

CADDO PARISH SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 7

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7
Shreveport, Louisiana

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7 (the District), a component unit of the Caddo Parish Commission, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of the 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 Opinion

I conducted my 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 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of the Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7 and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My 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 my opinion. 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, I:

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

I am 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 I 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 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. I 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 I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Supplementary Information

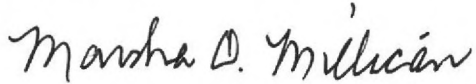
My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation paid to commissioners and the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the other supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated June 6, 2024 on my consideration of Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of law, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, I have issued a report, dated June 6, 2024 on the results of my statewide agreed-upon procedures performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's statewide agreed-upon procedures, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance.

Handwritten signature of Marsha D. Millican in cursive script.

Certified Public Accountant
June 6, 2024

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Our discussion and analysis of the Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which begin on page 7.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The District's net position decreased by \$33,000 in 2023.

The District's total revenues were \$933,510 in 2023 compared to \$926,278 in 2022.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the District had total operating expenses, excluding depreciation of \$713,918 compared to \$482,951 in 2022.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of three parts; management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, and required supplemental information. The statement of net position provides long-term and short-term information about the District's financial status. The statements of revenue, expenses, and changes in net assets and statements of cash flows provide historical data on the District's business-like activities. The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7 is a component unit of the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana because the Parish must approve all officials appointed to the District's Board of Commissioners. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT

Net Position

The following table summarizes the financial status of the District:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 1,065,396	\$ 1,136,633
Capital assets	1,805,685	1,981,894
Total assets	<u>2,871,081</u>	<u>3,118,527</u>
Deferred outflows	-	18,936
Long-term debt outstanding	-	245,000
Other liabilities	154,487	142,869
Total liabilities	<u>154,487</u>	<u>387,869</u>
Investment in capital assets	1,805,685	1,736,894
Restricted	-	624,398
Unrestricted	910,909	388,302
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,716,594</u>	<u>\$ 2,749,594</u>

Increases or decreases in the District's net position are one indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating. The above changes reflect no substantial change in the District's financial position.

Changes in Net Position

The following table summarizes the change in the District's net position:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues		
Fees and charges for service	\$ 933,510	\$ 926,278
Interest income	18,084	2,348
Total revenues	<u>951,594</u>	<u>928,626</u>
Expenses		
Sewer operations	713,918	482,951
Depreciation	239,868	245,500
Interest Expense	30,808	34,252
Total expenses	<u>984,594</u>	<u>762,703</u>
Change in net assets	<u>\$ (33,000)</u>	<u>\$ 165,923</u>

CAPITAL ASSETS

At the end of 2023, the District has invested \$1,805,685 in capital assets, including land, sewer lines, treatment facilities, a vehicle and equipment. The amount represents a decrease of \$176,209 over last year.

(Net of Depreciation)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Land	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500
Sewer system	8,212,495	8,184,776
Machinery and equipment	357,194	321,254
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,801,504)</u>	<u>(6,561,636)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,805,685</u>	<u>\$ 1,981,894</u>

System net additions totaled \$63,659 and depreciation was \$239,868 for 2023.

System net additions totaled \$85,558 for 2022. Depreciation was \$245,500 for 2022.

LONG-TERM DEBT

At year end the District had debt as shown in the following table:

Outstanding Bonds Payable

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Loans payable - DEQ	\$ -	\$ -
Certificates of indebtedness	-	-
Revenue bonds	-	245,000
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 245,000</u>

This financial report is designed to provide the constituents and taxpayers with a general overview of the finances for the funds maintained by the Caddo Sewerage District No. 7 and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District's office at 4859 North Market, Suite 4, Shreveport, Louisiana 71107.

