West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana

Annual Financial Report June 30, 2022 and 2021

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana

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

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of the West Calcasieu Port, component unit of Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, the West Calcasieu Port and Industrial Development Board of the City of Sulphur, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the West Calcasieu Port'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 West Calcasieu Port as of June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof 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 (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the West Calcasieu Port 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 opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility 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 with GAAS and *Government 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, internal 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 judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial state3ments, 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 accounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the West Calcasieu Port'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 West Calcasieu Port's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 7, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management, and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my 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 West Calcasieu Port's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments 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 information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 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 December 26, 2022 on our consideration of the West Calcasieu Port's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the West Calcasieu Port's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering West Calcasieu Port's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Steven M. DeRouen & Associates

Lake Charles, Louisiana December 26, 2022

The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the West Calcasieu Port (the Airport) financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2022. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts in comparison with the prior year's information. Please read this document in conjunction with the additional information contained in the financial statements.

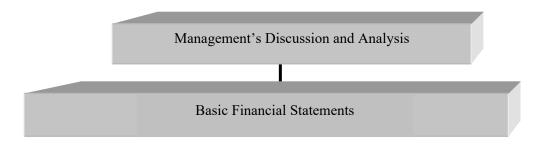
#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Port's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of 2022 by \$22,004,245 which represents an 9.6% increase from last fiscal year. Of this amount, \$10,436,364 (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the Port's ongoing obligations to its users.

The Port's operating revenue increased \$2,966 (or 1%) and the net results from operations decreased by \$3,310.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following graphic illustrates the minimum requirements for Special Purpose Governments Engaged in Business-Type Activities established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments.



These financial statements consist of two sections - Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section) and the basic financial statements (including the notes to the financial statements).

#### **Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements present information for the Port as a whole, in a format designed to make the statements easier for the reader to understand. The statements in this section include the Statement of Net Position; the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position; and the Statement of Cash Flows.

The <u>Statement of Net Position</u> (pages 8 - 9) presents the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position. The Port's assets plus deferred outflows of resources minus their liabilities and deferred inflows of resources equals the net position. The net position of the Port may provide a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The <u>Statements of Revenues</u>, <u>Expenses</u>, and <u>Changes in Net Position</u> (page <u>10</u>) presents information showing how the Port's assets changed as a result of current year operations. Regardless of when cash is affected, all changes in net position are reported when the underlying transactions occur. As a result, there are transactions included that will not affect cash until future fiscal periods.

The <u>Cash Flow Statements</u> (pages <u>11</u> - <u>12</u>) presents information showing how the Port's cash changed as a result of current year operations. The cash flow statement is prepared using the direct method and includes the reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities (indirect method) as required by GASB 34.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY

2022	2021	2020
\$ 10,444,557	\$ 9,392,079	\$ 8,303,690
11,688,586	11,989,293	11,747,768_
22,133,143	21,381,372	20,051,458
8,898	130,934	79,869
120,000	230,000	340,000
128,898	360,934	419,869
11,567,881	11,757,295	11,405,770
10,436,364	9,263,143	8,225,819
\$ 22,004,245	\$ 21,020,438	\$19,631,589
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Restricted net position amounts represent those assets that are not available for spending as a result of bond agreements. Conversely, unrestricted net position amounts are those that do not have any limitations for which they may be used.

Net position of the Port increased by \$983,807, or 4.7%, from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

	2022	 2021	 2020
Operating revenues	\$ 989,320	\$ 992,286	\$ 1,169,590
Operating expenses	 956,705	 956,361	757,978
Operating income (loss)	 32,615	 35,925	411,612
Non-operating revenues	787,297	1,449,873	176,459
Non-operating expenses	(4,113)	(418,334)	9,841
Net Non-Operating Income/(Loss)	 783,184	 1,031,539	166,618
Income(Loss) Before Contributions	815,799	1,067,464	578,230
Capital Contributions	168,008	 321,385	863,015
Change in Net Position	\$ 983,807	\$ 1,388,849	\$ 1,441,245

#### CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### **Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2022, the Port had \$11,688,586, net of accumulated depreciation, invested in capital assets, including land, building and other improvements. (see table below). This amount represents a net decrease (including additions and deductions) of \$300,707, or 2.5%, from last year.

