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COTEAU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Houma, LA
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

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As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2007**

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COTEAU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

This discussion and analysis of the Coteau Fire Protection District's financial performance provides a narrative overview of the financial activities as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Our financial statements provide these insights into the results of this year's operations:

- The net assets increased as a result of this year's operations. Net assets of our governmental activities increased by \$228,525 approximately 48%. At the end of the year assets exceeded liabilities by \$704,201 (net assets).
- During the year, expenses for fire protection services were \$190,187 and program revenues were \$35,203. General revenues of \$383,508 were recognized to end the year with revenue exceeding expenses by \$228,524. This compares to last year when revenues exceeded expenses by \$57,512.
- Program expenses increased by \$66,048.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities (Government-Wide Financial Statements) provide information about the governmental activities as a whole and present a longer-term view of the finances. The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds (Fund Financial Statements) tell how services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the most significant funds.

Our auditor has provided assurance in his independent auditor's report that the basic financial statements are fairly stated. The auditor, regarding the Required Supplemental Information and the Other Supplemental Information is providing varying degrees of assurance. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts in the Annual Report.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

One of the most important questions asked about finances is, "Is the Coteau Fire Protection District as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information as a whole and about activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and

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liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the net assets and changes in them. You can think of net assets—the difference between assets and liabilities—as one way to measure the financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, to assess the overall health of the Coteau Fire Protection District.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds—not as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State laws.

The Coteau Fire Protection District utilizes the governmental type of fund with the following accounting approach. Most of the basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AS A WHOLE (GWFS)

Net assets increased from \$475,677 to \$704,201, slightly less than 50%. Unrestricted net assets—the part of net assets that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements—absorbed most of the increase this year. The balance in net assets represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations.

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Our analysis below focuses on the net assets (Table A) and changes in net assets (Table B) of the governmental-type activities.

Table A
Condensed Statement of Net Assets

	2006	2007	Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
Current and Other Assets	\$ 583,203	\$ 1,221,686	\$ 638,483	109.5%
Capital Assets	430,109	905,615	475,506	110.6%
Total Assets	1,013,312	2,127,301	1,113,989	109.9%
Current Liabilities	370,040	451,462	81,422	22.0%
Long-term Liabilities	185,596	971,638	786,042	423.5%
Total Liabilities	555,636	1,423,100	867,464	61.0%
Invested in Capital Assets	244,513	446,509	201,996	82.6%
Unrestricted	213,163	257,692	44,529	20.9%
Total Net Assets	\$ 457,676	\$ 704,201	\$ 246,525	53.9%

Table B
Condensed Statement of Activities

	2006	2007	Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
Total program expenses	\$(124,139)	\$(190,187)	\$ 66,048	53.2%
Total program revenues	26,360	35,203	8,843	33.5%
Net program income	(97,779)	(154,984)	(57,205)	-58.5%
General revenues	155,291	383,508	228,217	147.0%
Change in Net Assets	57,512	228,524	171,012	297.4%
Net Assets:				
Beginning of the year	418,164	475,677	57,513	12.1%
End of the year	\$ 475,676	\$ 704,201	\$ 228,525	48.0%

Revenues for the governmental activities increased by \$237,060, while total expenses increased 53% (\$66,048).

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS (FFS)

The Coteau Fire Protection District uses funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes. Looking at individual funds helps you consider whether the District is being accountable for the resources provided to it but may also give you more insight into the overall financial health.

The general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$799,648 of which the Board has designated in the budget \$150,000 for capital purchases. This reflects an increase of \$568,485 from last year, mainly due to increased borrowing proceeds.

Total revenues for governmental funds were \$431,243, an increase of over 130% from the prior year, primarily from an increase in the millage levied and collected for ad valorem taxes,

Current expenditures for fire protection activities were \$88,061, an increase of 32% from the prior year in almost all categories. Capital outlay equaled \$528,720, a significant increase of \$472,494 from the prior year.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The original budget for the General Fund was revised during the year. Authorized budget amendments were approved as follows:

Original Budgeted Revenues	\$314,000
Amendments were made for:	
Increased Ad Valorem taxes	65,290
Increased State Revenue Sharing	3,770
Increased Fire Act Grant	35,200
Increased Fire Insurance Rebate	1,600
Increased Miscellaneous	1,425
Increased Interest	9,050
Total revenue amendments	116,335
Amended Budgeted Revenues	\$430,335

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Original Budgeted Expenditures	\$470,466
Amendments were made for:	
Increased ad valorem tax deductions & adjustments	875
Increased current expenditures	31,350
Increased Debt Service	42,966
Increased Capital Outlay	283,300
Total expenditure amendments	358,491
Amended Budgeted Expenditures	\$828,957

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, for governmental activities at year-end were \$905,615. This year there were no deletions and \$528,720 of additions. Capital purchases were made for new pagers, a mobile radio system, AED machines, SCBA gear, a new laptop and generator in the equipment category totaling \$22,639. Capital purchases of \$37,232 were made for a new 2007 Dodge Quad Cab Truck and accessories, and \$468,788 was added in construction in progress for the expenditures for the new Lower Coteau Fire Station.

