

**ACADIA PARISH
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
EUNICE, LOUISIANA**

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners and Management of
Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4
Eunice, Louisiana

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4, a component unit of the Acadia Parish Policy Jury, as of and for the year ended September 30, 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 major fund of the Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4, as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may have 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,

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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.
- 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 Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4'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 Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Accounting principles generally accepted in United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on pages 21-22 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 the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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 accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head or chief executive officer on page 24, as required by the State of Louisiana, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 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 schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head or chief executive officer is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments 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 March 22, 2024, on our consideration of the Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4'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 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 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Thibodeaux Accounting Company
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Rayne, Louisiana
March 22, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

**ACADIA PARISH
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2023

With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended September 30, 2022

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>	
	2023	(Memo Only) 2022
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 460,903	\$ 883,145
Certificates of deposit	527,553	22,475
Prepaid expenses	-	0
Other receivables	-	-
Ad valorem receivable	42,646	42,550
Total current assets	\$ 1,031,102	\$ 948,170
Noncurrent Assets:		
Capital assets:		
Non-depreciable	\$ 107,952	\$ 107,952
Depreciable, net	1,089,196	1,146,874
Total noncurrent assets	\$ 1,197,148	\$ 1,254,826
Total Assets	\$ 2,228,250	\$ 2,202,996
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts and other payables	\$ 41,563	\$ 81,068
Total current liabilities	\$ 41,563	\$ 81,068
Total Liabilities	\$ 41,563	\$ 81,068
<u>NET POSITION</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 1,197,148	\$ 1,254,826
Unrestricted	989,539	867,102
Total Net Position	\$ 2,186,687	\$ 2,121,928
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 2,228,250	\$ 2,202,996

The Accompanying Notes Are An Integral Part of
These Financial Statements

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended September 30, 2022

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	
	2023	(Memo Only) 2022
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
General Government:		
Finance and administration	\$ 432,087	\$ 658,048
Depreciation	105,829	71,978
Total Expenses	\$ 537,916	\$ 730,026
 <u>GENERAL REVENUES</u>		
Ad valorem	\$ 575,258	\$ 575,901
Intergovernmental revenue - fire insurance rebate	6,562	7,781
Interest income	5,483	578
Grant income	-	-
Miscellaneous income	1,862	-
State revenue sharing	13,510	14,536
Total General Revenues	\$ 602,675	\$ 598,796
Change in Net Position	\$ 64,759	\$ (131,230)
Net Position, Beginning of Year	2,121,928	2,253,158
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 2,186,687	\$ 2,121,928

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FSS)

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**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2023**

With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended September 30, 2022

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>	
		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 460,903	\$ 460,903	\$ 883,145
Certificates of deposit	527,553	527,553	22,475
Other Receivables	-	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	-	-	-
Ad valorem receivable	42,646	42,646	42,550
	<u>42,646</u>	<u>42,646</u>	<u>42,550</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 1,031,102</u>	 <u>\$ 1,031,102</u>	 <u>\$ 948,170</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES</u>			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts and other payables	\$ 41,563	\$ 41,563	\$ 81,068
	<u>41,563</u>	<u>41,563</u>	<u>81,068</u>
Fund Balances:			
Unassigned	989,539	989,539	867,102
	<u>989,539</u>	<u>989,539</u>	<u>867,102</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 989,539</u>	<u>\$ 989,539</u>	<u>\$ 867,102</u>
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	 <u>\$ 1,031,102</u>	 <u>\$ 1,031,102</u>	 <u>\$ 948,170</u>

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2023

	<u>2023</u>
Total fund balance for governmental funds	\$ 989,539
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:	
Land	107,952
Buildings and improvements, net of \$122,699 accumulated depreciation	271,908
Machinery and equipment, net of \$1,043,857 accumulated depreciation	<u>817,288</u>
Total net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 2,186,687</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended September 30, 2022

<u>REVENUES</u>	General Fund	Total (Memorandum Only)	
	2023	2022	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 575,258	\$ 575,258	\$ 575,901
Insurance rebates	6,562	6,562	7,781
State revenue sharing	13,510	13,510	14,536
Grant income	-	-	-
Miscellaneous income	1,862	1,862	-
Interest income	5,483	5,483	578
Total Revenues	\$ 602,675	\$ 602,675	\$ 598,796
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
General Government:			
Finance and administration	\$ 432,087	\$ 432,087	\$ 658,048
Capital outlay	48,151	48,151	566,448
Total Expenditures	\$ 480,238	\$ 480,238	\$ 1,224,496
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ 122,437	\$ 122,437	\$ (625,700)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 122,437	\$ 122,437	\$ (625,700)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	867,102	867,102	1,492,802
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 989,539	\$ 989,539	\$ 867,102