CADDO SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 7
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

ASSETS:

	2023	2022
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 818,379	\$ 281,815
Accounts receivable - Note 4	77,173	76,102
Prepaid expenses	27,080	22,709
Total current assets	922,632	380,626
 <u>Noncurrent Assets</u>		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	142,764	756,007
Capital assets - Note 5	1,805,685	1,981,894
Total other assets	1,948,449	2,737,901
 Total assets	2,871,081	3,118,527

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:

	-	18,936
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LIABILITIES:

Current Liabilities (Payable from current assets)

Accounts payable	11,723	9,597
Revenue bonds payable	-	120,000
Accrued interest payable	-	1,663
Total	11,723	131,260

Noncurrent liabilities

Customer deposits	142,764	131,609
Revenue bonds payable - Note 7	-	125,000
Total long-term liabilities	142,764	256,609
Total liabilities	154,487	387,869

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:

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NET POSITION:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,805,685	1,736,894
Restricted		
Debt retirement	-	549,753
Unrestricted	910,909	462,947
 Total net position	\$ 2,716,594	\$2,749,594

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

CADDO SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 7
STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>		
Fees and charges for services	\$ 933,510	\$ 926,278
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Personal services	212,585	192,293
Advertising, dues and subscriptions	1,250	2,310
Utilities	51,400	63,371
Communications	5,447	5,829
Rentals paid	9,700	10,150
Maintenance of property and equipment	365,674	139,161
Professional services	15,420	17,090
Insurance and surety bonds	30,509	27,716
Office expenses	9,930	11,541
Postage and delivery	8,332	6,903
Travel and education	3,671	6,132
Bad debts	-	455
Depreciation	239,868	245,500
Total operating expenses	<u>953,786</u>	<u>728,451</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(20,276)</u>	<u>197,827</u>
<u>NON-OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)</u>		
Interest income	18,084	2,348
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>(30,808)</u>	<u>(34,252)</u>
Total non-operating revenue (expense)	<u>(12,724)</u>	<u>(31,904)</u>
Change in net position	(33,000)	165,923
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>2,749,594</u>	<u>2,583,671</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 2,716,594</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,749,594</u></u>

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

CADDO SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 7
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>		
Cash received from customers	\$ 952,439	\$ 929,266
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	<u>(717,227)</u>	<u>(519,648)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities - Note 9	<u>235,212</u>	<u>409,618</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Non-Capital Financing Activities</u>		
Deposits received from customers	<u>11,155</u>	<u>3,697</u>
Net cash from non-capital financing activities	<u>11,155</u>	<u>3,697</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities</u>		
Principal paid on debt	(245,000)	(208,630)
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(63,659)	(85,588)
Interest paid on debt	<u>(32,471)</u>	<u>(37,124)</u>
Net cash used for capital and related financing activities	<u>(341,130)</u>	<u>(331,342)</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</u>		
Interest income	<u>18,084</u>	<u>2,318</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(76,679)</u>	<u>84,291</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year, (including restricted amounts of (\$756,007))	<u>1,037,822</u>	<u>953,531</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year, (including restricted amounts of (\$142,764))	<u>\$ 961,143</u>	<u>\$1,037,822</u>

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

CADDO SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 7
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

INTRODUCTION

1. Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7 (the District) was created by the Caddo Parish Commission and is a subdivision thereof. This report includes all funds controlled by Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7. The District is considered a component unit of the Caddo Parish Commission, and is included in the Commission's report.
2. The District was formed to construct and operate a sewerage collection and treatment system north of Shreveport, Louisiana.
3. Its five Board members are appointed by the Caddo Parish Commission and compensated \$60 each per meeting attended.
4. The District is located north of Shreveport, Louisiana.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7 have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 14:514 and to the guides set forth in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and to the AICPA Industry Audit Guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (GASB Codification) established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Codification section 2100, Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7 includes all funds that are within the oversight responsibility. The District is a component unit of the Caddo Parish Commission, the financial reporting entity. The Commission is financially accountable for the District because it appoints a voting majority of the board and has the ability to impose its will on them.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not provide information on the Commission, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7 is organized and operated on a fund basis whereby a self-balancing set of accounts (Enterprise Fund) is maintained that comprises its assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues and expenses. The operations are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise, where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services on a continuing basis are recovered primarily through user charges.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The Enterprise Fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources, measurement focus and a determination of net income and capital maintenance. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the statement of net assets. The Enterprise Fund uses the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned; and expenses are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred.