Depreciation of \$53,214 was recorded on capital assets in the governmental activities. More detailed information about the capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

LONG-TERM DEBT

The District had \$971,638 in long term debt outstanding. During the year the District borrowed an additional \$846,786 from a capital lease (\$512,532) and issuing Certificates of Indebtedness (\$334,254) to fund a new fire truck and construction costs for a new station. Principal payments of \$60,743 and \$19,488 of interest was made on the outstanding debt during the year. More detailed information about the long term debt is presented in Note 6 to the financial statements.

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ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Highlights of next year's General Fund budget include:

	2008
Anticipated revenues	<u>\$ 390,236</u>
Expenditures:	
Current	125,000
Capital outlay	125,000
Debt service	<u>148,366</u>
Anticipated expenditures	<u>398,366</u>
Excess of revenues	(8,130)
Fund Balance:	
Beginning of the year	<u>16,795</u>
End of the year	<u><u>\$ 8,665</u></u>

CONTACTING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Coteau Fire Protection District's finances and to show accountability for the money it received. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact:

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FINANCIAL SECTION



STAGNI & COMPANY, LLC

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of
Coteau Fire Protection District
Houma, LA

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each fund of the Coteau Fire Protection District, a component unit of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007 which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the Coteau Fire Protection District. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Coteau Fire Protection District as of December 31, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated May 12, 2008, on our consideration of the Coteau Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

To the Commissioners of the
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Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Required Supplementary Information, as listed in the foregoing table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Stagni & Company

Thibodaux, Louisiana
May 12, 2008



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Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 2007

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 312,080
Ad Valorem taxes receivable	52,217
Due from other governments	326,515
Miscellaneous receivable	11,225
Deposit Escrow for Truck	512,532
Prepaid Insurance	7,117
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>905,615</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 2,127,301</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:	
Accrued salaries	\$ 605
Due to other governments	45,987
Interest payable	29,424
Deferred revenue	<u>375,446</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>451,462</u>
Long-term liabilities:	
Due in one year	93,238
Due after one year	<u>878,400</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>971,638</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>1,423,100</u></u>

NET ASSETS

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	446,509
Unrestricted	<u>257,692</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>\$ 704,201</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Activities - Governmental Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for services</u>	<u>Program Revenue</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue</u>
Recreational activities:	\$ 190,187	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,203	\$ (154,984)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 190,187</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 35,203</u>	<u>\$ (154,984)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES					
Ad valorem taxes					348,759
State revenue sharing					6,273
Fire Insurance Rebate					9,598
Miscellaneous					1,434
Interest earned					17,444
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES					<u>383,508</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS					228,524
NET ASSETS:					
Beginning of year					<u>475,677</u>
End of year					<u><u>\$ 704,201</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements.

COTEAU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund - General Fund
 December 31, 2007

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 312,080
Ad Valorem taxes receivable	52,217
Due from other governments	326,515
Miscellaneous receivable	11,225
Deposit Escrow for Truck	512,532
Prepaid Insurance	7,117
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,221,686</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 605
Retainages payable	45,987
Deferred revenue	375,446
Total current liabilities	<u>422,038</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>422,038</u>

EQUITY

Fund balances:	
Unreserved-Designated for Capital Purchases	150,000
Unreserved - undesignated	649,648
Total equity	<u>799,648</u>

RECONCILIATION TO STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS:

In the statement of net assets, capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental fund as above	905,615
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Long term portion	(878,400)
Current portion	(93,238)
Interest payable	<u>(29,424)</u>
	(1,001,062)
 Net assets of governmental activities	 <u>\$ 704,201</u>

See notes to financial statements.

