VILLAGE OF DRY PRONG, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023



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November 9, 2023

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Village of Dry Prong, Louisiana

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Village of Dry Prong, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village'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, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Village of Dry Prong, as of June 30, 2023, 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 the Village of Dry Prong 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.

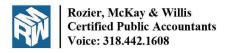
Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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 Village of Dry Prong'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



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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 Village of Dry Prong'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 Village of Dry Prong's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information described in the accompanying 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Village of Dry Prong's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer, the Schedule of Per Diem Paid to Board Members, and the Justice System Funding Schedule, described as additional information in the accompanying table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The additional information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 additional information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 9, 2023 on our consideration of the Village of Dry Prong's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with

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certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Village of Dry Prong's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Rozier, McKay & Willis Certified Public Accountants

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2023

This section of Village of Dry Prong's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Village's financial performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. These two types of financial statements present the Village's financial position and results of operations from differing perspectives which are described as follows:

Government – Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the Village as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. These report all revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. Furthermore, the government-wide statements include all of the Village's assets (including infrastructure acquired after July 1, 2001) and all of the Village's liabilities (including long-term debt).

The government-wide financial statements are divided into two categories, which are described as follows:

- **Governmental Activities** Expenses incurred in connection with providing basic services including police protection, fire protection, culture, recreation, public works and general administration are reported as governmental activities. The governmental activities are financed by taxes, license fees, fines, court cost, interest, grants and contributions.
- **Business-Type Activities** Expenses associated with providing water and sewer services are recovered through fees paid by the customers that utilize these services. These activities are operated in a manner similar to commercial enterprises. Accordingly, activities associated with water and sewer services are reported as business type activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide detailed information regarding the Village's most significant activities and are not intended to provide information for the Village as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that are used to account for specific sources of funds. The Village has two types of funds that are described as follows:

- Governmental Funds These funds are used to account for essentially the same functions
 that are reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.
 However, unlike government-wide financial statements, the governmental funds use a
 modified accrual basis of accounting that provides a short-term view of the Village's
 finances. Assets reported by governmental funds are limited to amounts that are available
 for current needs. In addition, liabilities are limited to amounts that are expected to be paid
 from currently available assets.
- **Proprietary Fund** These funds are used to account for activities that function in a manner similar to commercial enterprises, including activities associated with the Village's water and sewer services. Proprietary fund financial statements typically provide a more

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detailed presentation of the information reported in the business-type activities portion of the government-wide financial statements.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE VILLAGE AS A WHOLE

A comparative analysis of government-wide data is presented as follows:

Net Position

A condensed version of the government-wide Statement of Net Position is presented as follows:

		June 30, 2023	
	Govern- mental Activities	Business- Type Activities Total	June 30, 2022
Assets:			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 114,320	\$ 107,907 \$ 222,227	\$ 293,710
Internal Balances	317,776	(317,776)	
Capital Assets	512,903	2,419,891 2,932,794	3,064,467
Total Assets	944,999	2,210,022 3,155,021	3,358,177
Liabilities:			
Current and Other Liabilities	121,711	55,678 177,389	188,853
Long-term Liabilities		79,778 79,778	93,836
Total Liabilities	121,711	135,456 257,167	282,689
Net Position:			
Invested in Capital Assets (Net)	512,903	2,326,055 2,838,958	2,957,146
Restricted	3,109	3,109	61,109
Unrestricted	307,276	(251,489) 55,787	57,233
Total Net Position	\$ 823,288	\$ 2,074,566 \$ 2,897,854	\$ 3,075,488

As the presentation appearing above demonstrates, the largest portion of the Village's net position (98.0%) is invested in capital assets. Net Position invested in capital assets consist of land, buildings, and equipment less any debts used to acquire assets that remain outstanding. In addition, net position invested in capital assets also include any infrastructure acquired after July 1, 2001. The Village uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens; consequently, these amounts are not available for future spending.

An additional portion of the net position (0.1%) is subject to restrictions that are imposed by revenue sources.

The remaining net position (1.9%), is unrestricted and can be used at the discretion of the governing body.

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Changes in Net Position

A condensed version of the government-wide Statement of Changes in Net Position is presented as follows:

	For the	For the				
	Govern- Business- mental Type Activities Activities Total			Year Ended June 30, 2022		
Revenues:						
Program Revenue:						
Charges for Services	\$ 114,206	\$ 220,216	\$ 334,422	\$ 269,023		
Operating Grants and						
Contributions	22,370		22,370	23,774		
Capital Grants and						
Contributions						
General Revenue:						
Property Taxes	15,046		15,046	14,277		
Franchise Taxes	23,373		23,373	19,178		
Sales Taxes	101,472		101,472	87,876		
Occupational Licenses	47,944		47,944	44,200		
Miscellaneous	14,265		14,265	11,168		
Total Revenue	338,676	220,216	558,892	469,496		
Program Expenses:						
General Government	176,164		176,164	157,835		
Streets	40,519		40,519	34,419		
Public Safety						
Police Department	144,981		144,981	48,721		
Utilities		374,862	374,862	341,689		
Total Expenses	361,664	374,862	736,526	582,664		
Change in Net Position	(22,988)	(154,646)	(177,634)	(113,168)		
Net Position Beginning	846,276	2,229,212	3,075,488	3,188,656		
				27,72,33,55,57		
Net Position Ending	\$ 823,288	\$ 2,074,566	\$ 2,897,854	\$ 3,075,488		

Governmental activities decreased the Village's net position by \$22,988. The decrease is attributable using reserves to supplement services.

