FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish Opelousas, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof and for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and

for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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, 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 and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
 procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of
 expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity
 Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish'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 Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish'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 budgetary comparison information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, as listed in the table of contents, as required by the State of Louisiana, 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 our opinion, the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 3, 2024, on our consideration of the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish'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 Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish'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 Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Vige, Louisiana

June 3, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

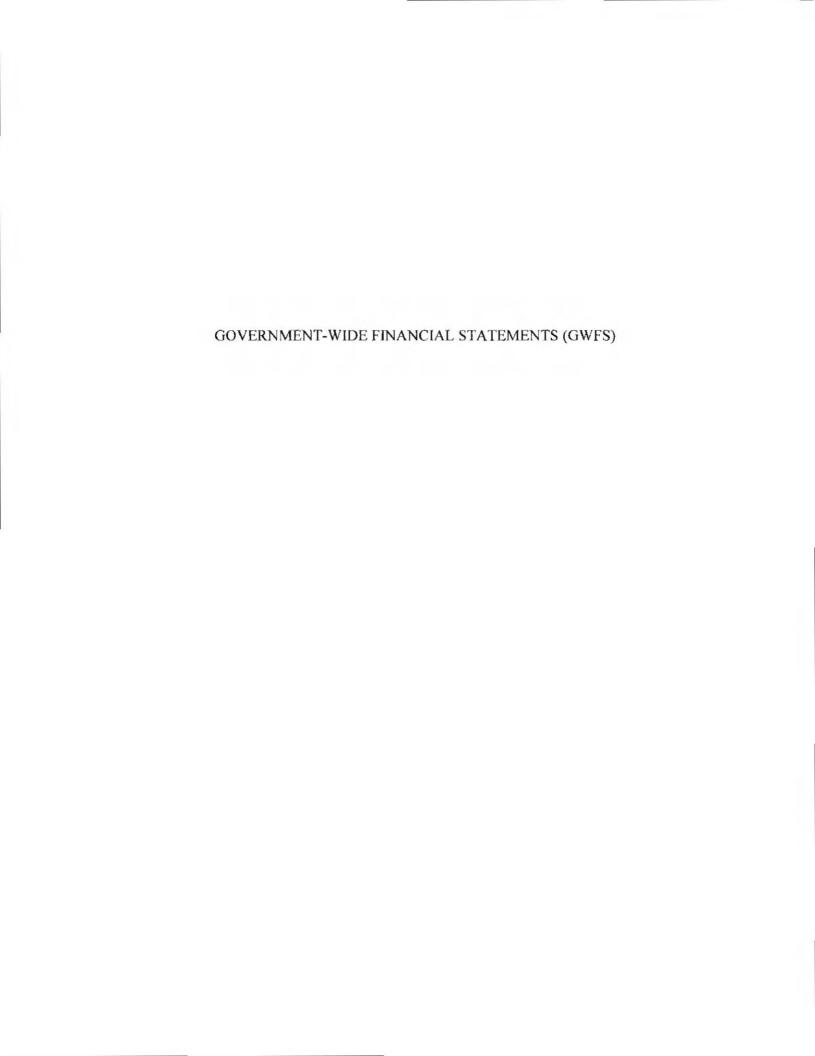
The Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish's basic financial statements comprise the following three components.

<u>Government-wide financial statements</u> – provides readers with a broad overview of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish's finances in a manner similar to a private sector business.

<u>Fund financial statements</u> – provides readers information with an emphasis on inflows and outflows of resources useful for making decisions in a budgetary context where the focus is on meeting near-term financial needs.

<u>Notes to basic financial statements</u> – provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.





