

EAST RICHLAND WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
*A Component Unit of Richland Parish Police Jury*

*Audited Financial Statements*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

EAST RICHLAND WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
(A Component Unit of Richland Parish Police Jury)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners  
East Richland Waterworks District  
Delhi, Louisiana

*Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements*

*Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of East Richland Waterworks District, a component unit of the Richland Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of East Richland Waterworks District, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 East Richland Waterworks District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

*Responsibilities of Management 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 East Richland Waterworks District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

To the Board of Commissioners  
East Richland Waterworks District  
Delhi, Louisiana

***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 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 of the effectiveness of East Richland Waterworks District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about East Richland Waterworks District'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.

To the Board of Commissioners  
East Richland Waterworks District  
Delhi, Louisiana

***Required Supplementary Information***

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 the 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 assurances.

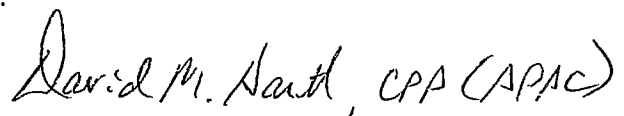
Management has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the 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 East Richland Waterworks District's basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to agency head, political subdivision head or chief executive officer is the responsibility of management and was derived directly from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 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 financial statements or the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to agency head, political subdivision head or chief executive officer are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 27, 2025 on our consideration of the District'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 District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



West Monroe, Louisiana  
January 27, 2025

**COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

EAST RICHLAND WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 373,450
Investments	34,052
Accounts Receivable, net of allowance of \$5,014	48,409
Other Receivables	225
Total Current Assets	<u>456,136</u>
Restricted Assets	
Cash - Customer deposits	52,015
Capital Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation	172,584
Construction in Progress	562,368
Land	17,500
Total Capital Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>752,452</u>
Deferred Outflows	<u>1,448</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,262,051</u>

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	20,854
Safe Water Tax Payable	7,848
Accrued Salaries and Payroll Tax Liabilities	4,060
Customer Deposits	46,530
Total Liabilities	<u>79,292</u>

Net Position

Net Investment in Capital Assets	752,452
Net Position - Unrestricted	430,307
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 1,182,759</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

EAST RICHLAND WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Operating Revenue</u>	
Charges for services	\$ 570,061
Grant Income	562,368
Total Operating Revenue	<u>1,132,429</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	
Water and Sewer Purchases	246,287
Salaries and Wages	150,348
Credit Card	15,722
Administrative	575
Repairs and Maintenance	7,229
Office Supplies	8,258
Mileage Expense	14,464
Depreciation	7,927
Insurance	13,795
Professional Fees	41,394
Taxes and Licenses	9,148
Directors Fees	10,000
Utilities and Sewer	6,693
Contract Labor	77,515
Postage	4,672
Miscellaneous	4,520
Penalties	13,592
Total Operating Expenses	<u>632,139</u>
<u>Operating Income</u>	500,290
<u>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</u>	
Interest Income	1,725
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>1,725</u>
<u>Net Change</u>	502,015
<u>Net Position - Beginning of the Year</u>	<u>680,744</u>
<u>Net Position - End of the Year</u>	<u>\$ 1,182,759</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.



EAST RICHLAND WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
DELHI, LOUISIANA  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash received from customers and grants	\$ 1,134,497
Cash paid to suppliers	(457,918)
Cash paid to employees	(159,496)
Cash paid to others for services, taxes, etc.	-
Net Cash provided by operating activities	<u>517,083</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(562,368)
Net cash used for capital financing activities	<u>(562,368)</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Net Cash provided by investing activities	<u>1,725</u>
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NET DECREASE IN CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH	(43,560)
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CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>469,025</u>
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CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 425,465</u></u>
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Reconciliation of cash and restricted cash reported within the balance sheet  
that sum to the total of the same such amounts in the statements of cash flows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 373,450
Restricted Cash - Customer Deposits	<u>52,015</u>
Total Cash and Restricted Cash	<u><u>\$ 425,465</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

EAST RICHLAND WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
DELHI, LOUISIANA  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET

CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating income	\$ 502,015
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Bad debt expense	-
Depreciation	7,927
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) Decrease in investments	-
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable	(3,755)
(Increase) Decrease in other receivables	-
(Increase) Decrease in prepaid expenses	-
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	9,181
Increase in customer deposits	1,715
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Total Adjustments	15,068
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Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 517,083
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

EAST RICHLAND WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
DELHI, LOUISIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

INTRODUCTION

East Richland Water Works District (the District) was created by the Richland Parish Police Jury, as authorized by Chapter 8 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The District is governed by a five-member board, appointed by the police jury. The District is responsible for maintaining and operating the water distribution system within the boundaries of the District. The District employs 5 people and an operator on a contract basis to operate the system. At December 31, 2024, the District had 851 residential customers and 20 commercial customers.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this statement, the District is considered a component unit of the Richland Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements are included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as discrete component units.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The District's financial statements are presented on the full accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The District applies all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations.