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO CHANGE IN NET POSITION FOR THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
September 30, 2023

	<u>2023</u>
Net change in fund balance - governmental fund	\$ 122,437
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.	
Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance	48,151
Depreciation expense for the year then ended	<u>(105,829)</u>
Change in net position for statement of activities	<u>\$ 64,759</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

(A) Financial Reporting Entity

The Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4 was created as a fire protection district by resolution of the Police Jury of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana on February 14, 1989 to provide fire protection services. The district shall have all the powers of public corporations, including perpetual existence and the right and power to incur debt and contract obligations, to sue and be sued, and to have a corporate seal. The district shall also be authorized to do and perform all acts in its corporate capacity and in its name, necessary or proper for effective fire prevention and control.

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

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

The District was determined to be a component unit of the Acadia Parish Police Jury financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the parish government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Acadia Parish Policy Jury maintains fiscal and budgetary control over the District and must approve any holding of an election or incurring of debt or levy of any taxes or parcel fees by the board.

(B) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4 (hereafter referred to as the District) have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

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(C) Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records and report the results of its operations. 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.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all or most of the District's general activities including the collection and disbursements of specific or legally restrictive monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term debt. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the District. The following is a description of the District's governmental fund:

- a. General Fund – the primary operating fund of the District and it accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to District policy.

(D) Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Fund Financial Statements

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 balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financial sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to the government-wide view of the District's operations.

The amounts reflected in the Governmental Funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are generally recognized when they both become 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 year end. Ad valorem tax revenue and insurance rebate revenue are recorded when due. Substantially, all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures (including capital outlays) are generally recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the financial activities of the Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4 as a

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whole. These statements include all the non-fiduciary activities of the District. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Ad valorem or property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

(E) Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable government-wide financial statements, capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$500 for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings and improvements	10 - 40 years
Equipment	5 - 15 years

(F) Fund Balance - Fund Financial Statements –

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used.

Nonspendable- funds that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted- funds 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.

Committed- funds that are constrained by limitations that the government imposes on itself. These amounts are imposed at the highest level of authority. These amounts are binding unless removed in the same manner that it was imposed and any action must be taken prior to year-end.

Assigned- funds whose intended use has been established. These amounts can be, but are not required to be, imposed at the highest level of authority. They do not have to be binding and action does not have to be taken prior to year-end.

Unassigned- all other spendable amounts.

The District considers restricted fund balances to be spent for governmental expenditures first when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available. The District also considers committed fund balances to be spent first when other unrestricted fund balance classification are available for use.

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The Board of Commissioners establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of an ordinance or resolution. This is typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a designation or commitment of the fund (such as for special incentives).

(G) Net Position - Government-Wide Statements

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The District reports three categories of net position as follows:

1. Net investment in capital assets – consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows or resources attributable to the acquisition, constructions, or improvement of those assets and increase by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets.
2. Restricted net position – net position is considered restricted if their use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws or buyers of the District's bonds. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets.
3. Unrestricted net position – consist of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the District.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, management applies restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

(H) Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 vary from those estimates.

(I) Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is employed as an extension of the formal budgetary process. Under this method, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditures of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation. Any encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balances since they do not constitute expenditures of liabilities. There were no encumbrances outstanding at September 30, 2023 as the District does not utilize this method.

Note 2. Cash and Investments

Under state law, the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in certificates and time deposits of the state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At September 30, 2023, the District had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$988,456, as follows:

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Demand deposits	\$460,903
Time deposits	<u>\$527,553</u>
Total	<u>\$988,456</u>

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District's deposits may not be recovered or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal security or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must always equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the District or the pledging fiscal agent bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) at September 30, 2023 are secured as follows:

Bank Balances	<u>\$ 991,517</u>
Federal Deposit Insurance	250,000
Pledged Securities	<u>741,517</u>
Total	<u>991,517</u>

Deposits in the amount of \$741,517 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

Note 3. Ad Valorem Taxes

Government-wide financial statements-

Ad valorem taxes are recognized in the year for which they are levied, net of uncollectible amounts, as applicable.

Fund financial statements-

Ad valorem taxes are levied by the Acadia Parish Tax Assessor in September or October and are actually billed to the taxpayers in November. Taxes are due by December 31 of that year and are normally collected in December of the current year and in January and February of the ensuing year. Billed taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property and become delinquent on January 1 of each year following the year the taxes are levied. Ad valorem tax revenues are recognized when levied to the extent that they result in current receivables.