BAYOU MALLET AND PLAQUEMINE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 10 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 1,171,806
Receivables (net of allowances)	
Property tax	544,499
State revenue sharing	5,589
Prepaid expenses	5,003
Total current assets	1,726,897
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net	124,851
Right of use assets, net	119,943
Water deposit	275
Total non-current assets	245,069
Total assets	1,971,966
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,619
Interest payable	652
Current portion of lease payable	44,071
Current portion of bonds payable	46,000
Total current liabilities	98,342
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Lease payable	89,344
Total noncurrent liabilities	89,344
Total liabilities	187,686
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets,	
net of related debt	78,851
Unrestricted	1,705,429_
Total net position	\$ 1,784,280

BAYOU MALLET AND PLAQUEMINE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 10 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

				Progran	n Reve	nue	Res	(Expenses) venues and change in et Position		
	Expenses		Expenses			ges for	Capi Ope	tal and rating rant		vernmental Activities
Governmental Activities:										
General Government Public safety Interest	\$	516,567 8,805	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(516,567) (8,805)		
Total Governmental Activities	\$	525,372	\$	_	\$			(525,372)		
	Ge	neral Reve	nues:							
			Ad valorem tax Intergovernmental revenue					554,983		
								8,368		
			Inve	stment e	earning	S		6,003		
			T	otal gen	eral rev	enues		569,893		
	Ch	ange in net	positio	on				44,521		
	Net position - December 31, 2022						1,739,759			
	Ne	t position -	Decen	nber 31,	2023		\$	1,784,280		



BAYOU MALLET AND PLAQUEMINE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 10 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH BALANCE SHEET ALL - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2023

		Debt	
	General	<u>Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Cash in bank	\$ 1,062,253	\$ 109,553	\$ 1,171,806
Property taxes receivable, net	544,499	**	544,499
State revenue sharing receivable	5,589	-	5,589
Water deposit	275	-	275
Prepaid expenses	5,003	-	5,003
Total assets	\$ 1,617,619	\$ 109,553	\$ 1,727,172
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Deferred inflows of resources:			
Unavailable revenues	\$ 39,682	\$ -	\$ 39,682
Total deferred inflows of resources	39,682		39,682
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	5,939	_	5,939
Accrued payroll taxes	1,680	_	1,680
Total liabilities	7,619	<u> </u>	7,619
Fund balances:			
Committed for debt service		109,553	109,553
Unassigned	1,570,318	107,555	1,570,318
Total fund balances	1,570,318	109,553	1,679,871
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Total liabilities and			
fund balances	\$ 1,617,619	\$ 109,553	\$ 1,727,172

BAYOU MALLET AND PLAQUEMINE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 10 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total fund balance for governmental		
funds at December 31, 2023		\$ 1,679,871
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
The statement of net position reports receivables at their net value. However, receivables not available to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in governmental funds.		
Property tax	34,093	
State Revenue Sharing	5,589_	39,682
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of: Capital assets:		
Equipment net of \$865,985 accumulated depreciation Right to use assets:		124,851
Equipment net of \$92,671 accumulated amortization		119,943
Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2023		
Bonds payable	(46,000)	
Interest payable on bonds	(652)	
Lease payable	(133,415)	(180,067)
Total net position of governmental activities at		
December 31, 2023		\$ 1,784,280

BAYOU MALLET AND PLAQUEMINE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 10 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

		Ι	Debt			
	General	Se	rvice	Total		
Revenues:						
Property tax	\$ 537,908	\$	167	\$	538,075	
Intergovernmental	8,368		_		8,368	
Interest	5,887		116		6,003	
Miscellaneous	539		-		539	
Total revenues	552,702		283		552,985	
Expenditures:						
Current:						
Salaries	50,400		-		50,400	
Payroll taxes and benefits	7,984		-		7,984	
Chemical treatment - canals	158,318		-		158,318	
Fuel and oil	73,616		-		73,616	
Equipment repairs and maintenance	13,982		-		13,982	
Materials and supplies	13,970				13,970	
Insurance	21,714		-		21,714	
Travel reimbursement	13,158		-		13,158	
Telephone	2,768		-		2,768	
Board per diem	5,800		-		5,800	
Miscellaneous	3,597		-		3,597	
Professional fees	27,080		-		27,080	
Election expense	2,476		-		2,476	
Debt service						
Principal	42,115	2	14,000		86,115	
Interest	6,567		2,802		9,369	
Total expenditures	 443,545	4	16,802		490,347	
Net change in fund balance	109,157	(4	46,519)		62,638	
Fund balance, beginning	 1,461,161	15	56,072		1,617,233	
Fund balance, ending	\$ 1,570,318	\$ 10	09,553	\$	1,679,871	