	2022	2021	2020
Land	\$ 1,974,262	\$1,974,262	\$ 1,755,725
<b>Building and Terminal Improvements</b>	13,561,592	13,408,585	11,993,581
Construction in progress	379,329	274,450	1,240,369
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,226,597)	(3,668,004)	(3,241,907)
Totals	\$ 11,688,586	\$11,989,293	\$ 11,747,768

#### **Debt Administration**

The 2013A series bond payable balance decreased by \$110,000 as principal paid on the bonds, decreasing balance from \$230,000 to \$120,000. The Port issued \$1,000,000 in Revenue Bonds, Series 2013A in April 2013, for capital infrastructure improvements.

#### ECONOMIC FACTORS AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

The following factors were considered in preparing the Port's budget for the coming fiscal year: Projected sales and rentals were budgeted at a slight increase over current period excluding additional bonus rentals. Expenses were budgeted at approximately the same as current period. The change in net position should remain positive.

#### CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Port's finances and to show the Port's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Darla B. Perry, CPA, West Calcasieu Port.

#### West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana Statements of Net Position As of June 30, 2022

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 255,881	268,625
Investments	4,621,192	3,911,340
Restricted assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents - revenue bonds	60,977	39,892
Accounts receivable	39,633	43,830
Other receivables	-	42,840
Prepaid expenses	 12,122	9,120
Total Current Assets	4,989,805	4,315,647
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT		
Building and terminal improvements	13,561,592	13,408,585
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(4,226,597)	(3,668,004)
•	9,334,995	9,740,581
Construction in progress	379,329	274,450
Land	1,974,262	1,974,262
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	11,688,586	11,989,293
OTHER ASSETS		
Investment in joint venture	5,452,169	5,071,019
Utility Deposits	1,160	576
Intangible asset	51,209	51,209
Less accumulated amortization	(49,786)	(46,372)
Total Other Assets	5,454,752	5,076,432
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 22,133,143	\$ 21,381,372

#### West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana Statements of Net Position (Continued) As of June 30, 2022

		2022		2021	
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$	6,193	\$	125,936	
Prepaid revenue and deposits		2,000		3,000	
Bond Interest Payable		705		1,998	
Total Current Liabilities		8,898		130,934	
CURRENT LIABILITIES (Payable from Restricted Assets)					
Due within one year - revenue bonds		120,000		110,000	
Total Current Liabilities (Payable From Restricted Assets)		120,000		110,000	
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES					
Revenue bonds payable		_		120,000	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		-		120,000	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		128,898		360,934	
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets		11,567,881		11,757,295	
Unrestricted amounts		10,436,364		9,263,143	
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	22,004,245	\$	21,020,438	

#### West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana

#### Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position For The Years Ended June 30, 2022 with Comparative Totals for June 30, 2021

		2022		2021
OPERATING REVENUES		_		
Lease Revenue	\$	966,455	\$	980,329
Utility Revenue		22,865		11,957
Total Operating Revenues		989,320		992,286
OPERATING EXENSES				
Advertising		3,200		1,795
Board per diem		12,700		10,600
Bank and bond service fees		318		165
Depreciation expense		558,593		522,242
Amortization Expense		3,414		3,414
Insurance		14,419		17,558
Professional fees		49,853		68,487
Recording fees		3,800		3,000
Port Director fees		89,077		81,056
Dues and subscriptions		9,405		8,325
Office expense		777		436
Other expense		93,986		99,308
Repairs and maintenance		101,791		126,661
Utilities		14,796		12,738
Storage expense		576		576
Total Operating Expenses		956,705		956,361
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS		32,615		35,925
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
Interest Income		9,915		3,842
Loss on disposition and asset impairment		-		(410,344)
Net income from Joint Venture		381,150		1,225,797
Miscellaneous income		120,605		-
Insurance reimbursements hurricane		275,627		220,234
Interest expense		(4,113)		(7,990)
Total Non-Operating Revenues		783,184		1,031,539
CHANGE IN NET POSITION BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS		815,799		1,067,464
Capital Contributions		168,008		321,385
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		983,807		1,388,849
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	2	21,020,438	1	19,631,589
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$ 2	22,004,245	\$ 2	21,020,438