The Acadia Parish Sheriff's Department bills and collects property taxes using the assessed values determined by the parish assessor. The Acadia Parish Tax Collector sends the district's share of the property taxes collected directly to the Fire District's Board of Commissioners.

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For the year ended September 30, 2023, the 2022 tax rolls of 8.00 mills were levied on property with an assessed valuation totaling \$78,468,456. Total taxes levied were \$575,258.

Note 4. Compensated Absences

The District has no established leave policies.

Note 5. Risk Management

The District is exposed to certain risks of losses such as property damage, liability issues, and other potential losses that may occur. The District minimizes its losses by purchase of commercial insurance. The District's exposure over the amount of insurance is considered to be immaterial.

Note 6. Compensation of Commissioners

A detail of compensation paid to the Board of Commissioners for the year ended September 30, 2023 follows:

Roger Pedigo, President	\$ 1,300
John R. Ruppert, Secretary/Treasurer	1,300
Stephen Miller	1,300
Thomas K. Frey	1,300
Robert Fontenot	1,300
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	\$ 6,500
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Note 7. Litigation

As of September 30, 2023, there was no litigation or claims against the District.

Note 8. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period ended September 30, 2023.

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For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Note 9. Capital Assets and Depreciation

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

	2023			
	9/30/2022	Additions	Retirements	9/30/2023
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated-				
Construction in Progress	\$ -	-	-	-
Land	107,952	-	-	107,952
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	\$ 107,952	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107,952
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings and improvements	\$ 389,411	-	-	389,411
Machinery and equipment	1,818,190	48,151	-	1,866,341
Total capital assets being depreciated	\$ 2,207,601	\$ 48,151	\$ -	\$ 2,255,752
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	\$ (108,166)	\$ (14,824)	\$ -	\$ (122,990)
Machinery and equipment	(952,561)	(91,005)	-	(1,043,566)
Total accumulated depreciation	\$ (1,060,727)	\$ (105,829)	\$ -	\$ (1,166,556)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	\$ 1,146,874	\$ (57,678)	\$ -	\$ 1,089,196
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 1,254,826	\$ (57,678)	\$ -	\$ 1,197,148

Total depreciation expense for the year ended September 30, 2023 was \$105,829.

Note 10. Evaluation of Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 22, 2024. This date represents the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**ACADIA PARISH
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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended September 30, 2022

	2023			Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	(Memo Only)
	Budget		Actual		2022
	Original	Final			Actual
Revenues:					
Ad valorem	\$ 557,000	\$ 515,000	\$ 575,258	\$ 60,258	\$ 575,901
Insurance rebate	7,900	8,500	6,562	(1,938)	7,781
State revenue sharing	14,900	13,525	13,510	(15)	14,536
Grant income	-	-	-		-
Miscellaneous income	-	-	1,862	1,862	-
Interest	650	655	5,483	4,828	578
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 580,450</u>	<u>\$ 537,680</u>	<u>\$ 602,675</u>	<u>\$ 64,995</u>	<u>\$ 598,796</u>
Expenditures:					
Current-					
General government:					
General government	\$ 465,180	\$ 463,480	\$ 432,087	\$ 31,393	\$ 658,048
Capital outlay	125,000	2,500	48,151	(45,651)	566,448
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 590,180</u>	<u>\$ 465,980</u>	<u>\$ 480,238</u>	<u>\$ (14,258)</u>	<u>\$ 1,224,496</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ (9,730)</u>	<u>\$ 71,700</u>	<u>\$ 122,437</u>	<u>\$ 50,737</u>	<u>\$ (625,700)</u>
Other sources (uses)					
Operating transfers in	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	-	-
Total other sources (uses)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	<u>\$ (9,730)</u>	<u>\$ 71,700</u>	<u>\$ 122,437</u>	<u>\$ 50,737</u>	<u>\$ (625,700)</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning of year	<u>867,102</u>	<u>867,102</u>	<u>867,102</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,492,802</u>
Fund Balances - End of year	<u><u>\$ 857,372</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 938,802</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 989,539</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 50,737</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 867,102</u></u>

The Accompanying Notes Are An Integral Part of
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NOTES TO THE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Note 1. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4 uses the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. The President submits to the Board of Commissioners a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. The budget is then legally enacted through adoption by the board.
4. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
5. The budget is employed as a management control device during the year that assists its users in financial activity analysis.