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total net change in fund balance for the year ended December 31, 2023 per Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances		\$ 62,638
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:		
Governmental funds defer revenues that do not provide current financial resources. However, the Statement of Activities recognizes such revenues at their net realizable value when earned, regardless of when received. Property Tax State Revenue Sharing	\$ 16,892 16	16,908
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on the Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	_	
Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2023 Right of use assets which are considered expenditures on the Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	(73,022)	(73,022)
Amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2023	(48,682)	(48,682)
Payments on right of use assets		42,115
Bond principal retirement considered an expenditure on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances		44,000
Accrued interest payable at December 31, 2023		564
Total changes in net position for the year ended December 31, 2023 per Statement of Activities		\$ 44,521

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting practices of the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana conform to generally accepted accounting principles of the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the industry audit guide, <u>Audits of State and Local Governmental Units</u>, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

Reporting entity:

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

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

The entity being reported on is the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, which is a component unit of the St. Landry Parish Government. The financial report includes all funds over which the District exercises oversight

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

responsibility. This responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters.

The District was created by the St. Landry Parish Government as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 38:1751. The District is governed by a Board of Commissioners, which consists of five commissioners, appointed by the St. Landry Parish Government.

The District was established for the purpose of opening and maintaining all natural drains in the District, where drainage is accomplished using the natural force of gravity.

Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, as a whole. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods and services offered by the programs, and (b) requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statement:

The District uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, or expenses as appropriate.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The general fund, a governmental fund type, is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources of the District except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

The debt service fund, a governmental fund type, is used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs. The debt service fund is established to meet requirements of bond ordinances.

Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as described below.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statements of activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Fees and non-tax revenues are recognized when received. Grants from other governments are recognized when qualifying expenditures are incurred. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities, usually 60 days.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are ad valorem and state revenue sharing income.

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

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred except that accumulated unpaid vacation and sick pay are not accrued and principal and interest on general long-term debt are recognized when due. Purchases of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased.

Uncollectible ad valorem taxes are estimated based on the prior year's history.

Program Revenues

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the District's taxpayers or citizenry; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the District's revenues.

Allocation of indirect expenses

The District reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to these functions, but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense is specifically identified by function and is included in the direct expense of each function. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Use of estimates in the preparation of financial statements:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted 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 revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Concentration of Risks

Concentration of risks with respect to the District is subject to the conditions of the limited geographical area of the District.

Budgets:

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. Prior to January 1, the Commissioner submits to the Board a proposed operating budget for the ensuing year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. The budget is legally enacted through the passage of a resolution; amendments are also legally enacted through the passage of a resolution.
- 4. The budget for the general fund is adopted on a fund financial statement basis.
- 5. The budget for the general fund is employed as a management control device during the year.

All budget appropriations lapse at year end. Revenues may not legally fall short of budgeted amounts by more than five percent and expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations by more than five percent at the individual fund level. The District does not use encumbrance accounting.

The budget amounts disclosed in this report are as originally adopted and amended by the Board.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposit, interest – bearing demand, and time deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less when purchased. Under state law, the municipality 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.

Interest-bearing Deposits

Interest-bearing deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market.

Allowances for Uncollectibles

All receivables that historically represent uncollectible accounts are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible. The allowance for uncollectible accounts in the general fund is estimated at \$0. The allowance for uncollectible accounts in the debt service fund is estimated at \$0.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activity column in the government-wide financial statements. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost or estimated historical cost. The amounts of estimated costs are immaterial to these financial statements. Donated fixed assets are stated at their fair market value on the date donated.

The District maintains a threshold level of \$300 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net position.

Depreciation is provided over the assets estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of assets is as follows:

Equipment

5 - 20 years

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Net Position and Fund Equity

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

<u>Invested in capital assets, net of related debt</u> – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balance of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowing that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

<u>Restricted net position</u> – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Unrestricted net position</u> – All other net positions that do not meet the definition of "restricted: or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

When both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first.