Business-type activities decreased the Village's net position by \$154,646. The decrease is attributable to depreciation of assets acquired with grant funds in previous years. Changes in net position excluding capital grants, contributions and depreciation for the utility system are presented as follows:

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2023

	Current	Prior
Change in Net Position Capital Grants and Contributions Depreciation	\$ (177,634) 196,760	\$ (113,168) 183,781
Change in Net Position Excluding Capital Grants, Contributions and Depreciation	\$ 19,126	\$ 70,613

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE VILLAGE'S FUNDS

For the year ended June 30, 2023, activity in governmental funds included the general fund and the sales tax fund. The only differences between amounts reported by the governmental funds and governmental activities reported in the government-wide financial statements are attributable to including fixed assets and debt in the government-wide presentation.

Amounts reported for business-type activities in the Village's individual funds are identical to the business-type activities reported in the government-wide presentation.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Actual expenditures were consistent with appropriations and no budget revisions were necessary.

CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

For the year ended June 30, 2023, activity was limited to depreciating existing capital assets, completing construction of street improvements, and replacing police vehicles that were nearing completion at year end.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Activity was limited to making scheduled payments on existing outstanding debt.

FACTORS EXPECTED TO EFFECT FUTURE OPERATIONS

At the present time, management is not aware of any matters that are expected to have substantial consequences for future operations.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

		ernmental tivities	Business Activi			Total
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	96,164	\$	64,800	\$	160,964
Receivables (net)		18,156		43,107		61,263
Internal balances		317,776		(317,776)		,
Land		51,883		41,369		93,252
Depreciable capital assets, net	-	461,020	2	,378,522		2,839,542
Total assets		944,999	2	,210,022	,	3,155,021
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Accounts payable		17,876		-		17,876
Delayed revenue		103,835		-		103,835
Accrued interest payable		-		3,270		3,270
Meter deposits		-		38,350		38,350
Liabilities payable from restricted assets						
Long-term debt				3		
Due within one year		-		14,058		14,058
Due in more than one year	-			79,778		79,778
Total liabilities		121,711		135,456		257,167
NET POSITION						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		512,903	2	,326,055		2,838,958
Restricted for:						
Street improvements		3,109		-		3,109
Unrestricted		307,276		(251,489)		55,787
Total net position (deficit)	\$	823,288	\$ 2	,074,566	\$	2,897,854

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2023

					Op	n Revenue	(Capital		Cha	nge	ense) Revenues in Net Posi Business-		
	F	Expenses		arges for ervices		nts and		rants & tributions		vernmental Activities		Type Activities		Total
Governmental Activities:		жрензез		er vices	Com	Tioutions		iti io di ionis		Tetrvities	_	1 icu vines		Total
General Government	\$	176,164	\$	-	\$	22,370	\$	_	\$	(153,794)	\$	-	\$	(153,794)
Streets		40,519		-		-		_		(40,519)		_		(40,519)
Public Safety										, , ,				
Law Enforcement		144,981		114,206				<u>-</u>		(30,775)		<u> </u>		(30,775)
Total Governmental Activities		361,664		114,206		22,370		_		(225,088)		-		(225,088)
Business-Type Activities:														
Utility Service		374,862		220,216				<u> </u>				(154,646)		(154,646)
Total Business-Type Activities		374,862		220,216		_				-		(154,646)		(154,646)
Total Primary Government	\$	736,526	<u>\$</u>	334,422	\$	22,370	\$			(225,088)	_	(154,646)	_	(379,734)
			Genera	al Revenu	es:									
			Taxes:											
				Valorem						15,046				15,046
				nchise						23,373		-		23,373
			Sale							101,472		-		101,472
			_	ational Lice	enses					47,944		-		47,944
			Miscel							14,265	_	<u> </u>		14,265
				General Rev		S				202,100	_			202,100
				e in Net Po						(22,988)		(154,646)		(177,634)
				sition Begi	_				_	846,276	_	2,229,212	_	3,075,488
			Net Po	sition Endi	ng				\$	823,288	<u>\$</u>	2,074,566	<u>\$</u>	2,897,854

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

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2023

					Total
				Go	vernmental
		General	Sales Tax		Funds
Assets					
Code and code aminulants	¢.	02.055	e 2.100	¢.	06.164
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	93,055	\$ 3,109	\$	96,164
Accounts receivable		18,156	-		18,156
Due from other funds	<u></u>	317,776	<u> </u>	Φ.	317,776
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	428,987	\$ 3,109	<u>\$</u>	432,096
Liabilities and Fund Balance					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$	17,876	\$ -	\$	17,876
Delayed revenues		103,835	_		103,835
Total liabilities	_	121,711			121,711
Fund Balance					
Nonspendable:					
Long Term advances to other funds		233,858	<u>-</u>		233,858
Restricted For:		200,000			200,000
Street improvements		_	3,109		3,109
Unassigned		73,418	-		73,418
Total Fund Balances		307,276	3,109		310,385
	_				
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$</u>	428,987	\$ 3,109	<u>\$</u>	432,096
Reconciliation of the G	overnment	al Funds			
Balance Sheets to the Statement of Net Position					
Balance Sneets to the Statement of Net Position					