Enterprise funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services or goods in connection with principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The District's reporting on enterprise fund activities is based on FASB Statements and interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, except where they conflict or contradict GASB pronouncements.

The Enterprise fund uses the following practices in recording certain revenues and expenses:

Revenues

Fees and charges for services are billed at the end of the month earned and are due by the 20th of the following month. This revenue is recorded as income in the month earned.

Expenses

Operating expenses are recorded when incurred. Interest expense is accrued at the end of each period and included as expense.

E. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. The District considers time deposits and those investments with maturities of 90 days or less as cash equivalents. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

F. PREPAID ITEMS

Items paid in the current year benefitting future periods are set up as assets.

G. RESTRICTED ASSETS

Certain proceeds of the Enterprise Fund revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. In addition, other funds set aside for specific purposes are also classified as restricted. The District uses restricted resources to fund appropriations before using unrestricted resources.

H. CAPITAL ASSETS

Fixed assets of the District are included on the balance sheet of the fund at cost. Interest costs incurred during construction are not capitalized. Constructed systems are being depreciated on a straight-line basis for 35 years. Existing systems purchased in 1985 for \$149,950 are being depreciated on a straight-line basis for 25 years. The District capitalizes all capital assets that are \$1,000 or greater.

I. DEFERRED FINANCE CHARGES

In conjunction with refunding issues, refinancing costs were incurred. These costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the new bond issues. Included in interest expense for the years ended December 31, amortization of these costs were \$ 18,936 for 2023 and \$17,336 for 2022.

J. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The District has adopted a leave policy as to vacation pay. The policy provides full-time employees to accumulate earned vacation. Employees must use their earned time or it is lost at the anniversary of their hire date. Earned vacation may be paid in cash upon termination of the employee. The policy also provides full-time employees sick/personal leave. Unused sick leave accumulates and may be carried forward indefinitely. The District does not pay for unused sick leave upon termination.

K. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term liabilities are reported in the statement of net position.

L. USE OF ESTIMATES

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

M. NET POSITION

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

N. BAD DEBTS

An allowance for doubtful accounts is maintained for estimated uncollectible utility receivables.

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 2023 and 2022 the District had cash and cash equivalents (book balances) as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Non interest bearing demand deposits	\$ 312,438	\$ 551,001
Interest bearing demand deposits	648,480	486,596
Petty cash	<u>225</u>	<u>225</u>
Total	<u>\$ 961,143</u>	<u>\$ 1,037,822</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits or the resulting bank balances must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Cash deposits are collateralized as follows at December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Fair market value of securities pledged (GASB Category 3)	\$ 606,333	\$ 534,406
Current FDIC coverage	<u>647,226</u>	<u>638,001</u>
Total collateral	1,253,559	1,172,407
Collected cash balances (Bank balances)	<u>968,697</u>	<u>950,671</u>
Collateralization (shortage) excess	<u>\$ 284,862</u>	<u>\$ 221,736</u>

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 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 District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

3. RECEIVABLES

Accounts receivable at December 31, 2023 and 2022 consist of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Accounts receivable - customers	\$ 98,719	\$ 98,828
Allowance for bad debts	<u>(21,546)</u>	<u>(22,726)</u>
Total accounts receivable	<u>\$ 77,173</u>	<u>\$ 76,102</u>

Provision is made for an estimate of uncollectible accounts with approved write-offs charged against that provision.

4. PENSION PLAN

The District has adopted a SIMPLE plan to benefit its employees. The plan calls for matching contributions up to 6% of gross pay in each calendar year to the SIMPLE IRA accounts of all eligible employees. Eligible employees include those that have worked for the District for six months. Covered wages were \$139,400 and \$126,950 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Contributions to the plan were \$8,364 and \$7,617 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; job related illnesses or injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District has purchased commercial insurance to cover or reduce the risk of loss that might arise should one of these incidents occur. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the past year.