All budget appropriations lapse at year end. The budgets presented are the originally adopted budget and the final budget made during the year.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS
TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Agency Head Name: Roger Pedigo, President

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 1,300
Benefits-insurance	-
Benefits-retirement	-
Benefits-other	-
Car allowance	-
Vehicle provided by government	-
Per diem	-
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration fees	-
Conference travel	-
Continuing professional education fees	-
Housing	-
Unvouchered expenses	-
Special meals	-
Other	1,039
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	\$ 2,339
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See independent auditor's report.

**COMPLIANCE, INTERNAL CONTROL
& OTHER INFORMATION**

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

To the Board of Directors and Management of
Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4
Eunice, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4 as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4's basic financial statements and have issued or report thereon dated March 22, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4'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 Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4'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 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 did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan at 2023-1 and 2023-2 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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 two instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and they are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and correction action plan at 2023-3 and 2023-4.

Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4'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

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Board and management of the Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4, the Acadia Parish Police Jury, and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.



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Rayne, Louisiana
March 22, 2024

**ACADIA PARISH
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Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

2022-1 The Fire District does not have a person who has the qualifications and training to apply generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in recording the entity's financial transactions or preparing its financial statements, including the related notes.

Recommendation: The District should hire a CPA to prepare the financial statements; however, the District's Board should review and take responsibility for the financial statements, including the related notes, and any adjusting journal entries.

Status: Unresolved.

2022-2 The Fire District does not have an adequate segregation of duties in the administrative office. A system of internal control procedures contemplates a segregation of duties so that no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to its completion.

Recommendation: None as this condition is common to most agencies of this type with limited resources and is difficult to resolve due to the funding limitations.

Status: Unresolved.

2022-3 The Fire District failed to submit minutes of its board meetings to the official journal in a timely fashion.

Recommendation: The District should educate themselves on Louisiana Revised Statute 43 and comply with it in the future.

Status: Unresolved.

2022-4 A District employee did not take the one hour ethics course as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1170.

Recommendation: The District should educate themselves on Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1170 and comply with it in the future.

Status: Unresolved.

2022-5 The Fire District did not properly amend their budget.

Recommendation: The District should comply with LA R.S. 39:1309 and amend its budget upon a change in operations or conditions.

Status: Resolved.

2022-6 Late filing of audit report.

Recommendation: The District should take necessary actions to ensure that their annual financial statement audit is completed and submitted within six months of the close of their fiscal year.

Status: Resolved.

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These Financial Statements

**ACADIA PARISH
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EUNICE, LOUISIANA**

Schedule of Current Year Findings and
Management's Responses and Corrective Action Plan
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

PART I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Auditor's Report

An unmodified opinion has been issued on the basic financial statements of the Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4 as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Internal Control - Financial Reporting

There were two significant deficiencies in internal control on financial reporting that were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2023 and are identified as 2023-1 and 2023-2.

Material Noncompliance – Financial Reporting

There were two instances of noncompliance that were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2023 and they are identified as 2023-3 and 2023-4.

PART II. FINDING RELATING TO AN AUDIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

2023-1 Unqualified Staff to Apply GAAP

Finding: The Fire District does not have a person who has the qualifications and training to apply generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in recording the entity's financial transactions or preparing its financial statements, including the related notes.

Cause: The District's volunteers lack training in implementation of generally accepted accounting principles.

Recommendation: The District should hire a CPA to prepare the financial statements; however, the District's Board should review and take responsibility for the financial statements, including the related notes, and any adjusting journal entries.

Response: Management concurs.

Planned Corrective Action: The Fire District has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and determined that it is in the best interest of the government to outsource this task to its independent auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their contents and presentation and any adjusting journal entries.

**ACADIA PARISH
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Schedule of Current Year Findings and
Management's Responses and Corrective Action Plan
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2023-2 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Finding: The Fire District has no employees. A board is appointed and maintains all financial records. Due to this fact, the Fire District did not have adequate segregation of duties to provide effective internal control.

Cause: The condition is due to economic and space limitations.

Recommendation: No action is recommended.

Response: Management concurs.

Planned Corrective Action: None as this condition is common to most agencies of this type with limited resources and is difficult to resolve due to the funding limitations.

2023-3 Finding: Failure to submit board minutes to the official journal

Finding: The Fire District failed to submit minutes of its board meetings to the official journal in a timely fashion.

Cause: Louisiana Revised Statute 43 requires public bodies to publish its meeting minutes in its official journal.

Recommendation: The District should educate themselves on this statute and comply with it in the future.

Response: Management concurs.

Planned Corrective Action: The District is aware of this requirement. There is no estimated date of completion.

2023-4 Finding: Ethics Course Violation

Finding: Several district employees did not take the one-hour ethics course as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1170. This statute requires all elected officials and public servants to complete a one-hour ethics course each year.