Generally, governmental fund balances represent the difference between current assets and deferred outflows of resources, and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

Restricted fund balance. This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance. These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the district's board –

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

the government's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the district board removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned fund balance. This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the district's "intent" to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The district's board has the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned fund balance. This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted sources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance) are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses

Program Revenues

Program revenues consist of taxes, fees, fines, and charges for services related to governmental fund activities.

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities.

In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds – By Character

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods-and-services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds." Short-term interfund loans are reported as "interfund receivables and payables." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

Compensated Absences/Pension Plan

The District does not have a pension plan. Board members and employees participate in the Social Security Retirement System. The vacation and sick leave policy was adopted in May 2011. Full time employees of the District may earn five days of annual leave and five days of sick leave after the first full year of employment. Annual leave must be taken in the year earned and cannot be paid or carried forward from year to year. A maximum of five days of unused sick leave may be carried forward to the following year. Payment of unused annual leave or sick leave will not be made upon retirement or termination of employment.

Long-Term Debt

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

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

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements.

Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The cash and cash equivalents of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish are subject to the following risk:

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover its deposits. 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 or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. 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 District that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the District's name.

Bank account balances at December 31, 2023, totaled \$802,438, and of this amount \$250,000 was secured by FDIC Insurance. The remaining amount of \$552,438 was secured with pledged securities from Catalyst Bank in the amount of \$1,390,039.

Note 3. Ad Valorem Taxes

The District's ad valorem property tax is levied each October 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property located in the District. Property taxes are due on October 1 and become delinquent by January 1 of the following year. The St. Landry Parish Sheriff bills, collects, and distributes the property taxes for the District using the assessed values determined by the Tax Assessor of St. Landry Parish.

The millage assessed by the District in 2023 was:

Debt Service	0.00	mills
Maintenance	12.00	mills
Maintenance	10.00	mills

On December 10, 2022, the District passed an election to continue a 10.00 mill tax from 2023 through 2032 for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, operating and improving the gravity drainage works in said district.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 3. Ad Valorem Taxes (Continued)

The District was required to remit 1.54% in 2023 of the total ad valorem taxes per the tax roll to the pension fund. This amount is determined by the legislative auditor each year. Since the Sheriff collects all taxes for the parish, the tax collected in the first month is reduced by the Sheriff for the pension fund amount owed and the remainder is remitted to the taxing district. Therefore, the ad valorem tax receivable and revenue are shown net of pension fund distributions. A breakdown of tax receivable, prior to any year-end receipts, per the tax roll is as follows:

Total per tax roll	\$ 575,489
Pension fund requirements	(18,376)
Allowance for uncollectible tax	(3,513)
	553,600
Taxes collected in December 2023	(9,101)
Tax receivable	\$ 544,499

An estimated allowance for uncollectible property tax has been set up based on prior year experience.

All accounts and property tax receivables are shown net of any allowance for uncollectible accounts. Property taxes receivable for the governmental fund types, which have been remitted within 60 days subsequent to year-end, are considered measurable and available and recognized as revenues. All other property taxes are offset by deferred property tax inflows of resources and, accordingly, have not been recorded as revenue.

Note 4. Capital Assets and Right of Use Leased Assets

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 87, Leases, requiring the recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the principle that leases are financings of the right to use lease assets. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right to use leases asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about a governments' leasing activities.

Capital and right to use leased asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 is as follows:

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4. Capital Assets and Right of Use Leased Assets (Continued)

		Balance 12/31/2022		Additions		Deletions		Balance 12/31/2023	
Governmental Activities									
Equipment	\$	990,836	\$	_	\$	-	\$	990,836	
Totals		990,836		-		-		990,836	
Less accumulated depreciation									
Equipment		792,963		73,022		-		865,985	
Total accumulated depreciation		792,963		73,022		-		865,985	
Right to use lease assets:							×		
Equipment		212,614		_		-		212,614	
Total right to use lease assets		212,614		-		-		212,614	
Less accumulated amortization									
Equipment		43,989		48,682		-		92,671	
Total accumulated amortization		43,989		48,682		-		92,671	
Governmental Activities	•						-		
Capital assets, net	\$	366,498	\$	(121,704)	\$		\$	244,794	

Amortization of the right to use leased assets is computed by the straight-line method over the estimated contract period including renewals. Amortization of the right to use leased assets totaled \$48,682 for the year ended December 31, 2023 and is reported within depreciation/amortization under operating expenses in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position.

