

**LAFOURCHE PARISH**  
**Fire Protection District No. 2**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**LAFOURCHE PARISH**  
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**LAFOURCHE PARISH Fire Protection District No. 2**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

This discussion and analysis of Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2's (the District) financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The basic financial statements provide these insights into the results of this year's operations:

- Net position of our governmental activities increased by \$178,364 or approximately 7% as a result of this year's operations.
- Total expenses for program activities were \$567,385. General revenues from ad valorem taxes collected; insurance proceeds and investment earnings of \$745,749 resulted in the increase in net position.
- The governmental funds reported a total ending fund balance of \$1,394,975, all considered unassigned, an increase of \$260,203 from the prior year.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS) - The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the financial activities as a whole and present a longer-term view of the finances. Fund Financial Statements (FFS) – The Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund Financial Statements also report the operations in more detail than the Government-Wide Statements by providing information about the most significant funds.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)**

These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the net position and changes in them. You can think of the net position—the difference between assets and liabilities—as one way to measure the financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report governmental activities. Most of the basic fire protection services are reported as this type.

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**Fund Financial Statements (FFS)**

The Fund Financial Statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds—not the operations as a whole.

The District utilizes the governmental type of fund with the following accounting approach. Most of the basic fire protection services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance programs.

We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliations at the bottom and following the fund financial statements.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (GWFS)**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities reports all governmental activities. All of the governmental activities are reported as this type. Our analysis below focuses on the net assets of the governmental-type activities:

Condensed Statement of Net Position	2022	2023	Increase (Decrease)
Current and Other Assets	\$1,500,812	\$1,726,013	\$ 225,201
Capital Assets	1,117,126	1,034,307	(82,819)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>2,617,938</u>	<u>2,760,320</u>	<u>142,382</u>
Current Liabilities	-	-	-
Deferred Inflows of Resources	367,020	331,038	(35,982)
Net Invested in Capital Assets	1,117,126	1,034,307	(82,819)
Unrestricted	1,133,792	1,394,975	261,183
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u><u>\$2,250,918</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,429,282</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 178,364</u></u>

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As a result of this year's operations, net position increased by \$178,364. Current assets – mainly cash and investments increased due to the increase due to operations. Capital assets and the respective net invested in capital assets decreased by 7% due to the depreciation in excess of assets purchased and capitalized in the current year. The balance in net position of \$2,429,282 represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations.

Condensed Statement of Activities	2022	2023	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Program Expenses:</b>			
Current	\$ 784,039	\$ 319,144	\$(464,895)
Depreciation - unallocated	<u>141,395</u>	<u>248,241</u>	<u>106,846</u>
<b>Total program expenses</b>	<u>925,434</u>	<u>567,385</u>	<u>(358,049)</u>
General revenues	<u>355,729</u>	<u>745,749</u>	<u>390,020</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	(569,705)	178,364	748,069
<b>Net Position:</b>			
Beginning of the year	<u>2,820,623</u>	<u>2,250,918</u>	<u>(569,705)</u>
End of the year	<u><u>\$2,250,918</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,429,282</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 178,364</u></u>

The total revenues for the year in governmental activities were \$745,749 (all in general revenues), an increase of over \$390,000 – from a grant from LaGov. The total cost of all fire protection services was \$567,385, a decrease from the prior year by over \$358,000.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS (FFS)**

Funds are used to control and manage money for particular purposes. Reviewing individual funds provides the information to determine if an entity is being accountable for the resources provided and may also give you more insight into the overall financial health.

The General Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,394,975 all considered unassigned and available for future use. This reflects an increase of \$260,203 from the prior year.

The General Fund received \$313,331 in ad valorem taxes – an increase of 20% from the prior year and \$391,470 in intergovernmental revenues – an increase from the prior year.

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The District spent \$426,946 in current expenditures such as operating services and materials and supplies and a transfer to the Lockport Volunteer Fire Department of \$194,806. Capital outlay of \$58,600 added to the current expenditures resulted in total expenditures of \$485,546 in the General Fund.