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds		
Balance Sheets to the Statement of Net Position		
Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	310,385
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Long term debt incurred to finance governmental activites does require the use of financial		
resources; therefore, the debt is excluded from the funds financial statements.		-
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are		
not reported in the funds.		512,903
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u>	823,288

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2023

		General	Sales Tax	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	\$	15,046	\$ -	\$ 15,046
Franchise		23,373	-	23,373
Sales tax		101,472	-	101,472
Occupational licenses		47,944	-	47,944
Fines and court cost		114,206	-	114,206
Intergovernmental		22,370	_	22,370
Miscellaneous		14,265	_	14,265
Total revenues		338,676		338,676
Expenditures: Current General government Public safety - law enforcement Capital outlay Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	171,915 137,975 65,088 374,978	- - - -	171,915 137,975 65,088 374,978
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		(36,302)	-	(36,302)
Other sources (uses)				
Operating transfers in (out)		58,000	(58,000)	
. , ,				
Net Change in fund balances		21,698	(58,000)	(36,302)
Fund balance - beginning of year		285,578	61,109	346,687
Fund balance - end of year	<u>\$</u>	307,276	\$ 3,109	<u>\$ 310,385</u>

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net change in fund balances of Governmental Funds

\$ (36,302)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

> Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The effect of capital expenditures and depreciation is presented as follows:

> > Capital Expenditures Depreciation

65,088

(51,774) _____13,314

Change in net position of governmental activities

(22,988)

Statement of Net Position Proprietary Funds

June 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities
ASSETS:	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 64,800
Receivables (net)	43,107
Other assets	_
Total current assets	107,907
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital Assets:	
Land	41,369
Depreciable capital assets, net	2,378,522
Total noncurrent assets	2,419,891
Total assets	2,527,798
LIABILITIES:	
Current Liabilities:	
Other Current Liabilities	3,270
Due to other funds	317,776
Meter deposits	38,350
Current portion of certificate of indebtedness	14,058
Total current liabilities	373,454
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Certificate of indebtedness	79,778
Total liabilities	453,232
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,326,055
Unrestricted	(251,489)
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ 2,074,566</u>

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position Proprietary Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business-Type ActivitiesUtility Enterprise Fund		
Operating revenues:			
Charges for services	\$	184,239	
Other income		35,977	
Total Operating Revenues		220,216	
Operating expenses:			
Salaries and payroll taxes		41,913	
Chemicals and supplies		40,636	
Depreciation		144,987	
Repairs and maintenance		108,543	
Legal and professional		4,322	
Utilities		25,320	
Insurance		4,264	
Miscellaneous		1,170	
Total operating expenses		371,155	
Operating income (loss)		(150,939)	
Non-operating revenues (expenses):			
Interest expense		(3,707)	
Total Non-operating		(3,707)	
Income (loss) before capital contributions and transfers		(154,646)	
Capital Contributions		<u>-</u>	
Change in net position		(154,646)	
Total net position - beginning		2,229,212	
Total net position - ending	<u>\$</u>	2,074,566	

Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business-Type ActivitiesUtility Enterprise Fund
Cash flow from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 200,050
Cash payments to suppliers of goods and services	(184,255)
Cash payments to employees for services	(41,913)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(26,118)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:	
Increase (Decrease) cash advances due to other funds	(29,777)
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	(29,777)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities: Payments for acquisition of capital assets Principle paid on debt Interest paid on debt instruments Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities Cash flows from investing activities: Interest and other income Net cash provided (used) by investing activities Net increase (decrease) in cash	(13,485) (1,875) (15,360) ————————————————————————————————————
Beginning cash balance	136,055
Ending cash balance	64,800
Restricted cash	
Unrestricted cash	<u>\$ 64,800</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (150,939)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash	
provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	144,987
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(21,141)
(Increase) decrease in payables	-
(Decrease) increase in meter deposits	975
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ (26,118)</u>

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

For the year ended June 30, 2023, there were no operating, financing, or investing activities that did not result in cash receipts or payments.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Village of Dry Prong (the Village) was incorporated under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Village is governed by a Mayor and a Board of Alderman consisting of three (3) members. Services provided by the Village include police protection and street maintenance. The Village also operates a water distribution system and a sewer system.

The accompanying policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles for governmental units.

Financial Reporting Entity

As the municipal governing authority, for reporting purposes, the Village is considered a separate financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (the Village), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Village of Dry Prong for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. Criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability include:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a) The ability of the Village 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 Village.
- 2. Organizations for which the Village does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Village.
- 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.

Based upon application of these criteria, there were no potential component units and all of the Village's activities were included in the primary government reporting entity.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements. Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize activities as either governmental activities or business-type activities, which are described as follows:

- Governmental activities involve government services that are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.
- Business-type activities rely on fees and charges for support and operate in a manner similar to private sector enterprises.