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of capital assets:

	1/1/2023 Beginning of Year	Additions	Transfers/ Retirements	12/31/2023 End of Year
Capital assets, non-depreciable				
Land	\$ 37,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,500
Construction in progress	-	-	-	-
Total capital assets, non-depreciable	37,500	-	-	37,500
Capital assets, depreciable				
Machinery and equipment	321,254	35,940	-	357,194
Sewer system	8,184,776	27,719	-	8,212,495
Total	8,506,030	63,659	-	8,569,689
Accumulated depreciation	6,561,636	239,868	-	6,801,504
Total capital assets being depreciated net	1,944,394	(176,209)	-	1,768,185
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 1,981,894</u>	<u>\$ (176,209)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,805,685</u>

7. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Changes in Long-Term Debt:

The following is a summary of bond transactions of the District for the years ending December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Revenue Bonds	
	2023	2022
Bonds payable - beginning of year	\$ 245,000	\$ 417,500
Less bonds retired	245,000	172,500
Bonds payable - end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 245,000</u>

Notes and bonds payable at December 31, 2023 and 2022 are comprised of the following individual issues:

	2023	2022
Loans Payable - DOTD		
The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) has advanced the District \$247,843 used to relocate sewerage lines. The loan does not have any stated repayment terms or interest rates. The relocation project was complete at December 31, 2012.	\$ -	\$ -

Revenue Bonds:

\$1,150,000 2002 sewer revenue refunding bonds due in annual installments of principal of \$57,500 plus interest totaling \$51,508 for 2006 and reducing thereafter; interest at 5.3%.	-	-
\$1,455,000 2009 sewer revenue refunding bonds due in annual installments of principal and interest of approximately \$133,000; average interest at 4.5%.	-	245,000
Total revenue bonds	<u>-</u>	<u>245,000</u>
Total all	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 245,000</u>

In accordance with R.S. 39:562 the District is legally restricted from incurring long-term bonded debt in excess of 35% of the assessed value of taxable property. At December 31, 2023, the statutory limit is approximately \$5,200,000, and outstanding bonded debt totals \$-0-.

8. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating income (loss)	\$ (20,276)	\$ 197,827
Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	239,868	245,500
Amortization	18,936	-
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Increase in accounts receivable	(1,071)	(2,988)
Increase in prepaid expenses	(4,371)	(1,632)
Increase in accounts payable	<u>2,126</u>	<u>(29,089)</u>
	<u>\$ 235,212</u>	<u>\$ 409,618</u>

9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 6, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined no additional disclosures were warranted.

CADDO PARISH SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 7
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, REIMBURSEMENTS AND OTHER
PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Agency Head, Chairwoman, Jo Ann Witkowski		
Per Diem	<u>\$ 780</u>	<u>\$ 960</u>
Reimbursements	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

CADDO PARISH SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 7
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Jo Ann Witkowski	\$ 780	\$ 900
Calvin Millender	780	900
Bob Bass	300	900
Kenny Fedd	660	840
Billy Woods	660	600
Georgia Blow	180	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,360</u>	<u>\$ 4,140</u>

CADDO PARISH SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 7

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN ON PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

FINDING 2022-#1

The segregation of duties is inadequate to provide effective internal control.

STATUS: Unresolved.



Marsha O. Millican

A PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING CORPORATION

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
Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7
Shreveport, Louisiana

I 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 of Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated June 6, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered Caddo Sewerage District No. 7's internal control over financial reporting 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 the District's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

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 District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected 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.

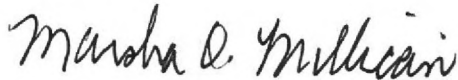
My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. I did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as Finding #2023-1, that I consider to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that is 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 District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Although the intended use of this report may be limited, under Louisiana Revised Statutes, it is issued by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.