The District began the year with \$1,134,772 in available fund balance with the increase in fund balance of \$260,203 and ended the year with \$1,394,975 in unassigned available fund balance.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The original budget for the General Fund was revised during the year as follows:

Original Budgeted Revenues	\$335,000
<b>Amendments were made for:</b>	
Increased taxes – ad valorem	55,500
Increased Intergovernmental revenue	299,194
Increased interest and other	39,033
<b>Total revenue amendments</b>	<b>393,727</b>
Amended Budgeted Revenues	\$728,727
Original Budgeted Expenditures	\$1,076,766
<b>Amendments were made for:</b>	
Increased current expenditures	45,100
Increased capital expenditures	70,000
<b>Total expenditure amendments</b>	<b>115,100</b>
Amended Budgeted Expenditures	\$508,106

The total revenue and expenditure variances were both favorable and in compliance with the Louisiana Local Budget Act.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
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**CAPITAL ASSETS**

The summary of investment in capital assets and depreciation, for governmental activities follows:

	2023	2022
Land	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600
Buildings	53,200	53,200
Trucks	2,130,033	2,130,033
Equipment	323,737	265,137
Total Cost	2,509,970	2,450,970
Accumulated Depreciation	1,475,263	1,333,844
Net Capital Assets	\$ 1,034,307	\$ 1,117,126
Depreciation Expense	\$ 141,419	\$ 141,395

This year there was \$58,600 in additions and no deletions to the capital asset list. More detailed information about the capital assets is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

Among the factors considered in compiling the 2024 budget were:

1. projects and purchases anticipated
2. new laws and regulations enacted that would apply to the upcoming year
3. new revenue sources or expenditures not previously encountered.

Highlights of next year's adopted budget for the general fund include:

Projected Revenue	\$410,600
Projected Expenditures	(795,900)
	\$ (385,300)

**CONTACTING THE DISTRICT 'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact:

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P.O. Box 337  
Lockport, LA 70374



# STAGNI & COMPANY, LLC

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

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

To the Board of Commissioners  
Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2  
Lockport, LA

### ***Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements***

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 (the District), a component unit of Lafourche Parish Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management's 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 statement that are free of 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 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.
- 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 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 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 Required Supplementary Information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not 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 sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Compensation of Payments to the Agency Heads but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 2, 2024, on our consideration of the 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 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 the internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Stagni & Company*

August 2, 2024  
Thibodaux, Louisiana



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**LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**

Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2023

**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	150,521
Investments-LAMP		1,276,321
Taxes Receivable		112,373
Due from other government - ad valorem taxes		186,798
Capital assets, net of depreciation		<u>1,034,307</u>
Total assets		<u><u>2,760,320</u></u>

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable		<u>-</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>-</u>

**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Subsequent year - property taxes		331,038
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**NET POSITION**

Net Investment in capital assets		1,034,307
Unrestricted		<u>1,394,975</u>
Total net position	\$	<u><u>2,429,282</u></u>

**LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**

Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

<b>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</b>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		Net (Expense) Revenue
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	
General government - current	\$ 11,573	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (11,573)
Public Safety - Fire Protection				
Maintenance	67,526	-	-	(67,526)
Supplies & Training	7,980	-	-	(7,980)
Utilities	14,285	-	-	(14,285)
Fuel	5,937	-	-	(5,937)
General & Administration	71,404	-	-	(71,404)
Depreciation	140,439	-	-	(140,439)
Other	248,241	-	-	(248,241)
Total governmental activities:	<u>\$ 567,385</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(567,385)</u>
<b>General revenues:</b>				
Ad Valorem Taxes				313,331
Intergovernmental revenues				
State revenue sharing				7,608
State fire insurance rebate				58,490
LaGov				312,129
Interest				54,191
			Total general revenues	<u>745,749</u>
<b>Change in net position</b>				<u>178,364</u>
<b>Net Position :</b>				
			Beginning	<u>2,250,918</u>
			Ending	<u><u>\$ 2,429,282</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements.

**LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

December 31, 2023

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$	150,521
Investments-LAMP		1,276,321
Taxes receivable		112,373
Due from other governments		
Ad Valorem Tax		186,798
Total assets	\$	<u>1,726,013</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$	-
Total liabilities		<u>-</u>

**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Subsequent year - property taxes		331,038
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**FUND BALANCES**

Unassigned		<u>1,394,975</u>
Total fund balances		<u>1,394,975</u>

**RECONCILIATION TO STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS:**

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		1,034,307
	\$	<u>2,429,282</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>General</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Property Taxes	\$ 313,331
Intergovernmental - State	
Revenue Sharing	7,608
Insurance Rebate	58,490
LaGov	312,129
Interest earned	54,191
Other Income	-
Total Revenues	<u>745,749</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
General government - current	
Ad Valorem tax deductions	11,573
Public Safety - current:	
Operating Services	387,093
Materials and Supplies	<u>28,280</u>
Total current expenditures	426,946
Capital outlay	<u>58,600</u>
Total expenditures	<u>485,546</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	260,203
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>	
Beginning of year	1,134,772
Ending of year	<u>\$ 1,394,975</u>
<b>Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds</b>	\$ 260,203
<b>RECONCILIATION TO STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:</b>	
<p>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.</p>	
Capital Asset purchases	\$ 58,600
Depreciation	<u>(140,439)</u>
	<u>(81,839)</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 178,364</u>

See notes to the financial statements .



**LAFOURCHE PARISH**  
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*NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*  
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**Note 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*B.      Basis of Presentation (continued)*

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)**

In the government-wide Statement of Net Positions, the governmental activities are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The net assets are reported in three parts—net investment in capital assets; restricted net assets; and unrestricted net assets.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the governmental activities. These functions are also supported by general government revenues (ad valorem taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest earned). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants. This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability as an entity and the change in the net assets resulting from the current year's activities.

**Fund Accounting**

The District uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

**Governmental Funds**

Governmental Funds are those through which the governmental functions are financed. The acquisition, use, and balances of the expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through Governmental Funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in financial position, rather than upon net income determination. The Governmental Fund is the General Fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.



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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**Note 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*C.      Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting*

The government-wide financial statements are reported using 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. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year in which they are assessed. Other revenue is recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider are met.

The governmental fund financial statements are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental fund financial statements. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

- Ad valorem taxes and the insurance rebate are considered "measurable" at the time of availability since the timing of their collection coincides with the timing of the expenditures to be paid.
- Interest income on investments is recorded when the investments have matured and the income is available.
- Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash by the District because they are generally not measurable until actually received.
- Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

*D.      Budgets*

The District complies with the "Louisiana Local Government Budget Act" and henceforth, budgets are adopted for its governmental funds on a modified accrual basis that is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

**Note 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*D.      Budgets (continued)*

Annual budgets are prepared by the Chief Executive Officer of the Board along with a budget message and presented to the Board for adoption no later than 15 days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Budgets are adopted for the fiscal year and lapse at a year-end. The budget is amended by supplemental appropriations as needed to during the year to comply with state law.

*E.      Cash and Investments*

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing deposits, and money market accounts. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. Under state law, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. Investments are stated at cost.

Louisiana state law allows all political subdivisions to invest excess funds in obligations of the United States or any other federally insured investments, certificates of deposit of any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the state of Louisiana, guaranteed investment contracts and investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic corporations.

*F.      Capital Assets*

Capital assets, which include land, improvements, stations and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are capitalized at historical cost. 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.

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

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>LIFE</b>
BUILDINGS	25-40 YEARS
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	5-7 YEARS
VEHICLES	10-20 YEARS

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*NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*  
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**Note 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*G.      Fund Equity*

For government-wide financial statements net assets are classified and displayed in three components:

- Net invested in capital assets – 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, if any.
- Restricted net assets – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributions or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net assets – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net invested in capital assets.”

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District’s Policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned.

- Non-spendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form.
- Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by creditors, grantors, or contributors or by enabling legislation or constitutional provisions.
- Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by the Board through approval in minutes.
- Assigned fund balances is a limitation imposed by a designee of the Board.
- Unassigned fund balance in the General Fund is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories.