COTEAU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances - Governmental Fund - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

REVENUES	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 361,291
Intergovernmental:	
Federal Fire Act Grant	35,203
State Revenue Sharing	6,273
State Fire Insurance Rebate	9,598
Miscellaneous	1,434
Interest	<u>17,444</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>431,243</u>
 EXPENDITURES	
General government - current:	
Ad valorem tax deductions	11,997
Ad valorem tax adjustments	<u>535</u>
Total general government - current	<u>12,532</u>
Public Safety - current:	
Supplies & materials	33,272
Other services & charges	45,054
Repairs & maintenance	<u>9,735</u>
Total current	<u>88,061</u>
Capital Outlay	<u>528,720</u>
Debt Service:	
Principal	60,743
Interest	<u>19,488</u>
Total debt service	<u>80,231</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>709,544</u>
Excess (deficiencies) of revenues over (under) expenditures	 (278,301)
 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
Proceeds from borrowing	<u>846,786</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>846,786</u>
 NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	 568,485
 FUND BALANCES	
Beginning of year	<u>231,163</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$799,648</u></u>
 RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:	
Net change in fund balances per above	\$ 568,485
 In the statement of activities, the cost of assets purchased is allocated over the estimated useful life and depreciation on these assets is recorded.	
Capital outlay	528,720
Depreciation	<u>(53,214)</u>
	475,506
 The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets.	
Proceeds from issuance of debt	(846,786)
Principal payments	<u>60,743</u>
	(786,043)
Increase in interest payable	(29,424)
 Change in net assets - governmental activities	 <u><u>\$ 228,524</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

The Coteau Fire Protection District (the District) is governed by a Board of Commissioners appointed by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government organized under La. Revised Statute 40:1492. The District provides for the acquisition, construction, maintenance, and operations of fire protection and emergency medical service facilities, for the purchase of fire trucks and other fire fighting or emergency medical service equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes.

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

A. Reporting Entity

As the governing authority, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is the financial reporting entity for Terrebonne Parish. Because the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government could by definition in statute be financially burdened by the Coteau Fire Protection District, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or any other governmental reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements will be included in the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) of the Parish for the year ending December 31, 2007.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accounting system is organized and operated on a fund basis whereby a separate self-balancing set of accounts is maintained for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations. The various funds in the financial statements in this report are as follows:

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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation (continued)

Governmental-wide Financial Statements (GWFS):

GWFS include the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities for all activities of the District. The GWFS presentation focuses primarily on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other non-exchange revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

Governmental funds account for all or most of the general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid.

The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources that may be used to finance future period programs or operations. The following are the governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources and expenditures except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is *always* a major fund.

C. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The government-wide financial statements display information as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed).

Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non- exchange Transactions*.

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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the column labeled Statement of Activities are derived directly from users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected in fund financial statements, are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of operations.

The amounts reflected in the fund financial statements, use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available).

Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The court considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting (continued)

Revenues – Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded as revenue in the period for which levied, thus the 2006 property taxes which were levied to finance the 2007 budget are recognized as revenue in 2007. The 2007 tax levy is recorded as deferred revenue in the current financial statements. Charges for services are recorded when earned since they are measurable and available. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash by the District because they are generally not measurable or available until actually received.

Expenditures – The major expenditures are recorded when payable or when the fees are incurred.

D. Use of Estimates

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

E. Operating Budgets

As required by Louisiana Revised Statutes, The Board of Commissioners adopted a budget for the District's General Fund. As allowed by state law, the Board does not obtain public participation in the budget process. The Board must approve any amendment involving the transfer of monies from one function to another, or increases in expenditures. The district amended its budget for the year ended December 31, 2007. All budgeted amounts that are not expended or obligated through contracts lapse at year-end. The General Fund budget is adopted on a basis materially consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

F. Investments

Louisiana state law allows all political subdivisions to invest excess funds in obligations of the United States or any other federally insured investments, certificates of deposit of any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the state of Louisiana, guaranteed investment contracts and investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic corporations. Investments consist of certificates of deposit which are stated at cost and approximate market value.

G. Receivables

The financial statements for the District contain no allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. These amounts are not considered to be material in relation to the financial position or operations of the funds.

H. Prepaid Insurance

The District has recorded prepaid insurance in the General Fund. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

I. Capital Assets

In the government-wide financial statements, additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are recorded and depreciated (capitalized). Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$500 or more are valued at historical cost or estimated if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Assets. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

I. Capital Assets (continued)

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>LIFE</u>
BUILDINGS & IMPROVEMENTS	35 YEARS
VEHICLES	5-40 YEARS
OFFICE FURNITURE, FIXTURE & EQUIPMENT	5-15 YEARS
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	5-20 YEARS

In the fund financial statements, capital assets purchased in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

J. Long-Term Debt

In the GWFS all long-term debt to be repaid from governmental resources are reported as liabilities. In the FFS long-term debt is not reported as liabilities. Debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payments of principle and interest reported as expenditures.