Cause: The bookkeeper informed all employees about the ethics course requirement but several employees failed to complete the course.

Recommendation: The District should educate themselves on this statute and comply with it in the future.

Response: Management concurs.

Planned Corrective Action: The District will ensure that all employees complete the one-hour ethics course annually. The District estimates this to be resolved by September 30, 2024.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

The Board of Commissioners and Management of
Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4
Eunice, Louisiana
And the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

March 22, 2024

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023. The District's 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 October 1, 2022 - September 30, 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:

1) *Written Policies and Procedures*

- A. 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:
- i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
No exceptions noted.
 - ii. **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.
The District does not use P.O. system. An exception was noted in the fact that the District did not have how the vendors are added to the list.
 - iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
No exceptions noted.
 - iv. **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).
Exception noted. There are no written policies and procedures regarding receipts/collections.

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- v. **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.
Exception noted.
- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
Exception noted.
- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
No exceptions noted.
- viii. **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 noted.
- ix. **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.
Exceptions noted.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
Not applicable.
- xi. **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.
Exceptions noted.
- xii. **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.
Exceptions noted.

2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. 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
 - i. 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.
Exception noted. There was no meeting two of the twelve months due to a lack of quorum.
 - ii. 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. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity*

relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.

Exception noted.

- iii. 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.

Not applicable.

- iv. 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.

Exception noted.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. 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:

- i. 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 noted.

- ii. 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 (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

No exceptions noted.

- iii. 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 noted.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. 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).

The list was provided by management. Only one site for collection.

- B. 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 (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are 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

- i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;

Not applicable. No cash is collected.

- ii. 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;
Exception noted. The Bookkeeper receives payments through the mail and posts entries.
 - iii. 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
Exception noted. The bookkeeper receives payments through the mail and posts entries.
 - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
Exception noted. The bookkeeper is responsible for all.
- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
Policy was obtained. No exceptions noted.
- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (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). *Alternatively, 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:
- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
Not applicable.
 - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
Not applicable.
 - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
Not applicable.
 - iv. Observe that 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).
Not applicable.
 - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.
Not applicable.

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

- A. 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).
Only one location and management representation obtained.
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A 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, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that
 - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;

No exception noted.

- ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
No exception noted.
- iii. 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;
Exception noted.
- iv. 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
Exception noted. The bookkeeper mails checks and processes payments.
- v. 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 noted.

[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A 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
 - i. 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, and
No exceptions noted.
 - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
Exception noted. There was no evidence of segregation of duties on any of the invoices tested.
- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, 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.
Exception noted. Electronic disbursements are approved at monthly meetings but there is no backup or list detailing which amounts were approved.

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

- A. 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.
There are no active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, or purchase cards.
- B. 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

- i. 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
Not applicable.
 - ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
Not applicable.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B 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 (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that 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 observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a “missing receipt statement” that is subject to increased scrutiny.
Not applicable.

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

- A. 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 and 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
- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that 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);
No exceptions noted.
 - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
No exceptions noted.
 - iii. Observe that 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 Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
No exceptions noted.
 - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.
No exceptions noted.

8) Contracts

- A. 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. *Alternatively, 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
- i. 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;
Not applicable.
 - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
Note applicable.
 - iii. 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
Not applicable.
 - iv. 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 that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.
Not applicable.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. 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 noted.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
- i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
No exceptions noted.
 - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
No exceptions noted.
 - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
Not applicable. There is no accrued leave.
 - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
No exceptions noted.
- C. 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.

Not applicable.

- D. 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.

Management's representation obtained.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
- i. 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
Exception noted.
 - ii. 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.
Exception noted. The District does not have an ethics policy.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.
No exceptions noted.

11) Debt Service

- A. 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.
Not applicable.
- B. 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).
Not applicable.

12) Fraud Notice

- A. 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 misappropriations were reported.
- B. Observe that 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.
No exceptions noted.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures,
- i. 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 procedures and discussed the results with management.
 - ii. 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 procedures and discussed the results with management.
 - iii. 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 procedures and discussed the results with management.
- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

Not applicable. There were no terminated employees.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that 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.

Exception noted. Four employees tested did not complete one hour of sexual harassment training.
- B. Observe that 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).

Exception noted.

- C. 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 that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
Exception noted. Report not filed on or before February 1.
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
Exception noted. Report not filed on or before February 1.
 - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
Exception noted. Report not filed on or before February 1.
 - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
Exception noted. Report not filed on or before February 1.
 - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.
Exception noted. Report not filed on or before February 1.

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 Acadia Parish Fire District No. 4 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended 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.



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