The government-wide and fund financial statements present the Village's financial position and results of operations from differing perspectives which are described as follows:

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Village as a whole. The effect of most interfund activity is eliminated from these financial statements. Furthermore, government-wide financial statements exclude any fiduciary activities which are reported in the fund financial statements.

Program revenues reported in the Statement of Activities consist of amounts that are directly associated with a governmental service or business-type activity. Program revenues include charges for services, fines, court cost, contributions associated with a particular function and most grants.

Fund Financial Statements

Funds are separate accounting entities that are designed to assist with demonstrating legal compliance and segregating transactions by activity. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. In addition, separate financial statements are presented for any fiduciary activities. Major individual funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The Village's major funds are described as follows:

- Governmental Funds The Village's active major governmental funds include the general fund, sales tax fund and the debt service fund. The general fund is the primary operating fund and is used to account for all governmental activities except those required to be reported in another fund. The sales tax fund is a special revenue fund used to account for sales tax revenue designated for street improvements within the Village. The debt service fund is used accumulate resources for the repayment of sales tax revenue bonds issued to finance street construction.
- Proprietary Funds Are used to account for business type activities. The operations of
 the Village's Utility System utilize a single proprietary fund. Revenue earned in
 exchange for providing services is reported as operating income and revenue from
 other sources is reported as non-operating.

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Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The basis of accounting and measurement focus used for various financial statement presentations are described as follows:

Financial Statement Presentation	Basis of Accounting	Measurement Focus
Government-Wide Financial Statements	Accrual Basis	Economic Resources
Fund Financial Statements:		
Governmental Funds	Modified Accrual Basis	Current Financial Resources
Proprietary Funds	Accrual Basis	Economic Resources

Under the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting and the current financial resources measurement focus revenue is recognized when it is considered measurable and available. Revenue is considered available if it is collected within 60 days of year end. In addition, expenses are generally recorded when a liability has been incurred; however, debt service, compensated absences, claims and judgments are recorded as expenses when payment is made. Furthermore, when the current financial resources measure focus is used, amounts recorded as assets exclude capital assets and the acquisition of capital assets is treated as expenditures. In addition, long-term debts are excluded from amounts reported as liabilities. Proceeds from issuing long-term debt are reported as other financing sources and repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure of funds.

Non-Exchange Transactions

Revenue from certain non-exchange transactions cannot be properly measured prior to collection. Furthermore, it is not practical to determine the probability of collection resulting from certain non-exchange transactions such as traffic citations. Consequently, revenue from franchise taxes, fines and court cost is not recognized until it is collected.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statement in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets represent resources that must be expended in a specific manner. Restrictions of this nature are imposed by various contractual obligations including grant agreements, tax propositions, and bond covenants.

Budget Practices

The Mayor prepares annual budgets for the Village's general fund and special revenue fund. These budgets are submitted to the Board of Aldermen and the approved budgets are adopted before the beginning of

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

each fiscal year. Amended budgets are prepared prior to the conclusion of each fiscal year. The amended budgets are prepared and approved in the same manner as the original budget.

The general fund and special revenue fund budgets present revenue and expenditures on a basis which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The Village's remaining funds are not required to adopt budgets.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are carried at historical cost or estimated historical cost including interest incurred during construction. Prior to July 1, 1989, there were few records supporting the cost; therefore, costs related to the Village's utility system were estimated based on information furnished by the Village's consulting engineers. Cost of buildings and equipment acquired prior to July 1, 1989 were estimated based on replacement cost.

Infrastructure capital assets consisting of streets, bridges, sidewalks and drainage systems acquired before July 1, 2001 are excluded from capital assets. Depreciation associated with capital assets is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Amounts reported as cash and cash equivalents include all cash on hand, cash in bank accounts, certificates of deposit and highly liquid investments. Credit risk associated with bank deposits is limited by requiring fiscal agent banks to pledge securities as required by State Law. Furthermore, interest rate risk associated with certificates of deposits is typically mitigated by purchasing instruments that mature in one year or less.

Delayed Revenue:

Amounts collected from grant programs are reported as delayed revenue until the Village has complied with the terms and conditions of the grant program. The amount reported as delayed revenue represents the unexpended portion of grant receipts that are required to be used for specific purposes.

Internal Balances:

All funds paid to vendors are typically disbursed from the General Fund. Amounts paid by the General Fund on behalf of other funds and any reimbursements received by the General Fund are reported as internal receivables and payables. In the government-wide Statement of Net Position internal balances are eliminated except for the presentation of net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities.

Fund Balance Classification:

Approval of the majority of the Board of Aldermen is required to approve the commitment of fund balances. In situations where it is permissible to spend restricted or committed resources, the Village typically depletes the available restricted or committed resources before consuming unrestricted resources.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

Statement of Cash Flows:

For the purpose of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes all cash on hand, cash in banks and certificates of deposit.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash deposited in banks is stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits 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. At June 30, 2023, the Village has \$160,866 in deposits (\$193,358 collected bank balance). These deposits are fully protected by federal deposit insurance.

NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2023, are summarized as follows:

	 ernmental ctivities	В	usiness- Type	 Total
Sales Tax	\$ 17,832	\$		\$ 17,832
Utility Accounts			30,857	30,857
Miscellaneous	324			324
Grants			24,000	24,000
Reserve for Doubtful Accounts			(11,750)	(11,750)
Total	\$ 18,156	\$	43,107	\$ 61,263

NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Details related to each component of long term debt are presented as follows:

Certificates of Indebtedness

Revenue bonds by fund type are presented as follows:

	siness-Type Activities
Certificates payable, June 30, 2022	\$ 107,321
New issues	
Retirements	13,485
Certificates payable, June 30, 2023	93,836
Due within one year	14,058
Due in more than one year	\$ 79,778

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

Components of the Village's long-term debt are described as follows:

\$162,000 Limited Tax Certificate of Indebtedness directly borrowed from lender September 20, 2016 due in annual installments including interest at a rate of 4.25%, with the final installment due September 1, 2028......

\$ 93,836

A schedule of maturities of long-term debt follows for the years ended June 30:

	Business-Ty	Business-Type Activities				
Year Ended June 30th	Principal	Interest				
2024	\$ 14,058	\$ 3,689				
2025	14,656	3,079				
2026	15,279	2,443				
2027	15,928	1,780				
2028	16,605	1,089				
2029	17,310	368				
Total	\$ 93,836	\$ 12,448				

NOTE 5 – TAXES:

Ad Valorem Taxes

The Village bills and collects its own property taxes using the assessed values determined by the Tax Assessor of Grant Parish. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Village levied 6.29 mills for general corporate purposes.

Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and are due on or before December 31 in the year the tax is levied. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are recognized as revenue in the year billed.

Sales and Use Taxes

On December 5, 2020, voters of the Village approved a one percent sales and use tax effective January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2029. The proceeds of the sales tax are available for any lawful corporate purpose. Sales and use taxes are collected on behalf of the Village by the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office. Revenues from sales taxes are reported on the accrual basis.

NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the property and equipment reported by the Village on June 30, 2023 consists of the following:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

Governmental Activities	_	Beginning Balance	Additions Disposals				Additions		Disposals		Endir Is Balan	
Land	\$	51,883	\$		\$		\$	51,883				
							<u>-</u>					
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:												
Construction in Process		186,216		17,044		203,260						
Street Improvements		588,487		203,260				791,747				
Buildings and Improvements		218,602						218,602				
Machinery and Equipment		168,742		48,043		33,696		183,089				
Total		1,162,047		268,347		236,956		1,193,438				
Less Accumulated Depreciation		714,341		51,773		33,696		732,418				
Total Net of Depreciation	\$	447,706	\$	216,574	\$	203,260	\$	461,020				
Business-Type Activities												
Land	\$	41,369	\$		\$		\$	41,369				
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:												
Water Distribution System	\$	2,931,869	\$		\$		\$	2,931,869				
Wastewater System		2,510,967						2,510,967				
Equipment		290,982						290,982				
Total		5,733,818						5,733,818				
Less Accumulated Depreciation		3,210,309		144,987				3,355,296				
Total Net of Depreciation	\$	2,523,509	\$	(144,987)	\$		\$	2,378,522				

Depreciation expense reported by various functions is presented as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General Government	\$ 4,248
Streets	40,519
Police	7,006
Total Depreciation – Governmental Activities	\$ 51,773
Business-Type Activities:	
Utility Services	\$ 144,987

NOTE 7- RISK MANAGEMENT

The Village is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

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The Village insures against these risks by participating in a public entity risk pool that operates as a common insurance program and by purchasing commercial insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 8 – RESTRICTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

Details regarding limitations imposed on the use of various resources are summarized as follows:

Long Term Advances

A portion of the General Funds assets have been advanced to the utility funds and repayment is not anticipated in the near future. Since these resources are not available to finance current expenditures, a portion of the general fund balance is reported as non-spendable.

Street Improvements

In previous years the Village collected a sales tax that was restricted for street improvements. Resources remaining from the restricted sales tax are reported in a special revenue fund and the fund balance is reported as restricted for street improvements.

NOTE 9 – INTERFUND BALANCES

Interfund receivables and payables are described as follows:

	Governmental Activities Receivables (Payables)		Ao Red	ness-Type ctivities ceivables ayables)
As discussed in Note 1, interfund balances arise when the general fund disburses funds on behalf of the water and sewer funds. Reimbursements are submitted periodically but no significant reimbursements are expected within the next year.				
General Fund	\$	317,776	\$	217.776
Utility Fund				317,776
Government-Wide Totals	\$	317,776	\$	317,776

Interfund transfers have been completed to provide resources from the sales tax fund to the debt service fund established to repay debt issued to finance street improvements.

NOTE 10 - URAF CONTINGENCY

In order to accommodate highway improvements, the Village has been required to relocate underground utility infrastructure that was located in the State's highway right of way. Funding for the relocation was provided by the State's Utility Relocation Assistance Fund (URAF). Under the terms of the URAF arrangement, the Village is not obligated to repay the URAF funds but if voluntary

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

payments are not made, the Village may be denied access to the State's right of way when conducting future construction projects.

NOTE 11 - PAYABLES

Payables at June 30, 2023, are summarized as follows:

	 ernmental ctivities
Payables to Vendors Payables Under Construction Contracts	\$ 17,876
Other	
Total	\$ 17,876

NOTE 12 – DELAYED REVENUES

Funding has been received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$103,835. Management does not consider these amounts to be earned until expenditures meeting certain requirements have been completed and the funding has not been declared as lost revenue. Accordingly, the amount collected has been reported as delayed revenues.

