Members

Year Ended December 31, 2021

Randy Deshotel	\$ 270
Harlan Fontenot	210
Andrew Willis	300
Everett Lovejoy	330
Jerrod Wheat	_240
Total Compensation Paid to Board Members	\$1 <u>,350</u>

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Chief Executive Officer

Year Ended December 31, 2021

Chief Executive Officer: Jerrod Wheat, President

<u>Purpose</u>	Amount
Salary	\$ -0-
Benefits-insurance	-0-
Benefits-retirement	-0-
Benefits-cell phone	-0-
Car allowance	-0-
Vehicle provided by government	-0-
Per diem	240
Reimbursements	-0-
Travel	-0-
Registration fees	-0-
Conference travel	-0-
Continuing professional education fees	-0-
Housing	-0-
Unvouchered expenses	-0-
Special meals	-0-

See accompanying notes.

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

Board of Commissioners Allen Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 Oakdale, Louisiana June 14, 2022

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, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Allen Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, 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 14, 2022.

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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2021-1IC and 2021-2IC that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Board of Commissioners Allen Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 Oakdale, Louisiana June 14, 2022 Page 2

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2021-3C.

District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

This purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana as a public document.

Rayer T. Simmi, CPA, APAC

Royce T. Scimemi, CPA, APAC June 14, 2022

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND OUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: unqualified		
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weakness(es) identified?	yes	X_ no
 Control deficiencies(s) identified that are 		
not considered to be material weakness(es)?	_X_ yes	
Noncompliance material to financial		
statements noted?	yes	<u>X</u> no

Current Year Findings - Financial Statement Audit:

Finding #2021-1 I/C:

Lack of Documentation for Fuel Purchases

Criteria:

Adequate and effective internal control systems require the timely submission of fuel receipts to support purchases of fuel. The District uses fleet services fuel cards for fuel purchases and accounting. The District requires that receipts be obtained for all fuel purchases and submitted to the secretary. The secretary then reconciles the receipts to the monthly "Invoice Transaction Report" to ensure that all fuel purchases are proper. 28 fuel purchases were tested and receipts were located for 21 of them resulting in a 75% compliance rate. Of the 12 monthly statements provided, 4 included the Invoice Transaction Report. The other 8 months were reviewed and receipts were reconciled to the monthly billings in 2 of those 8 months.

Cause:

Inadequate or ineffective internal controls.

Effect:

Insufficient documentation for fuel purchases.

Recommendation: Procedures should be implemented to ensure receipts are obtained for all fuel purchases and submitted to the secretary to reconcile the monthly receipts to the monthly billing. The system used should also reflect miles per gallon data for comparison purposes.

Response:

See Corrective Action Plan

Finding #2021-2 I/C:

Inappropriate Compensation for Emergency Services

Criteria:

The District sent 4 firefighters to an area affected by Hurricane Ida to assist with emergency services. 2 of the firefighters were compensated for 24 hours a day for 4 days and the other 2 were compensated for 24 hours a day for 6 days. The resulting reimbursements amounted to \$9,936. The District paid these firefighters and have not to date been reimbursed by FEMA or any other government agencies. Based on the documentation provided, it appears unlikely that the full compensation by the District will be reimbursed.

Cause:

Reliance on advice that FEMA or another government agency would reimburse the compensation in full.

Effect:

Expenditures incurred for the benefit of others outside the District that are unlikely to be reimbursed

in full.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS-CONTINUED For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Recommendation: Obtain approval for reimbursement or actual reimbursement from another government agency

before compensating firefighters like this in the future.

Response: See Corrective Action Plan

Finding #2021-3 C:

Louisiana Public Bid Law Compliance

Criteria: For purchases of materials and supplies in between \$10,000 and \$30,000, the Louisiana Public Bid

Law requires that at least three phone or fax quotes be obtained and that the purchase contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The District purchased bunker gear for \$14,836 and

there were no phone or fax quotes of other bids provided as documentation of compliance.

Cause: Lack of compliance or failure to maintain documentation of compliance with the Louisiana Public

Bid Law. Documentation of compliance was not gathered at the time the purchase was made.

Effect: Possible violation of the Louisiana Public Bid Law.

Recommendation: The District should monitor large purchases to ensure compliance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law

and adequate documentation of such compliance.

Response: See Corrective Action Plan

Prior Year Findings:

There were no prior year findings.

Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards:

N/A

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (UNAUDITED) Year Ended December 31, 2021

Finding #2021-1 I/C:

Lack of Documentation for Fuel Purchases

The District will require that all fuel purchases be supported by receipts. The District will switch fuel cards to another system that will allow relative ease in reconciling receipts to monthly billings and obtain miles per gallon data for comparison to previous periods.

Finding #2021-2 I/C:

Inappropriate Compensation for Emergency Services

The District will obtain approval for reimbursement or actual reimbursement from another government agency before compensating firefighters for services performed outside the District.

Finding #2021-3 C:

Louisiana Public Bid Law Compliance

The District is aware of the requirements of the Louisiana Public Bid Law and will comply in the future.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS Year Ended December 31, 2021

There were no prior year audit findings.