The District entered into a 60 month lease with Catepillar Financial Services Corporation for the use of a hydraulic excavator. The term of the lease is from October 25, 2021 through October 25, 2026. The lease provides for a monthly payment of \$4,057. The implicit rate on the GASB 87, *Leases*, transition date was 4.2%. The following schedule summarizes the future principal and interest requirements for the leased equipment at December 31, 2023.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4. Capital Assets and Right of Use Leased Assets (Continued)

Date	P	Principal		Principal Interest				Total			
2024	\$ 44,071		\$	4,611	\$	48,682					
2025		45,958		2,724		48,682					
2026		43,386		624		44,010					
	\$	133,415	\$	7,959	\$	141,374					

Note 5. General Obligation Bonds

Changes in bonds payable are as follows:

	Ba	lances at					Ba	lances at	Bala	ances	
January 1,							Dec	ember 31,	Due	Within	
2014 Bonds		2023	Additions		2023 Additions Retirements		tirements	2023		One Year	
Payable	\$	90,000	\$	-	\$	44,000	\$	46,000	\$	46,000	

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District had an election November 16, 2013, which provided for issuance of \$400,000 of general obligation bonds. The District has general obligation bonds dated July 16, 2014. These bonds are payable over a ten (10) year period with the final payment due on March 1, 2024. These bonds carry a variable rate of interest, from 1.00% to 4.25%. Annual debt service requirements to maturity for these bonds are as follows:

Year Ending	In	terest	P	rincipal		
December 31,	Payments		Payments		Total	
2024	\$	978	\$	46,000	\$	46,978

Bond proceeds are to be used to purchase equipment.

This Bond and the issue of which it forms a part constitute general obligations of the Issuer, and the full faith and credit of the Issuer is pledged for the payment of this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part. Said Bonds are secured by a special ad valorem tax to be imposed and collected annually in excess of all other taxes on all property subject to such taxation within the territorial limits of the Issuer, under the Constitution and laws of Louisiana, sufficient in amount to pay the principal of this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part and the interest thereon as they severally mature.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 6. Long-term Debt

The following is a summary of debt transactions of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 for the year ended December 31, 2023

	12/31/2022	Addi	itions	Retirements	12/31/2023
Lease Liability	\$ 175,530	\$	-	\$ 42,115	\$ 133,415
Bonds Payable	90,000		-	44,000	46,000
	\$ 265,530	\$	_	\$ 86,115	\$ 179,415

Note 7. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB required a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively.

Note 8. Accounting Pronouncements

The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued the following Statements which will become effective in futures years as shown below:

Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements — This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset-an intangible asset-and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. The reporting requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022.

Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences – This Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 9. Compensation Paid to Board Members

Compensation paid to board members for the year ended December 31, 2023, is as follows:

Floyd Dupre	\$1,200
Howard Owens	1,200
Herbert Amy, Jr.	1,100
James H. Lafleur	1,200
Debra Thomas	1,100

The following board members were reimbursed for the business use of their personal vehicles for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Floyd Dupre	\$9,149
James H. Lafleur	4,375

Note 10. Subsequent Events

The District has evaluated subsequent events through June 3, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.



BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			4	
Property tax	\$ 468,436	\$ 261,315	\$ 537,908	\$ 276,593
Intergovernmental	5,372	5,574	8,368	2,794
Interest	864	767	5,887	5,120
Miscellaneous		539	539_	-
Total revenues	474,672	268,195	552,702	284,507
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Salaries	49,376	49,980	50,400	(420)
Payroll taxes and benefits	8,825	10,718	7,984	2,734
Chemical treatment - canals	100,510	158,318	158,318	-
Fuel and oil	84,536	81,450	73,616	7,834
Equipment repairs and maintenance	24,217	18,436	13,982	4,454
Materials and supplies	24,169	16,137	13,970	2,167
Insurance	20,518	21,340	21,714	(374)
Travel reimbursement	17.038	14,866	13,158	1,708
Telephone	2,832	2,746	2,768	(22)
Board per diem	4,900	5,800	5,800	-
Miscellaneous	8.362	3,683	3,597	86
Professional fees	26,770	30,308	27,080	3,228
Lease expense	48,768	48,768	42,115	6,653
Interest expense	<u>-</u>	-	6,567	(6,567)
Election expense	-	2,476	2,476	<u>-</u>
Capital outlay	6,987			¥
Total expenditures	427,808	465,026	443,545	21,481
Net change in fund balance	\$ 46,864	\$ (196,831)	109,157	\$ 305,988
Fund balance, beginning			1,461,161	
Fund balance, ending			\$ 1,570,318	

Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedules

(1) Basis of Accounting

The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

(2) Budgetary Practices

The District prepares and adopts a budget in accordance with LSA - RS 39:1301 et seq. The annual budget for the General Fund is prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting used by that fund.

Neither encumbrance accounting nor formal integration of the budget into the accounting records is employed as a management control device. However, periodic comparisons of budget and actual amounts are performed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BAYOU MALLET AND PLAQUEMINE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 10 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DECEMBER 31, 2023

Agency Head Name: Floyd Dupre, President

Service Period: 12 months

Purpose	Amount		
Board per diem	\$ 1,200		
Reimbursements	9,149		

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

To the Board of Commissioners Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities of the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented,

or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instance 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 our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Vige, Tujague & Noël, CPA's

Eunice, Louisiana

June 3, 2024

BAYOU MALLET AND PLAQUEMINE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 10 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

We have audited the financial statements of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and have issued our report dated June 3, 2024. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2023 resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Section I Summary of Auditors' Reports

١.	Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements
	Internal Control
	Material Weaknesses Yes X No
	Significant Deficiencies Yes X None reported
	Compliance
	Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes X No
	No separate management letter was issued.

Section II Financial Statement Findings

There are no financial statement findings in the current year.

Section III Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

There were no federal awards for the year ended December 31, 2023.

BAYOU MALLET AND PLAQUEMINE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 10 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

#2022-002 Budget Variance

Condition: The District's budgeted revenues in the General Fund exceeded actual revenues by

greater than 5%.

Criteria: When total actual expenditures exceed total budgeted expenditures by 5% or more

and/or when total revenues fail to meet total budgeted revenues by 5% or more or there has been a change in operation upon which the original adopted budget was developed, the District shall adopt a budget amendment in an open meeting to

reflect such a change.

Cause: The District did not make the necessary amendments to the budget to account for

the decrease in advalorem revenue due to the expiration of the millage.

Effect: Failure to properly amend the budget results in variances beyond the 5% of

budgeted revenues and results in noncompliance with budget laws.

Recommendation: We recommend that the District make the necessary amendments to the

budget prior to year end for changes in revenues and expenditures incurred.

Response: The District will make the necessary amendments to the budget prior to year end for

changes in estimated revenues and expenses.

Status: This finding is clear.

II Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

The prior year's report did not include any federal awards.

III Management Letter

The prior year's report did not include a management letter.

BAYOU MALLET AND PLAQUEMINE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 10 OF ST. LANDRY PARISH STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Management and Board of Commissioners of the Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated 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.

 Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.
 - 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.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

- c) Disbursements, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.
- 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).
 - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.
- 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.
 - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.
- 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.
 - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.
- 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).
 - Not applicable. The District does not have credit cards.
- h) *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
 - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.
- 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.
 - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
 - Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

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.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

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.
 Written policies and procedures were obtained and do address the functions noted above.