Negative unassigned fund balance in other governmental funds represents excess expenditures incurred over the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

**LAFOURCHE PARISH**  
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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**Note 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*H.      Estimates*

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

**Note 2      DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

*Deposits:*

A summary of deposits are listed as follows:

	<b>Reported Amount</b>	<b>Bank Balance</b>
<b>Cash</b>	\$150,521	\$180,525

State law requires that deposits of all political subdivisions be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes the FDIC insurance and the market value of securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished, as security must be held by the political subdivision or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of the political subdivision.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, deposits may not be returned to it. All of the District's deposits are adequately secured by FDIC insurance and the market value of securities pledged.

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, R.S. 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the entity that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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**Note 2      DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

*Investments:*

Investments of \$1,276,321 include amounts invested in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a state and local government investment pool. The investments in LAMP have an average maturity of 60 days or less. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., which is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer in 1993. A board of directors consisting of the State Treasurer, representatives from various organizations of local government, the Government Finance Officers Association of Louisiana, and the Society of Louisiana CPA's governs the corporation. These approved investments are carried at cost, which approximate market and may be liquidated as needed. This investment pool has not been assigned a risk category since the District is not issued securities, but rather owns an undivided beneficial interest in the assets of this pool.

**Note 3 AD VALOREM TAX REVENUE/RECEIVABLE/DUE FROM TAX COLLECTOR**

*Revenue:* Property taxes are levied each December 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real property, merchandise, and moveable property located in the Parish. Assessed values are established by the Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at the percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law.

A reevaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. The Lafourche Parish Assessor informed the District that as a result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida they would be conducting a revaluation as per RS 47:1978.1. The revaluation was completed in February 2022. Taxes are due and payable December 31 with interest being charged on payments after January 1. Taxes can be paid through the tax sale date, which is the last Wednesday in June. Properties for which the taxes have not been paid are sold for the amount of the taxes.

The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2022 that the 2023 revenue was calculated was 5.24 mills assessed valuation on property within Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 for the purpose of public safety within the District. The assessed values of real property upon which 2022 property tax were based was \$70,042,216.

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**Note 3 AD VALOREM TAX REVENUE/RECEIVABLE/DUE FROM TAX COLLECTOR**  
**(continued)**

*Receivable/Due from Tax Collector* - The Lafourche Parish Sheriff collects and remits property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in their respective jurisdictions. Property taxes receivable represents real property taxes, and outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31, 2023 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In the governmental funds, the current portion receivable has been offset by deferred revenue since the current taxes were not levied to finance 2024 operations and the collection of delinquent taxes has been offset by a deferred inflow of resources since the collection of the taxes during the available period is not subject to reasonable estimation. On a modified accrual basis the revenue is reported as a deferred inflow of resources.

The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2023 – for revenue to be recognized in 2024 was 5.24 mills of assessed valuation on property within the District. The assessed values of real property upon which the 2024 property taxes are based on is \$63,174,210.

**Note 4           COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

No compensation was paid to Board Members during the year ended December 31, 2023.

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**Note 5 CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activity for the year is as follows:

Governmental Activities:	12/31/22 Balance	Additions	Decreases	12/31/23 Balance
<b>Capital assets, not being depreciated</b>				
Land	\$2,600	-	-	\$2,600
<b>Capital assets being depreciated</b>				
Buildings	53,200	-	-	53,200
Trucks	2,130,033	-	*	2,130,033
Equipment	265,137	58,600	-	323,737
<b>Total being depreciated</b>	<b>\$2,448,370</b>	<b>\$58,600</b>	-	<b>\$2,506,970</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,450,970</b>			<b>\$2,509,570</b>

**Less accumulated depreciation:**

Buildings	\$20,957	\$1,443	\$-	\$22,400
Trucks	1,084,504	111,287	-	1,195,791
Equipment	228,383	28,689	-	257,072
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,333,844</b>	<b>\$141,419</b>	-	<b>\$1,475,263</b>
<b>Capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$1,117,126</b>			<b>\$1,034,307</b>

Depreciation expense of \$141,419 for the year was charged to the governmental activities in the Statement of Activities.

**LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**

Budget Comparison Schedule - General Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final (Amended)		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes - Ad Valorem	\$ 250,000	\$ 305,500	\$ 313,331	\$ 7,831
Intergovernmental - State				
Revenue Sharing	10,000	7,608	7,608	-
Insurance Rebate	69,000	58,490	58,490	-
LaGov	-	312,096	312,129	33.00
Use of money and property				
Interest earned	6,000	45,000	54,191	9,191
Other income	-	33	-	(33)
Total Revenues	<u>335,000</u>	<u>728,727</u>	<u>745,749</u>	<u>17,022</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
General government - current:				
Ad Valorem Tax Deductions	-	-	11,573	(11,573)
Public Safety - current:				
<b>Operating Services</b>				
Utilities	15,000	15,000	14,285	715
Telephone	6,000	6,000	6,423	(423)
Rentals	14,400	14,400	14,400	-
Maintenance Buildings	5,000	20,000	15,474	4,526
Maintenance Trucks	50,000	50,000	36,042	13,958
Maintenance Mach/Equip	20,000	40,000	30,236	9,764
Maintenance Radio Equip	5,000	2,500	1,248	1,252
Professional Services	10,000	10,000	8,147	1,853
Insurance	50,000	57,000	56,734	266
Payment to Lockport Volunteer Fire Dept	194,806	194,806	194,806	-
Education & Training	3,000	4,000	3,101	899
Convention Reg Fees	2,800	5,000	6,097	(1,097)
Fire Chief's Association	200	200	100	100
<b>Total Operating Services</b>	<u>376,206</u>	<u>418,906</u>	<u>387,093</u>	<u>31,813</u>
<b>Material and Supplies</b>				
Medical	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Office Supplies/Postage	800	1,200	1,075	125
Publication Expense	1,000	2,000	1,541	459
Supplies Clothing Gear	5,000	6,000	5,364	636
Vehicle Fuel	8,000	8,000	5,937	2,063
Materials Other	-	-	14,363	(14,363)
<b>Total Material and Supplies</b>	<u>16,800</u>	<u>19,200</u>	<u>28,280</u>	<u>(9,080)</u>
Total current expenditures	<u>393,006</u>	<u>438,106</u>	<u>426,946</u>	<u>11,160</u>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
Acquisition Vehicles	-	-	-	-
Acquisition Equipment	-	70,000	58,600	11,400
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>58,600</u>	<u>11,400</u>
Total expenditures	<u>393,006</u>	<u>508,106</u>	<u>485,546</u>	<u>22,560</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	(58,006)	220,621	260,203	39,582
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Beginning of year	1,134,772	1,134,772	1,134,772	-
Ending of year	<u>\$ 1,076,766</u>	<u>\$ 1,355,393</u>	<u>\$ 1,394,975</u>	<u>\$ 39,582</u>



**LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**  
 Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

**Agency Head Name: Mr. Eric Benoit, Chairman**

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Salary	\$0
Benefits-insurance	\$0
Benefits-retirement	\$0
Deferred compensation (contributions made by the agency)	\$0
Benefits-other (describe)	\$0
Car allowance	\$0
Vehicle provided by government (enter amount reported on W-2 adjusted for various fiscal years)	\$0
Cell phone	\$0
Dues	\$0
Vehicle rental	\$0
Per diem	\$0
Reimbursements	\$0
Travel	\$0
Registration fees	\$0
Conference travel	\$0
Housing	\$0
Unvouchered expenses (example: travel advances, etc.)	\$0
Special meals	\$0
Other (including payments made by other parties on behalf of the agency head)	\$0

***This form is used to satisfy the reporting requirement of R.S. 24:513(A)(3) on Supplemental Reporting***



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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 Commissioners  
Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2  
Lockport, 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 and each major fund of Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 2, (the District), a component unit of Lafourche Parish Government as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated August 2, 2024.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency or 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 over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and are described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings, recommendations, and responses as item 2023-1.

***Response to Finding***

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the finding identified in our audit and are described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings, recommendations, and responses. 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. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

*Stagni & Company*

August 2, 2024  
Thibodaux, Louisiana



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**LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2  
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDING, RECOMMENDATION, AND  
RESPONSE**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

We have audited the basic financial statements of the governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 2, 2024. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Our audit of the financial statements resulted in an unmodified opinion.

**FINDING 2023-1**

Condition - a review/attestation was submitted when it should have been an audit do to the revenues being >\$500,000.

Criteria – the revenues on the report submitted are above \$500,000 and requires an audit.