NOTE 13 – ON BEHALF PAYMENTS

The State of Louisiana provides supplemental pay for public safety employees that meet certain requirements. Amounts reported as revenue and expenditures in connection with State Supplemental Pay are presented as follows:

Police Department \$ 4,800

General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual

Year Ended June 30, 2023

		Budgeted Amounts Original Final				Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
	-							
Revenues:								
Taxes:								
Ad valorem	\$	14,000	\$	14,000	\$	15,046	\$	1,046
Franchise		30,000		30,000		23,373		(6,627)
Sales Tax		82,000		82,000		101,472		19,472
Occupational licenses		35,000		35,000		47,944		12,944
Fines and Court Cost		175,000		175,000		114,206		(60,794)
Intergovernmental		-		-		22,370		22,370
Miscellaneous	_	7,000	-	7,000	_	14,267		7,267
Total revenues		343,000		343,000	<u> </u>	338,678		(4,322)
General Government:								
Salary - mayor and aldermen		7,500		7,500		7,500		_
Salaries - other		70,578		70,578		39,051		31,527
Animal control		5,400		5,400		5,850		(450)
Community center		3,000		3,000		2,425		575
Contract labor		1,000		1,000		360		640
Dues and publications		2,500		2,500		1,151		1,349
Equipment purchases		17,000		17,000		54		16,946
Insurance		30,000		30,000		22,679		7,321
Legal and professional		26,000		26,000		25,114		886
Library		3,000		3,000		2,805		195
Office supplies		5,000		5,000		7,551		(2,551)
Payroll taxes and benefits		11,500		11,500		3,767		7,733
Printing and advertising		1,500		1,500		1,089		411
Repairs and maintenance		6,500		6,500		8,608		(2,108)
Streets and parks		8,000		8,000		23,032		(15,032)
Traffic ticket assessments		4,000		4,000		1,296		2,704
Utilities and telephone		25,000		25,000		16,891		8,109
Miscellaneous		4,500		4,500	_	2,692	<u> </u>	1,808
Total general government	_	231,978	_	231,978	_	171,915		60,063

Continued...

General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budgeted Am Original	ounts Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Public Safety:				
Police department				
Salaries and payroll taxes	97,300	97,300	100,060	(2,760)
Retirement contributions	26,000	26,000	10,742	15,258
Insurance	18,000	18,000	-	18,000
Fuel	10,000	10,000	10,295	(295)
Parts and supplies	10,000	10,000	7,719	2,281
Rapairs and maintenance	5,000	5,000	5,833	(833)
Education and training	3,500	3,500	3,328	172
Miscellaneous		<u> </u>		
Total police department	169,800	169,800	137,977	31,823
Capital Expenditures		<u> </u>	65,088	(65,088)
Total expenditures	401,778	401,778	374,980	26,798
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(58,778)	(58,778)	(36,302)	22,476
Other sources (uses) Operating transfers in (out)			58,000	58,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	(58,778)	(58,778)	21,698	80,476
Fund balance - beginning of year	285,578	285,578	285,578	
Fund balance - end of year	<u>\$ 226,800</u> <u>\$</u>	226,800	307,276	<u>\$ 80,476</u>

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer For the year ended June 30, 2023

Agency Head (Mayor) - Shane Davis

Purpose:	
Compensation	\$ 3,000
Benefits	-
Reimbursements	-
Total	\$ 3,000

SCHEDULE OF PER DIEM PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS For the year ended June 30, 2023

Total	\$ 7,500
Elisa Holton, Alderman	 1,500
Daryl Bryant, Alderman	1,500
Della Barbee, Alderman	1,500
Shane Davis, Mayor	\$ 3,000

Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting / Disbursing Entity
As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session Cash Basis Presentation

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	First Six Month Period Ended December 31, 2022	Second Six Month Period Ended June 30, 2023
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected	\$ 57,172	\$ 57,035
Add: Collections Criminal Criminal/Costs/Fees Subtotal Collections	-	<u>-</u>
Less: Disbursements to Governments & Nonprofits Central Louisiana Juvenille Detention Center Dept. of Health and Hospitals - Head Injury Fund Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement - Court Cost Louisiana Supreme Court State of Louisiana - CMIS Assessment	758 505 202 51 101	345 230 92 23 46
Less: Amounts Retained by the Village of Dry Prong Self Disbursed Court Cost Subtotal Disbursements / Retainage Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed	55,555 57,172 \$	56,299 57,035 \$



November 9, 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 Mayor and Board of Aldermen Village of Dry Prong, Louisiana

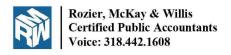
We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Village of Dry Prong, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village of Dry Prong's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 9, 2023.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Village of Dry Prong'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 Village of Dry Prong's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village'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 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 items 2023-001 and 2023-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village of Dry Prong'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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

THE VILLAGE OF DRY PRONG'S RESPONSE TO FINDINGS

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Village of Dry Prong's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Village of Dry Prong'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.