The District is a special purpose government engaged only in business type activities. All activities of the District are accounted for in a single proprietary (enterprise) fund. Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise, where the intent of the governing authority is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred.

The term measurement focus denotes what is being measured and reported in the District's operating statement. Financial operations of the District are accounted for on the flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all of the assets and liabilities available to the District for the purpose of providing services to the public, are measured on the balance sheet. The activity statement includes all costs of providing goods and services during the period.

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Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations, primarily the provision of water to rural areas of Richland Parish. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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

**B. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the District's investment policy allow the entity to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

**C. INVESTMENTS**

Investments are limited by Louisiana R.S. 33:2955 and the District's investment policy. If the original maturities of investment exceed ninety days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are ninety days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents.

**D. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Receivables for water sales are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. The allowance is an estimate based on the amount of receivables that are past due and historical collection rates.

**E. PREPAID ITEMS**

Payments made to vendors that will benefit periods beyond the end of the current calendar year are recorded as prepaid items. Prepaid items consist primarily of prepaid insurance premiums.

**F. RESTRICTED ASSETS**

Certain assets are restricted to set aside funds for customer deposit accounts.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

G. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets of the District are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000, and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Capital assets are recorded at either historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated assets, including water systems donated for continued maintenance by the District, are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

Buildings	15-30 years
Equipment and Furniture	3-7 years
Water System	20-40 years

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The District's employees receive no vacation or sick leave each year.

I. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term liabilities are recognized within the Enterprise Fund. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt. At December 31, 2024, the District had no long-term obligations.

J. NET POSITION

GASB Statement No. 34 required classification of net assets into three separate components. GASB Statement No. 63 revised the terminology by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required component of the residual measure and by renaming that measure at net position, rather than net assets. GASB No. 63 requires the following components of net position:

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- Net investment in capital assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds or deferred inflows of resources at the end of the reporting period, the portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources attributable to the unspent amount should not be included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Instead, that portion of the debt or deferred inflow of resources should be included in the same net position component (restricted or unrestricted) as the unspent amount.
- Restricted – The component of net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Generally, a liability relates to restricted assets if the assets result from a resource flow that also results in the recognition of a liability or if the liability will be liquidated with the restricted assets reported.
- Unrestricted – This component of net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

K. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In some instances, GASB requires a government to delay the recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures or increases in net position as revenues until a further period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively. There are no deferred inflows as of December 31, 2024.

L. ESTIMATES

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

*Custodial Credit Risk – deposits.* The custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's policy to ensure there is no exposure to this risk is to require the financial institution to pledge its own securities to cover any amount in excess of Federal Depository Insurance Coverage. Accordingly, the District had no custodial credit risk related to its deposits at December 31, 2024.

The District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances), savings, and investments in certificates of deposit totaling \$459,517 at December 31, 2024 as follows:

Demand Deposits	\$ 425,465
Certificates of Deposit	<u>34,052</u>
 <u>TOTAL</u>	 <u>\$ 459,517</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at December 31, 2024, are secured as follows:

	Non-Interest <u>Bearing</u>	Time and <u>Savings</u>
Bank Balances	\$ 426,209	\$ 34,052
FDIC Insurance – Non-Interest Bearing Accounts	250,000	-
FDIC Insurance – Time & Savings Accounts	-	34,052
Pledged Collateral	<u>300,000</u>	<u>-</u>
 Uninsured Amount	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>

The accounts are managed by the District's fiscal agent and consist of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government. Investments are in accordance with LRS 33:2955(A)(1)(e) and are not required to be covered by the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 3 - INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 2024, the District's investment balances were in certificates of deposit. The investments are carried at cost, which approximates market value.