K. Fund Equity

For government-wide financial statements net assets are classified and displayed in three components:

1. Invested in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets, if any.
2. Restricted net assets – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributions or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted net assets – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

K. Fund Equity (continued)

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

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved, with unreserved further split between designated and undesignated. Any designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Note 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits:

A summary of deposits are listed as follows:

	Bank Balance	Reported Amount
Cash & Savings	\$539,323	\$309,548
Certificate of Deposit	\$2,532	\$2,532
Cash	\$541,855	\$312,080

State law requires that deposits (cash and certificates of deposit) of all political subdivisions to be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and the securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished, as security must be held by the political subdivision or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of the political subdivision. Under the provision of GASB, pledged securities, which are not in the name of the governmental unit, are considered uncollateralized.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, deposits may not be returned to it. The District has a written policy for custodial credit risk. As of year end \$441,855 of the bank balance of deposits was exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits were uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name. At year-end all of the District's deposits were adequately collateralized by securities held by unaffiliated banks for the account of the District.

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Note 2 DEPOSITS (continued)

Even though the pledged securities are considered subject to custodial credit risk under the provisions of GASB Statement 40, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the depositor that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

Note 3 AD VALOREM TAXES

Property taxes are levied each November 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real property, merchandise and movable property located in the Parish. Assessed values are established by the Terrebonne Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law. A reevaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. The last reevaluation was completed for the list of January 1, 2004. Taxes are due and payable December 31 with interest being charged on payments after January 1. Taxes can be paid through the tax sale date, which is the last Wednesday in June. Properties for which the taxes have not been paid are sold for the amount of the taxes. The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2007 was 18 mills of assessed valuation on property within Terrebonne Parish Coteau Fire Protection District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating recreation facilities within the District.

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Note 4 CAPITAL ASSETS

Information about capital assets and depreciation for the year are summarized as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
NON-DEPRECIABLE ASSETS				
Land	\$ 47,783	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,783
Construction in Progress	-	468,788	-	468,788
	<u>47,783</u>	<u>468,788</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>516,571</u>
DEPRECIABLE ASSETS:				
Buildings & Improvements	13,165	-	-	13,165
Vehicles	336,337	37,232	-	373,569
Machinery & Equipment	240,503	22,699	-	263,202
Office Furniture & Equipment	6,760	-	-	6,760
Total Cost of depreciable assets	<u>596,765</u>	<u>59,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>656,696</u>
Total Cost of assets	644,548	528,720	-	1,173,268
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION				
Buildings & Improvements	282	376	-	658
Vehicles	86,477	27,806	-	114,283
Machinery & Equipment	121,254	24,975	-	146,229
Office Furniture & Equipment	6,426	56	-	6,482
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>214,439</u>	<u>53,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267,653</u>
Net depreciable assets	\$ 382,326	-	-	\$ 389,043
Net capital assets	\$ 430,109	-	-	\$ 905,615

Depreciation Expense of \$53,214 was recorded in the governmental activities.

Note 5 DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Amounts due from other governmental units consisted of the following:

Governmental Agency:	For:	Amount
Terrebonne Parish Tax Collector	December tax collections	\$ 316,245
State of Louisiana	Revenue Sharing	4,452
TPCG	Miscellaneous	5,818
		<u>\$ 326,515</u>

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Note 6 LONG-TERM DEBT

A summary of changes in the long-term debt for the year is as follows:

CATEGORY	BALANCE	ADDITIONS	PAYMENTS	BALANCE
Fire Truck Lease @ 6.14%	\$ 27,852	\$ -	\$ 13,512	\$ 14,340
Fire Truck Lease @ 4.85%	157,744		14,394	143,350
2007 E-One 50" Aerial	-	512,532	-	512,532
Station COI - 5.295%	-	334,254	32,838	301,416
TOTAL	\$ 185,596	\$ 846,786	\$ 60,744	\$ 971,638

The District entered into a financing lease agreement for the acquisition of a fire truck in 1998. The lease agreement bears an interest rate of 6.14% and is repayable through April 2008. The lease qualified as a capital lease for accounting purposes and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of its future minimum lease payments as of the inception date. The asset was recorded at a cost of \$111,290 as a capital asset.

The District entered into a financing lease agreement for the acquisition of a fire truck in 2005. The lease agreement bears an interest rate of 4.85% and is repayable through 2015. The lease qualified as a capital lease for accounting purposes and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of its future minimum lease payments as of the inception date. The asset was recorded at a cost of \$171,473 as a capital asset.