Rozier, McKay & Willis Certified Public Accountants

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

PART I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS:

- The Independent Auditors' Report on the financial statements of the Village of Dry Prong as of June 30, 2023 and for the year then ended expressed an unmodified opinion.
- The audit disclosed audit findings which are required to be reported as reportable conditions. No reportable conditions were reported material weaknesses.
- The results of the audit disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are considered to be material to the financial statements of the Village of Dry Prong.

PART II - FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS:

2023-001	Accrued Leave Reporting
Condition	Personnel policies require paying employees for unused accrued leave upon the termination of employment. Despite the obligation to compensate employees for unused leave, personnel records do not track accrued leave balances. Since balances are not maintained on an ongoing basis, balances are not available to determine the amounts due upon termination.
Criteria	On March 30, 2023, the Board of Aldermen adopted an employee policy handbook. The personnel policy adopted obligates the Village to compensate employees for unused leave balances upon the termination of employment.
Cause	When new personnel policies were adopted, procedures were not implemented to maintain records necessary to implement the policies.
Effect	Insufficient records to determine the amount of required payments.
Recommendation	Establish recordkeeping practices for maintaining unused leave balances for each employee.

2023-002	Recording Retirement Contributions	
Condition	Payments to the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System have not been	
	correctly reported in the accounting system.	
Criteria	Dry Prong is required to remit employee and employer contributions to the	
	Municipal Employees Retirement System.	
Cause	Payments to the retirement system have not been coded to the correct general ledger	
	account.	
Effect	Expenses associated with participating in the retirement system are overstated	
Recommendation	Revise procedures for recording contributions to the Municipal Employees	
	Retirement System	

No management letter was issued.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

SECTION I INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL				
STATEMENTS.				
2023-001: Accrued Leave Reporting Personnel policies require paying employees for unused accrued leave upon the termination of employment. Despite the obligation to compensate employees for unused leave, personnel records do not track accrued leave balances. Since balances are not maintained on an ongoing basis, balances are not available to determine the amounts due upon termination.	2023-001: Response We will conduct research necessary to determine accrued leave balances. In addition, in the future leave balances will be maintained on an ongoing basis.			
2023-002: Recording Retirement Contributions	2023-002: Response			
Payments to the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System have not been correctly reported in the accounting system.	Procedures will be implemented to ensure payments to retirement systems are correctly coded in the future.			
SECTION II INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS				
No findings were reported in the schedule of findings.	Response – N/A			
SECTION III				

MANAGEMENT LETTER

Response-N/A

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

SECTION I INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.			
2022-001: Unfavorable Budget Variances Budget variances exceeded limits imposed by State Law.	2022-001: Resolved Current variances were within limits prescribed by State Law.		
SECTION II INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS No findings of this nature were reported as a result of the previous audit. Response – N/A			
SECTION III MANAGEMENT LETTER No management letter was issued. Response – N/A			

APPENDIX A Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures



<u>Independent Accountant's Report</u> On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Village of Dry Prong and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Village of Dry Prong (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 July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The Entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The entity 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 described above. 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.

We were engaged 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 entity 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.

Rozier, McKay & Willis Certified Public Accountants Alexandria, Louisiana

November 9, 2023

Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures

Written Policies and Procedures			
Agreed-Upon Procedure	Results	Managements' Response	
Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories. Budgeting Purchasing Disbursements Receipts Payroll/Personnel Contracting Credit Cards Travel and expense reimbursements Ethics Debt Service Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity Sexual Harassment	No written policies were in effect.	Due to the small size of the operation and limited amount of personnel, the Village has determined that responsibilities can be clearly communicated without adopting written polices and procedures.	

		Board (or Finance Committee)	
	Agreed-Upon Procedure	Results	Managements' Response
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.	Minutes demonstrate that meetings were held monthly.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms.
	b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund and major special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds. Alternately, for those entities reporting on the non-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.	Budget to actual comparisons were not presented on a regular basis.	We will consider making changes to our monthly reporting process to address these matters.
	c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unrestricted fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unrestricted fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal	The previous audit report presented a positive unrestricted fund balance.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms.

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period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unrestricted fund balance in the general fund. 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.	No written updates of the previous findings were presented.	Previous findings were limited to budge variances. The status of these findings did no change during the year.

	Bank Reconciliations		
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3	Obtain a listing of client bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for selected each account, and observe that:		
	 a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); 	Reconciliations were prepared within a two month period.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms.
	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	No evidence of review was present	Since our reconciliation process is performed by someone completely independent of the collection process, further review was not considered necessary.
	c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.	No evidence of research was present	Transactions outstanding more than 12 months were limited to 8 items.

		Collections (excluding EFTs)	
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4	Obtain a listing of <u>deposit sites</u> 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).	Deposit sites are limited to the office maintained at Town Hall.	
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:	Collection locations are limited to the office maintained at Town Hall.	
	a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.	Collection responsibilities are limited to a single employee.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.