#### West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana Statements of Cash Flows For The Years Ended June 30, 2022

	2022	2021
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 992,517	\$ 1,006,297
Payments to suppliers and others	(429,659)	(298,151)
Payments to Directors	(89,077)	(81,056)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	473,781	627,090
Net Cash Provided (Osed) by Operating Activities	4/3,/81	027,090
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Investment income	9,915	3,842
Purchase of investments	(709,852)	(90,727)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	(699,937)	(86,885)
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:	(257,006)	(1.1(0.542)
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(257,886)	(1,160,542)
Principal payments on bonds	(110,000)	(110,000)
Receipts of capital grant	168,008	321,385
Other	316,590	220,234
Interest expense	(2,820)	(7,990)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital	112.002	(52 ( 012)
and Related Financing Activities	113,892	(736,913)
Cash Flows From Non-Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Receipts of miscellaneous income	120,605	<u>-</u>
N. I. C. I.	0.241	(106 700)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	8,341	(196,708)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	308,517	505,225
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	\$ 316,858	\$ 308,517
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Cash - unrestricted	\$ 255,881	\$ 268,625
Cash - restricted	60,977	39,892
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#### West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana Statements of Cash Flows For The Years Ended June 30, 2022

	2022		2021	
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash				
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:				
Operating income (loss)	\$	32,615	\$	35,925
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income				
to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation		558,593		522,242
Amortization		3,414		3,414
(Increase) decrease in receivables		4,197		11,011
(Increase) decrease in prepaid insurance		(3,002)		3,433
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued interest		(121,036)		54,065
Increase (decrease) in prepaid revenue		(1,000)		(3,000)
Total Adjustments		441,166		591,165
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$	473,781	\$	627,090

#### West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2022 and 2021

#### Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The West Calcasieu Port was created through Act No. 68 of the Louisiana Legislature of 1964. A board of five commissioners governs the District.

The accompanying financial statements of the Board have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

#### **Financial Reporting Entity**

This report includes all funds and account groups which are controlled by or dependent on the Commissioners. Control by or dependence on the Port was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, and other general oversight responsibility. The West Calcasieu Port is a component unit of the State of Louisiana.

#### **Fund Accounting**

The accounts of the district are organized on the basis of a proprietary fund, which is considered a separate accounting entity or enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues or expense are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement focus applied. Proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on statements of net position. Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net position.

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized by proprietary fund types. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

## West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) June 30, 2022 and 2021

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The Port distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the entity's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Port's enterprise fund are charges for rentals and barge storage fees. Operating expenses include the cost of services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Port's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

#### Accounts Receivable

Receivables include amounts due from tenants for the use of Port facilities under rental agreements as well as from the sales of fuel and oil. All receivables are current and therefore due within one year. The Board does not record an allowance for uncollectible amounts due for receivables, as it uses the direct write-off method for any debts that are not collected.

#### **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 differ from those estimates.

#### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The Port adopts a budget annually for operating expenses. The budget is adopted under a basis consistent with GAAP, except that depreciation, certain capital expenses, revenues, non-operating income and certain non-operating expense items are not considered. The budget for the Port is not presented in these statements.

#### West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) June 30, 2022 and 2021

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Port considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### **Restricted Net Position**

In the statement of net position, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- 1. Investment in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.
- 2. Restricted net position -net position with constraints placed on the use either by a) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 3. Unrestricted all other net position is reported in this category.

The Port typically uses restricted funds fast, followed by any unassigned funds when expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in either of these classifications could be used.