Certified Public Accountant
June 6, 2024

CADDO PARISH SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 7

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Summary of Audit Results

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements.
2. One significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, which is a material weakness, was disclosed during the audit of the financial statements.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements were disclosed during the audit.

Finding # 2023-1

Criteria:

Effective internal control requires the segregation of duties.

Condition:

Employees perform interrelated duties.

Cause:

The condition is due to economic and space limitations.

Effect:

Unknown.

Recommendation:

Whether or not it would be cost effective to correct a condition is not a factor in reporting requirements under accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because prudent management requires that the potential benefit from an internal control must exceed its cost, it may not be practical to correct all conditions reported under accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In this case, both management and the auditor do not believe that correcting the condition described above is cost effective or practical, and, accordingly, do not believe that any corrective action is necessary.

Management's Response and Corrective Action Plan:

We agree with the finding. We will segregate duties as allowed by space and economic limitations.



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

To the Board of Commissioners
Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7
Shreveport, Louisiana

I 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. Management of Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7 (the District) is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPS.

The Board of Directors of Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 7 has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in the LLA's SAUPS for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
- i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - 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 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, (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. **Travel and expense reimbursements**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibition 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.
- 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 a 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.

Procedure Results - The entity has written policies and procedures that adequately address each of the categories and subcategories above.

2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. I obtained and inspected 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. I observed 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, I observed 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. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to the public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
 - iii. For governmental entities, I obtained the prior year audit report and observed 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. I observed whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. I obtained a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. I asked management to identify the entity's main operating account. I selected the entity's main operating account and randomly selected 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). I randomly selected one month from the fiscal period, obtained and inspected the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected accounts, and observed that:
- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
 - 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 within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (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.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

(4 Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers))

- A. I obtained 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. I selected 1 deposit site (there is only 1).
- B. For each deposit site selected, I obtained a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. I selected one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 1 collection locations for 1 deposit site), obtained and inspected 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 observed that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - i. Employees 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; and
 - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- 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. I randomly selected two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* I obtained 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 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

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

- A. I obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. I selected 1 location (there is only 1).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, I obtained a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. I obtained written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/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 employees/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
 - 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.

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

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

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

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

- A. I obtained from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. I obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, I randomly selected 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. I randomly selected one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select on monthly bank statement). I obtained supporting documentation, and:
- i. Observed 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: Those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported]; and
 - ii. Observed that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, I randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement and obtained supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, I observed 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.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

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

- A. I obtained from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
 - 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 Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii) and
 - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

8) Contracts

- A. I obtained from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* I obtained management's representation that the listing is complete. I selected 1 contract (there is only 1) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:

- i. Observed whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
- ii. Observed 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), observed 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 was approval documented).
- iv. I randomly selected 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.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. I obtained a list of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. I randomly selected 5 employees or officials, obtained related salaries and personnel files, and agreed paid salaries to authorized salaries/ pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. I randomly selected one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, I obtained attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
 - i. Observed that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - ii. Observed whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
 - iii. Observed that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's accumulative leave records; and
 - iv. Observed that the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. I obtained a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments.

Agree the hours to the employees' or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

- D. I obtained 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 the required deadlines.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
- i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the entity has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

11) Debt Service

- A. I obtained a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. I obtained 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).

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

12) Fraud Notice

- A. I obtained a listing of misappropriation 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 to the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.
- B. I observed 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.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report, "I performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**
- i. I obtained and inspected the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - ii. I obtained and inspected the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - iii. I obtained 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. I randomly selected 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. I observed 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 #9A, I obtained cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observed 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.

I performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

Procedure Results - No employees completed cybersecurity training.

Management's Response - We will complete cybersecurity training in the future.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, I obtained sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observed 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. I observed 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. I obtained the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observed that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observed that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the entity who have completed the training requirements.;
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the entity;
 - 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.

Procedure Results - No exceptions were noted.

I was engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted my engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. I was 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, I do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

I am required to be independent of the District and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to my 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.

Marsha O. Millican

Certified Public Accountant

June 6, 2024