Note 4 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

At December 31, 2024 the District's accounts receivable consisted of the following:

Water and Sewer Sales	\$ 53,423
Less: Allowance for uncollectible accounts	<u>( 5,014)</u>
Net receivables	<u>\$ 48,409</u>

Note 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

	December 31, 2023 <u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	December 31, 2024 <u>Balance</u>
Non-Depreciable Assets:				
Land	\$ 17,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,500
Construction in Progress	-	562,368	-	562,368
Depreciable Assets:				
Water Lines and Equipment	536,469	-	-	536,469
Building Improvements	58,880	-	-	58,880
Construction in Progress	-	-	-	-
Office Equipment	<u>9,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,100</u>
Totals at Historical Cost	621,949	562,368	-	1,184,317
Less Accumulated Depreciation:	<u>(423,938)</u>	<u>( 7,927)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>( 431,865)</u>
<u>CAPITAL ASSETS, NET</u>	<u>\$ 198,011</u>	<u>\$ 554,441</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 752,452</u>

Depreciation expense was \$7,927 in 2024.

Note 6 - LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The District was not involved in any litigation at December 31, 2024, nor is it aware of any unasserted claims.



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Note 7 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE AND CREDIT CONCENTRATION

The District supplies water to residents in East Richland Parish. The District purchases all of its water supply from the Town of Delhi.

The District's customers are concentrated in East Richland Parish. The balance of receivables due from these customers is \$48,409.

Note 8 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through January 27, 2025, which is the day the financial statements were available to be issued, and it has been determined that no significant events have occurred for disclosure.

Note 9- RELATED PARTY

The District assesses sewer fees to Settlers Point Subdivision and remits the collections ,monthly to the homeowner's association.

Note 10- IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER SYSTEM

During the year, the District entered into a cooperative endeavor with the State of Louisiana for the planning and construction improvements to the Poverty Point Parkway Water Main. Total state funding is \$625,000, with \$562,368 being received during the year for Phase I. Phase II will be completed during 2025.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

EAST RICHLAND WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE  
SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Tariff</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Residential	Monthly minimum for 2,000 gallons	\$22.00
	2,000 - 4,000 gallons	22.00 + 5.50/1,000
	6,000 gallons and up	22.00 + 7.50/1,000
Two-Line Residential	Monthly minimum for 4,000 gallons	\$44.00
	4,000 - 6,000 gallons	44.00 + 5.50/1,000
	over 6,000 gallons	88.00 + 7.50/1,000
Commercial	0 - 15,000 gallons	\$98.85
	15,000 gallons and up	98.85 + 5.50/1,000
Bayou Macon Contract	Per 1,000 gallons	\$2.90
Government	Monthly minimum for 15,000 gallons	\$98.85
	15,000 gallons and up	98.85 + 5.50/1,000

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RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE  
SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>Name of Insurer</u>	<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Amount of Coverage</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
General Liability	Allied World Assurance Co.	5105-1546-05	\$1,000,000/ 3,000,000	February 11, 2025
Fire	Allied World Assurance Co.	5105-1546-05	\$1,000,000	February 11, 2025
Medical Payments	Allied World Assurance Co.	5105-1546-05	\$10,000	February 11, 2025
Fidelity Bond	Allied World Assurance Co.	5105-1546-05	\$100,000	February 11, 2025
Cyber Liability	Allied World Assurance Co.	5105-1546-05	\$1,000,000	February 11, 2025
Umbrella	Allied World Assurance Co.	5105-1546-05	\$1,000,000	February 11, 2025
Worker's Comp	Wesco Insurance Co.	WWC3451453	\$1,000,000	February 11, 2025

**Schedule III**

EAST RICHLAND WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY  
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, REIMBURSEMENTS, BENEFITS  
AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD,  
POLITICAL SUBDIVISION HEAD, OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Name	Office	Director Fees	Reimbursements, Benefits, Other
Bo Hosea	Board Member	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Shane Lester	Board Member	\$ 2,000	-
Clarence McCall	Board Member	\$ 2,000	-
Mary Jo Clack	Board Member	\$ 2,000	-
Rolanda Robinson	Board Member	\$ 2,000	

## **COMPLIANCE REPORTING**

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  
East Richland Waterworks District  
Delhi, 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 business-type activities of East Richland Waterworks District, of the parish of Richland, state of Louisiana, a component unit of Richland Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 27, 2025

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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, detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-1 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

To the Board of Commissioners  
East Richland Waterworks District  
Delhi, Louisiana

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether East Richland Waterworks District'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 determination of financial statement. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

***East Richland Waterworks District's Response to Findings***

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the findings identified in my audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

***Purpose of this Report***

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

This report is intended for the use of management of East Richland Waterworks District and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

*David M. Sand, CPA (APAC)*

West Monroe, Louisiana  
January 27, 2025



EAST RICHLAND WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
DELHI, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

To the Board of Commissioners  
East Richland Waterworks District  
Delhi, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of East Richland Waterworks District, a component unit of the Richland Parish Police Jury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated January 27, 2025. 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, 2024, resulted in an unqualified opinion.