Board (or Finance Committee, if applicable)

- 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.
 - Obtained and reviewed minutes of the managing board for the fiscal period noting that the board met monthly.
 - 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.
 - Obtained and reviewed minutes of the managing board for the fiscal period noting that the minutes do include monthly budget-to-actual comparisons.
 - 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.
 - Obtained the prior year audit report and observed that the unassigned fund balance was a positive balance.
 - d) Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.
 - e)

 There were no audit findings in the prior year requiring progess updates.

- 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);
 - Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date.
 - 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
 - Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank statement, but not each reconciliation.
 - 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.
 - Bank reconciliations include evidence that management has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

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).
 - Obtained a listing of deposit sites from management and management provided representation that the listing is complete.
- 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. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share a cash drawer.

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.

The fee accountant receives all revenues, in the form of an advalorem check from the Sheriff/Tax Collector and deposits them.

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.

The fee accountant receives all revenues, in the form of an advalorem check and posts collections to the general ledger.

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.

The fee accountant collects all revenues and reconciles collections to the general ledger. A board member 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.

Employees who have access to cash are covered by the bond or insurance policy for theft.

- 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.

Not applicable. Receipts are received in the mail in the form of a check.

b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

Traced collection documentation to the deposit slip with no exceptions.

c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

Traced the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement with no exceptions.

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).

Observed that deposits were made within one business day of receipt at the collection location.

e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Traced the actual deposits per the bank statement to the general ledger noting no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Disbursements – General (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).
 - Obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.
- 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.
 - Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

 Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.
 - 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.
 - Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.
 - 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.
 - Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.
 - e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
 - No exceptions noted.

- 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.
 - Observed that the disbursements matched the related original itemized invoice and the supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received.
 - b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
 - Observed that the disbursement documentation included evidence of segregation of duties tested.
- 11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

No exceptions noted.

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

This section is not applicable since the District does not have or use credit cards.

- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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.

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

- 15. 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).
 - Observed that approved reimbursement rates were no more than those establishments by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration.
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - Not applicable as all travel and travel-related reimbursements tested were reimbursed at a per diem rate and not actual costs.
 - 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).
 - Observed that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose and other documentation required by written policy.
 - d) Observe each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

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

Contracts

Not applicable. Obtained management's representation that there were no contracts initiated or renewed in the current fiscal period.

- 16. 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.

Payroll and Personnel

- 17. 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.
 - Obtained a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period, and management provided representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected 5 employees and agreed paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- 18. 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.)

Observed that all selected employees documented their daily attendance and leave.

- b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
 - Observed that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees.
- c) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - Observed that no leave was requested during the fiscal period.
- d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
 - Observed that the rate paid to employees agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- 19. 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.
 - Management provided representation that there were no employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period.
- 20. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Management provided representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Ethics

- 21. 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.
 - All employees selected for testing had documentation to demonstrate that the required ethics training was completed.

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.

There were no changes made to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal year.

22. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Observed that the agency has appointed an ethics designee.

Debt Service

23. 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.

Management has asserted that the Entity did not have any debt issued during the fiscal year.

24. 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).

Obtained a listing of notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal year and managements representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected one note for inspection and determined that all reserve balances and payments required by debt covenants were made.

Fraud Notice

25. 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.

Management has asserted that the Entity did not have any misappropriations of public funds or assets during the reporting period.

26. 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.

Observed that the entity has posted on its premises, the required notice.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 27. 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.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

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.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

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 procedure and discussed the results with management.

28. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

There were no employee terminations during the year.

- 29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:
 - Hired before June 9, 2020 completed the training; and
 - Hired on or after June 9, 2020 completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

The employees selected for testing did not have the required cybersecurity training.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- 30. 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.
 - The five employees selected for testing did have documentation to demonstrate that the required sexual harassment training was complete.
- 31. 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).

Observed that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on the entity's premises.

- 32. 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:
 - 1. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;

Observed that the report included requirements as stated above.

2. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;

Observed that the report included requirements as stated above.

3. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;

Observed that the report included requirements as stated above.

4. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and

Observed that the report included requirements as stated above.

5. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Observed that the report included requirements as stated above.

Management's Response

Management of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish concurs with the exception and is working to address the deficiency identified.

We were engaged by Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish 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 Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish 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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June 3, 2024