The District entered into a financing lease agreement for the acquisition of a fire truck on January 15, 2007. The lease agreement is for a new truck to be housed in the newly constructed Lower Coteau Fire Station. Although the proceeds from the lease are in escrow as of the end of the year, the first lease payment is not payable until March 1, 2008 and the title to the truck has not transferred as of December 31, 2007. The cost of the truck (\$512,532) is recorded as a prepaid asset (Escrow deposit). The lease bears an interest rate of 4.775% and is repayable on March 1st through 2017. The lease qualified as a capital lease for accounting purposes and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of its future minimum lease payments as of the inception date.

On July 24, 2007 the Board passed a resolution incurring debt with the issuance of Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2007 in the sum of \$334,254 in connection with construction of a new fire station. The certificates bear an interest rate of 5.295%

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Note 6 LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments are as follows:

YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2008	\$ 93,238	\$ 55,127	\$ 148,365
2009	\$ 86,695	\$ 46,449	\$ 133,144
2010	\$ 91,260	\$ 41,883	\$ 133,144
2011	\$ 96,067	\$ 37,077	\$ 133,144
2012	\$ 101,126	\$ 32,018	\$ 133,144
2013	\$ 106,453	\$ 26,691	\$ 133,144
2014	\$ 112,060	\$ 21,083	\$ 133,144
2015	\$ 117,964	\$ 15,180	\$ 133,144
2016	\$ 102,133	\$ 8,965	\$ 111,099
2017	\$ 64,642	\$ 3,492	\$ 68,134
	<u>\$ 971,639</u>	<u>\$ 287,966</u>	<u>\$ 1,259,604</u>

Note 7 RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to workmen's compensation; torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance. No settlements were made during the year that exceeded the District's insurance coverage.

Note 8 COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

No compensation was paid to Board Members for the year.

***REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION***

COTEAU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Budget Comparison Schedule - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Budgets		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$296,000	\$361,290	\$361,291	\$ 1
Federal Fire Act Grant	-	35,200	35,203	3
State Revenue Sharing	2,500	6,270	6,273	3
State Fire Insurance Rebate	8,000	9,800	9,598	(2)
Miscellaneous	-	1,425	1,434	9
Interest	7,500	16,550	17,444	894
TOTAL REVENUES	314,000	430,335	431,243	908
EXPENDITURES				
General government - current				
Ad valorem tax deductions	10,200	12,025	11,997	28
Ad valorem tax adjustments	1,500	550	535	15
Total general government - current	11,700	12,575	12,532	43
Public safety - current				
Supplies & materials	17,500	16,000	33,272	(17,272)
Other services & charges	45,000	71,850	45,054	26,796
Repairs & maintenance	12,000	18,000	9,735	8,265
Total public safety - current	74,500	105,850	88,061	17,789
Capital outlay	347,000	830,300	528,720	101,580
Debt Service:				
Principal	27,905	60,743	60,743	-
Interest	9,361	19,489	19,488	1
Total debt service	37,266	80,232	80,231	1
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	470,466	828,957	709,544	119,413
Excess (deficiencies) of revenues over expenditures	(156,466)	(398,622)	(278,301)	120,321
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from borrowing	170,000	334,254	846,786	512,532
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	170,000	334,254	846,786	512,532
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	13,534	(64,368)	568,485	632,853
FUND BALANCES				
Beginning of year	16,840	231,163	231,163	-
End of year	\$ 30,374	\$ 166,795	\$ 799,648	\$ 632,853

***REPORTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT
AUDITING STANDARDS***



STAGNI & COMPANY, LLC

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

**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 Commissioners of
Coteau Fire Protection District
Houma, LA

We have audited the financial statements of the Coteau Fire Protection District; a component unit of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated May 12, 2008. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Coteau Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

To the Board of Commissioners
Coteau Fire Protection District
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A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Coteau Fire Protection District's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Commissioners, management the State of Louisiana and the Legislative Auditor for the State of Louisiana and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Stagni & Company

Thibodaux, LA
May 12, 2008



**COTEAU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007**

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Coteau Fire Protection District, a component unit of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated May 12, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards and the standards generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The independent auditor's opinion on the basic financial statements was unqualified.

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Reports

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

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses Yes No

Significant Deficiencies Yes No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes No

b. Federal Awards N/A

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses Yes No Significant Deficiencies Yes No

Type of Opinion On Compliance Unqualified Qualified

For Major Programs Disclaimer Adverse

Are their findings required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510(a)? Yes No

c. Identification of Major Programs: N/A

CFDA Number (s)

Name of Federal Program (or Cluster)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: _____

Is the auditee a 'low-risk' auditee, as defined by OMB Circular A-133? Yes No

Section II Financial Statement Findings

NONE

Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

N/A