Section I- Summary of Auditor's Results

A. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weakness \_\_\_ yes X no

Significant Deficiencies not considered to be

Material Weaknesses X yes \_\_\_ no

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements \_\_\_ yes X no

B. Federal Awards – N/A

Material Weakness Identified \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Significant Deficiencies not considered to be

Material Weaknesses \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Type of Opinion on Compliance For Major Programs (No Major Programs)

Unqualified \_\_\_ Qualified \_\_\_

Disclaimer \_\_\_ Adverse \_\_\_

Are their findings required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance?  
N/A

C. Identification of Major Programs: N/A

Name of Federal Program (or cluster) CFDA Number(s) N/A

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs. N/A

Is the auditee a "low-risk" auditee, as defined by the Uniform Guidance? N/A

EAST RICHLAND WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
DELHI, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

2024-1 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

**Condition:** Personnel perform functions that allow for errors or irregularity that is material to the financial statements to occur and remain undetected.

**Cause:** Limited number of employees

**Criteria:** A good system of internal control begins with adequate segregation of duties.

**Effect of Condition:** Errors could occur and remain undetected.

**Recommendation:** Management should review the need to segregate duties among employees.

**Management Corrective Action Plan:** Management, along with the Board, have taken an active role in overseeing the day to day functions of the office. We feel that the cost far outweighs the benefits of hiring additional staff to help with the operations.

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

No findings were reported under this section.

Section III - Management Letter

No management letter was issued.

EAST RICHLAND WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
DELHI, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

**2023-1      Inadequate Segregation of Duties**

Status: See Reportable Condition 2024-1.

Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

This section is not applicable for this entity.

Section III - Management Letter

No management letter issued.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT  
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the East Richland Waterworks District and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the East Richland Waterworks District (the Entity) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA), on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The Entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

East Richland Waterworks District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. 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 related exceptions obtained are described in the attachment to this report.

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

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

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

*David M. Hartt, CPA (APAC)*

West Monroe, Louisiana  
January 27, 2025

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

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- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
- i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - ii. **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
  - iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
  - iv. **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
  - v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
  - vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
  - vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
  - viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
  - ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the 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.

- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

No exceptions were noted in the above procedures.

## **2) Board or Finance Committee**

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- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and
  - i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
  - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, review the minutes from all regularly scheduled board/finance committee meetings held during the fiscal year and observe whether the minutes from at least one meeting each month referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
  - iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

- iv. Observe 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.

No exceptions were noted in the above procedures.

### **3) Bank Reconciliations**

- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
  - i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
  - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and
  - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

There is no evidence that the bank reconciliation and bank statement was reviewed by someone that does not handle cash, post ledgers or issue checks.

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

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that

- i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
  - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
  - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and
  - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and
- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
  - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

The employee collecting cash does make the deposit, is responsible for posting collections to the general ledger, and is responsible for reconciling cash collections. See financial statement finding 2024-1.



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

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- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that
  - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
  - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
  - iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
  - iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
  - v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

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

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

- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. *Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.*

Requisition or purchase orders are not used in purchasing and there is no approval noted on the invoices themselves. There is only one employee in charge of all areas of the accounting function. This employee can add vendors to the general ledger system, but does not have signatory authority and does not initiate the purchase. No signature stamp is used.

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

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and
- i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., itemized receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
  - ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #6B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection)
- D. For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written

documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

There is not evidence that the monthly statement was reviewed and approved in writing by someone other than the card holder.

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

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- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
  - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana ([doa.la.gov/doa/ost/ppm-49-travel-guide/](http://doa.la.gov/doa/ost/ppm-49-travel-guide/)) or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov));
  - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
  - iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
  - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

There were no expenses for travel reimbursement for the year.

## **8) Contracts**

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- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5

contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and

- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
- ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
- iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No contracts are maintained by the District other than copy machine and maintenance contracts.

## **9) Payroll and Personnel**

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

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

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

No exceptions noted in the above procedures.

## **10) Ethics**

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

Two of the selected employees/officials did not receive the required ethics training during the year.

## **11) Debt Service**

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- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

Procedures related to debt service are not required since the District has no debt.

## ***12) Fraud Notice***

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- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

No exceptions noted in the above procedures.

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

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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 there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
- B. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
- 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.
- D. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

E. 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.

We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management. The required cybersecurity training was not obtained.

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

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- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
  - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
  - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
  - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
  - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Of the five employees/officials tested, only three received the required sexual harassment training.