#### **Risk Management**

The Port is exposed to various risks of loss from torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions; employee injuries and illnesses; natural disasters; medical malpractice claims and judgments. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from such matters. The Port has had no settled claims resulting from these risks that exceeded its commercial coverage in any of the past three years.

#### **Environmental Matters**

The Port is subject to laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. The Port's policy is to accrue environmental and clean up related costs of a non-capital nature when it is both probably that a liability has been incurred and when the amount can be reasonable estimated. Although it is not possible to quantify with any degree of certainly the potential financial impact of the Port's continuing compliance efforts, management believes any future remediation or other compliance related costs will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or reported results of operations of the Board. At June 30, 2022, management is not aware of any liability resulting from environmental matters.

#### West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) June 30, 2022 and 2021

#### Note 2 -Cash and Investments

At June 30, 2022, the Port has deposits with financial institutions (book balances) as follows:

Coch		<u>2022</u>		
Cash	Demand Deposits	\$	316,858	
Investments	Louisiana Asset Management Pool	\$ 4	4,621,192	
Total Cash ar	ad Investments	<u>\$ 4</u>	,938,050	

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The fair value of the pledged securities plus federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

These securities are held in the name of the pledging agent banks in holding or custodial banks that are mutually acceptable to both parties. At June 30, 2022, the Port had \$320,563 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by federal deposit insurance of \$310,977 and \$772,577 of pledged securities held by the custodial banks in the name of the fiscal agent banks (GASB category 3).

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

Under state law, the Port may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments. In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP), a nonprofit corporation formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer. The financial statements of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP) can be obtained by accessing their website.

Investments held at June 30, 2022 consist of \$4,621,192 in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a local government investment pool. In accordance with GASB Codification Section 150.126 the investment in LAMP at June 30, 2022 is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section 150.126 because the investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book ently form.

## West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) June 30, 2022 and 2021

#### Note 2 -Cash and Investments (continued)

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA -R.S. 33:2955. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U. S. Treasury, the U.S. Government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities.

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

Lamp is a 2a7-like investment pool. The following facts are relevant for 2a7 like investment pools:

Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAA by Standard & Poor's.

Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.

- Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.
- Interest rate risk: 2a7-like investment pools are excluded from this disclosure requirement, per paragraph 15 of the GASB 40 statement.
- Foreign currency risk: Not applicable to 2a7-like pools.

Effective August 1, 2001, LAMP's investment guidelines were amended to permit the investment in government-only money market funds. In its 2001 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature (Senate Bill No. 512, Act 701) enacted LSA -R.S. 33:2955 (A)(l)(h) which allows all municipalities, parishes, school boards, and any other political subdivision of the State to invest in "Investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic United States corporations." Effective October 1, 2001, LAMP's Investment Guidelines were amended to allow the limited investment in A-1 or A-1 + commercial paper.

#### West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) June 30, 2022 and 2021

#### Note 2 -Deposits and Investments (continued)

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is detelmined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

#### Note 3 - Fixed Assets

All fixed assets of the proprietary fund are recoded at historical costs or, if contributed property, at their estimated fair value at the time of contribution. Donated fixed assets include land valued at \$649,700 and leasehold improvements of \$519,008. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against their operations. The costs of normal repairs and maintenance that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets lives are recorded as expenses; renewals and betterments are capitalized. The Port has a capitalization policy of \$1,000. Depreciation has been calculated using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are buildings and improvements 10-40 years and furniture, fixtures and equipment 5-10 years. Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2022 totaled \$558,593.