Cause –The District received \$312,000 from LaGov for hurricane repairs (a onetime occurrence). The Engagement Agreement was approved for a Review/Attestation because their revenues are budgeted under \$500,000.

Effect – the Legislative Auditor’s office, after review of the report submitted requested to submit an audit engagement and audit report with required Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures.

Recommendation – In preliminary planning at the beginning of the Engagement, determine the level of services that needs to be performed, and if a necessary change in the engagement type and agreement needs to be submitted.

Response – We will concur and agree to the required engagement type to follow the audit law.

***LAFOURCHE PARISH  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2***

**Statewide Agreed Upon  
Procedures Report  
With Schedule of Findings  
and Management's Responses**

***As of and for the Year Ending  
December 31, 2023***



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## STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT

Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District #2

Independent Accountant's Report  
On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

For the Period January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

To the Commissioners of Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District #2  
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

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 January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District #2's (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 January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated results are as follows:

### **1) Written Policies and Procedures**

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- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that 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.
  - 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.
  - iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

- 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).
- v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (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.
- 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.
- vii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-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).
- viii. **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees, including elected officials, were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- 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.
- 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.

**Results:** *The District has historically been required to have a Review/Attestation. Because of Hurricane Ida and the Insurance Proceeds received, the increase in the amount received caused the District to have an audit and consequently the Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures. Next year the District will be back below the threshold and will not be subject to the SAUPs.*

**Management's Response:** *The Board will consider addressing and adopting written policies.*



## 2) Board or Finance Committee

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- 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.
  - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that 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.*
  - 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.
  - iv. Observe that 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.

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*

## 3) Bank Reconciliations

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3. Obtain a listing of client 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 selected each 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, electronically logged);
  - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management/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
  - iii. Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

**Results:** *Findings noted include:*

- *The reconciliation did not include evidence of review by management or a member of the Board.*





**Management's Response:** *A member of the Board or management will initial and date the review of each bank statement or reconciliation.*

**4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)**

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- 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).
- 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 (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, 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 that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
  - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
  - 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.
  - 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 are not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.
- 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.
- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations". Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
  - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - 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).
  - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*



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

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- 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).
- B. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
  - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
  - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
- C. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:
  - i. Observe that 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.
  - ii. Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in "Bank Reconciliations" procedure #3, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*



## **6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards**

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- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-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.
- 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 that 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, by someone other than the authorized card holder.
  - ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 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.

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*

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

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- 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, 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, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)).
  - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
  - 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 policy (procedure #1h).



- iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

**Results:** *These procedures are not applicable.*

## **8) Contracts**

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- 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. 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 that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
  - ii. Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
  - 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).
  - 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.

**Results:** *These procedures are not applicable.*

## **9) Payroll and Personnel**

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Obtain a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #17 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
  - i. Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).
  - ii. Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
  - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
  - iv. Observe that the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.



- 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, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- 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.

**Results:** *These procedures are not applicable.*

### 10) Ethics

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- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under "Payroll and Personnel" above: obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
  - i. Observe that the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period as required by R.S. 42:1170.
  - ii. Observe that the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee/official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

**Results:** *Two of the 5 Board Members selected completed the required training. The District has no written policy relative to Ethics.*

**Management's Response:** *The Board will address and require all officials to obtain at least one hour of ethics training during each calendar year.*

### 11) Debt Service

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- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes 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.
- 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).

**Results:** *These procedures are not applicable.*




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## **12) Fraud Notice**

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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.

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.

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*

## **13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**

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A. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**

- i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, 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.
- ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
- 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.

B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #19 under "Payroll and Personnel" above. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from "Payroll and Personnel" procedure #17, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

- Hired before June 9, 2020 – completed the training; and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 – completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

**Results:** *We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*



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#### **14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment**

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A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under “Payroll and Personnel” above, 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.

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).

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 it 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;
- ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

**Results:** *Findings noted include:*

- *None of the 5 employees/officials selected had documentation that demonstrated they completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar.*

**Management’s Response:** *The Board will address and require all employees/officials to obtain at least one hour of sexual harassment training during each calendar year.*

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

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



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.

*Stagni & Company*

Thibodaux, LA  
August 2, 2024



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