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	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.	A single individual is responsible for collections and making bank deposits.	Due to limited staff it is not practical to fully segregate duties.
	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.	A parttime bookkeeper is responsible for positing deposits.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.
	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 verifies the reconciliation.	Responsibility for collecting and posting is generally segregated between the Clerk and a part-time bookkeeper.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.
6	Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.	The Clerk is bonded.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms.
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,		

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receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:			
a. Observe that receipts are sequentially prenumbered.	Receipts were utilized where applicable.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms	
b. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.	Documentation agrees with deposit slip.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms	
c. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.	Deposit slip agrees with bank statement.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms	
d. 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).	Deposits were made within a business day.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms	
e. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.	Bank statement agrees with the general ledger.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms	

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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).	Locations utilized for payment processing are limited to the office maintained at the Town Hall.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.
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. 	No formal process is in place for documenting purchase request.	Due to the small size of the staff and open communication between department heads and elected officials formal documentation is not considered necessary.
	 b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors. 	Checks require two signatures.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms.
	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.	The computer system does not provide features for limiting access dot vendor data.	Due to limited number of transactions and the Administration's general familiarity with the identity of vendors, limiting access to vendor data is considered unnecessary.

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	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.	The employee responsible for signing the checks typically delivers checks to the post office.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.
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 that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.	Documentation for one of the transactions was limited to a statement and the itemized invoice / receipt was not available.	In the future, cash register receipts will be retained for transactions charged to a credit account.
	b. Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.	Evidence of segregation was present	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms.
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)	No vendors were paid electronically. Electronic transactions were limited to payroll tax deposits and retirement contributions.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms.

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pproved by the required number of authorized		
igners per the entity's policy. Note: If no		
lectronic payments were made from the main		
perating account during the month selected		
ne practitioner should select an alternative		
nonth and/or account for testing that does		
nclude electronic disbursements.		

	C	redit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards	
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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.	Cards were limited to a single Sam's Club account	
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 that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder.	The second secon	Approval was demonstrate by two signatures appearing on the check that paid the credit card.
	b. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.	There were no finance charges or late fees assessed.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms.

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	Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards		
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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 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).	The statement included a single transaction for \$254.70, but no supporting documentation was available.	In the future, we will retain cash register receipts associated with credit card charges.

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	Travel and Expense Reimbursement			
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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 list and representations were obtained.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.	
	a. If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).	N/A: Payments were based on actual costs.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms.	
	b. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.	Actual costs were supported by itemized receipts.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms.	
	c. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).	Business purpose and participation were apparent.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.	
	d. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.	Checks were signed by two parties that were not the recipient of the reimbursement.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.	

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	Contracts		
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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:		
	Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.	N/A – Based on discussions with management and other available evidence, no contracts were initiated or renewed.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.
	 b. Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter). 	N/A – Based on discussions with management and other available evidence, no contracts were initiated or renewed.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.
	c. If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment.	N/A – Based on discussions with management and other available evidence, no contracts were initiated or renewed.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms.
	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 that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.	N/A – Based on discussions with management and other available evidence, no contracts were initiated or renewed.	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms.

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	Payroll and Personnel		
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17	Obtain a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.	A list and representations were obtained .	
18	Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:		
	a. Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).	Only hourly employees were required to document daily attendance.	We will review documentation policies and revise as necessary.
	b. Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.	No leave records were maintained	Until recently our leave policy did not provide employees a vested interest in leave and no tracking system was implemented. In the future, we will explore options for maintaining complete leave and attendance records.
	c. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.	No leave records were maintained	Until recently our leave policy did not provide employees a vested interest in leave and no tracking system was implemented. In the future, we will explore options for maintaining complete leave and attendance records.
19	Obtain a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete.	No termination payments were issued.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.

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	Randomly select two employees/officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations, agree the hours to the employee/officials' cumulate leave records, and agree the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee/officials' personnel files.		
20	Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.		N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.

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	Ethics			
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21	Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:			
	Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.	Personnel files did not include evidence of ethics training.	Arrangements will be made to improve personnel files and retain all necessary documentation.	
	b. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official attested through signature verification that he or she has read the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.	Personnel files did not include signature verification.	Arrangements will be made to improve personnel files and retain all necessary documentation.	
22	Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.	No designee was appointed	Due to the small size of our staff, a formal designee is considered unnecessary	

	Debt Service			
	Agreed-Upon Procedure	Results	Managements' Response	
23	Obtain a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all bonds/notes on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.	No debt was issued during the period.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.	
25	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.	Debt was limited to a Certificate of Indebtedness with a local financial institution. The arrangement does not including an significant covenants or reserve requirements.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.	

Fraud Notice			
	Agreed-Upon Procedure	Results	Managements' Response
23	Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.	No misappropriations were reported.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.
26	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.	The state of the s	A copy will be displayed as follows.

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	Information Technology Disaster Recovery /Business Continuity		
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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 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.	We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.
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	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.
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	N/A – Results did not include findings or criticisms.
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	We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.

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selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.		

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	Sexual Harassment			
	Agreed-Upon Procedure	Results	Managements' Response	
29	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.	No documentation of training appeared in personnel files.	Arrangements will be made to improve personnel files and retain all necessary documentation.	
30	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).	Dry Prong does not maintain a website.	N/A - Results did not include findings or criticisms.	
31	Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:			
	 a. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements; b. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency; c. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred; d. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and e. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint. 	A report was not prepared for the applicable period.	The requirements will be reviewed and arrangements will be made to achieve compliance.	