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2022, was as follows:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balances	Increases	Decreases	Balances
Land	\$ 1,974,262	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 1,974,262
Construction in Progress	274,450	104,879	-0-	379,329
Capital Assets Being				
Depreciated:				
-				
Building & Terminal				
Improvements	13,408,585	153,007	-0-	13,561,592
Total Capital Assets				
being				
Depreciated	13,408,585	153,007	-0-	13,561,592
Less Accumulated				
Depreciation	3,668,004	558,593	-0-	4,226,597
Total Capital Assets				
Being				
Depreciated, Net of				
Depreciation	9,740,581	(405,586)	-0-	9,334,995
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ 11,989,293	\$ (300,707)	\$ 0-	\$ 11,688,586

## West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) June 30, 2022 and 2021

#### Note 4 - Board of Commissioners' Per Diem

Members of the Board of Commissioners are paid a per diem allowance for attending board meetings. The total expenses for meetings attended during the year ended June 30, 2022 are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Buddy Reams	\$2,600	\$2,000
Dick Kennison	2,600	2,200
Scott Foreman	2,200	2,000
Timothy J. Dougherty	2,700	2,200
Wilmer Dugas	2,600	2,200
Total	\$12,700	\$10,600

#### Note 5 - <u>Bonds Payable</u>

In 2013, the West Calcasieu Port issued \$1,000,000 Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 A; dated April 20, 2013; due in annual installments, including interest at 2.35%, of \$85,000 to \$120,000 through the year 2023.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2022:

Description	Amount of Original Issue	Maturity	Interest Rate	Balance 6/30/2021	Retired 6/30/2022	Balance 6/30/2022
2013 A	\$1,000,000	2033	2.35%	\$230,000	\$110,000	\$120,000

The annual debt service requirements to maturity for the 2013 A bond series as of June 30. 2022:

Year Ending					
June 30	Pri	ncipal	Int	erest	Total
2023		120,000		2,820	122,820
	\$	120,000	\$	2,820	\$ 122,820

#### Note 6 - Restricted Assets

Restricted assets consist of cash from the issuance of the Port's revenue bonds. The balance at June 30, 2022 was \$60,977.

#### West Calcasieu Port

#### Sulphur, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) June 30, 2022 and 2021

#### Note 7 - Major Customer

Rentals/barge storage fees from one major customer were approximately 63% of total rentals/barge storage fee income for the year ended June 30, 2022. The amount due from this customer, included in trade receivables, was \$48,383 or 100%.

#### Note 8 - Construction Commitments

The Port has two active construction commitments as of June 30, 2022. New bulkhead with costs incurred as of June 30, 2022 of \$379,329 and expected cost of \$3,335,000.

#### Note 9 - <u>Intangible Asset</u>

The Port incurred costs of \$51,209 for a strategic plan project that was conducted for the entity during the year ended June 30, 2009. The cost is amortized over a 15 year period. Amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2022 is \$3,414.

#### Note 10 - Investment in Joint Venture

On February 1, 2000, the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, the West Calcasieu Port, Harbor, and Terminal District and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Sulphur entered into an amended joint service agreement with the West Calcasieu Port as to the development and operations of the West Calcasieu Port (Airport). The Port owns 50.84% of the Airport. Total assets of the Airport were \$11,148,674 and \$10,489,180, and total liabilities were \$424,784 and \$514,995 as of June 30, 2022 and 2021 respectively. The Net Position of the Board increased \$749,705 for year ending June 30, 2022 and increased \$2,411,019 for the year ending June 30, 2021. The investment is accounted for using the equity method. Financial statements can be obtained by contacting the Board's accountant.

#### Note 11 - Asset Impairment

In August 2021, Hurricane Laura inflicted extensive damage to the Port's facilities. These financial statements include impairment losses resulting from the damages totaling \$410,344, net of accumulated depreciation. The impairment loss only considers the complete loss of various fixed assets and was calculated and valued based on the historical depreciated cost of the destroyed component items. The restorative efforts of the remaining damages to the fixed assets are considered repairs and expensed as incurred. Restorative expenditures included in repairs total \$48,846 for the year ended June 30, 2022.

## West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) June 30, 2022 and 2021

#### Note 11 - Asset Impairment (continued)

Restorative efforts to the Port's facilities are ongoing as of June 30,2022. The estimated cost to completely restore the facilities could range from \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000. The cost estimate is subject to change and dependent upon external factors.

The Port has filed insurance claims and has approved insurance reimbursements of \$495,861 as of June 30, 2022. The Port has undertaken efforts to obtain additional insurance reimbursements from the damages the facilities, but the final settlement has not yet been determined. The Port also expects to recover a portion of the restorative costs from FEMA

#### Note 12 - Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through December 26, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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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

Board of Commissioners West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana

We have audited 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, the financial statements of West Calcasieu Port as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise West Calcasieu Port Louisiana's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 26, 2022.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered West Calcasieu Port internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of West Calcasieu Port's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of West Calcasieu Port internal control.

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

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

Board of Commissioners West Calcasieu Port

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether West Calcasieu Port Louisiana'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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my 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.

Steven M. DeRouen & Associates

Lake Charles, Louisiana December 26, 2022

# West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana Schedule of Findings and Responses June 30, 2022

#### A. Summary of Independent Auditor's Results:

- 1. Unmodified opinion on financial statements.
- 2. No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control noted.
- 3. No instances of non-compliance noted.

B.	GAGAS Findings:	
	None.	
C.	<b>Prior Year Findings:</b>	
	None	

#### West Calcasieu Port Sulphur, Louisiana

### Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the Executive Director

#### Year Ended June 30, 2022

#### Agency Head: Lynn Hohensee, Executive Director

Purpose	Amount
Salary (contract fee)	\$76,001
Benefits-insurance	0.00
Benefits-retirement	0.00
Benefits-Other	0.00
Car allowance	0.00
Vehicle provided by government	0.00
Per diem	0.00
Reimbursements	13,076
Travel	0.00
Registration fees	0.00
Conference travel	0.00
Continuing professional education fees	0.00
Housing	0.00
Unvouchered expenses	0.00
Special meals	0.00

Note: This schedule is included as supplementary information.

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Commissioners of West Calcasieu Port 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 July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. West Calcasieu Port's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

West Calcasieu Port 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 July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

#### Written Policies and Procedures

- 1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
  - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - b) *Purchasing*, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
  - c) *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

- d) *Receipts/Collections*, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
- e) *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- f) *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) 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).
- h) *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) *Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity*, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- 1) **Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

We performed the Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity procedure 1k and discussed the results with management.

#### **Board or Finance Committee**

- 2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
  - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
  - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit 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.
  - c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

*No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.* 

#### **Bank Reconciliations**

- 3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
  - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
  - b) Bank reconciliations include 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
  - c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

*No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.* 

#### Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- 4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- 5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
  - a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
  - b) 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.
  - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not 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.
  - d) 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 responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- 6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.
- 7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
  - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - d) Observe the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
  - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.
    - *No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.*

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

- 8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- 9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
  - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
  - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
  - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
  - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

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

- 10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:
  - a) Observe whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
  - b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

*No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.* 

#### Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

- 11. 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.
- 12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined

statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:

- a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]
- b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- 13. 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 (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

*No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.* 

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

- 14. 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:
  - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
  - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
  - c) Observe each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
  - d) Observe each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

*No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.* 

- 15. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
  - a) Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
  - b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
  - c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe 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, was approval documented).
  - d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

*No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.* 

#### Payroll and Personnel

- 16. 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.
- 17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
  - a) Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to a policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
  - b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
  - c) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
  - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

- 18. 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's 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.
- 19. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

*No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.* 

#### **Ethics**

- 20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
  - a. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
  - b. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

#### Debt Service

- 21. 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 State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.
- 22. 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).

*No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.* 

#### Fraud Notice

23. 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.
- 24. Observe the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

*No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.* 

#### Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 25. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
  - a) 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 that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.
  - b) 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.
  - c) 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 Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity procedures and discussed the results with management.

#### Sexual Harassment

- 26. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.
- 27. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- 28. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

- a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
- b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Exception (27): The entity's website does have posted the entity's sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure.

#### **Management's Responses**

#### 27 – The entity will post its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website.

We were engaged by West Calcasieu Port 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 West Calcasieu Port 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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