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Ward 3 Fire Protection District
A Component Unit of the Jackson Parish Police Jury
Jackson Parish, Louisiana

Annual Financial Statements

As of and For the Year Ended
December 31, 2011
With Supplemental Information Schedules

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ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Mr. Freddy Tolar, Chairman
and Members of the Board of Commissioners
Ward 3 Fire Protection District
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We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Ward 3 Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish, Louisiana, a component unit of the Jackson Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents, in accordance with *Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services* issued by the *American Institute of Certified Public Accountants*. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of management of the Ward 3 Fire Protection District.

A review consists principally of inquiries of the Ward 3 Fire Protection District's personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The budgetary comparison information on page 19, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*. Such information has not been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, but was compiled from information that is the representation of management, without audit or review. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the supplementary information.

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report dated June 20, 2012 on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Management has not presented the discussion and analysis information that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of the basic financial statements.

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Jonesboro, Louisiana
June 20, 2012

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Ward 3 Fire Protection District
Jackson Parish, Louisiana

Statement of Net Assets
As of December 31, 2011

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 270,276
Receivables	<u>331,858</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>602,134</u>
Non-Current Assets:	
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>411,077</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,013,212</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 12,997</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>12,997</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	411,077
Unrestricted	<u>589,138</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,000,215</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

Ward 3 Fire Protection District
Jackson Parish, Louisiana

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

	MAJOR FUNDS				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
	EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	Governmental Activities
Primary government:					
Governmental activities:					
Public safety	\$ 90,524	\$ -	\$ 4,335	\$ -	\$ (86,189)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 90,524</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,335</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (86,189)</u>

GENERAL REVENUES

Taxes:

Ad valorem 340,827

Intergovernmental:

Parish revenue sharing -

Fire insurance rebate 341

Interest 2,942

Contributions 55

Miscellaneous 1,275

Total general revenues 345,440

Change in net assets 259,251

Net assets - December 31, 2010 740,964

Net assets - December 31, 2011 \$ 1,000,215

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Ward 3 Fire Protection District
Jackson Parish, Louisiana

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
As of December 31, 2011

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 270,276
Receivables, net	<u>331,858</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 602,134</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ <u>12,997</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>12,997</u>
Fund Balances:	
Unassigned	<u>589,138</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>589,138</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 602,134</u>

Statement D

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets
As of December 31, 2011

Total Fund Balances of General Fund at December 31, 2011	\$ 589,138
Total Net Assets reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets (Statement A) are different because:	
Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources; and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund	<u>411,077</u>
Net Assets of governmental activities at December 31, 2011	<u>\$ 1,000,215</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

Ward 3 Fire Protection District
Jackson Parish, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

	General Fund
REVENUES	
Taxes:	
Ad valorem	\$ 340,827
Intergovernmental:	
Fire insurance rebate	341
Interest	2,942
Grant revenue	4,335
Contributions	55
Miscellaneous	1,275
TOTAL REVENUES	349,775
EXPENDITURES	
Public safety:	
EMS Supplies	1,948
Equipment	12,672
Fuel	2,307
Insurance	15,995
Legal and accounting	3,223
Mileage expense	344
Pension expense	12,719
Radio system maintenance	1,322
Repairs and maintenance	15,682
Supplies	254
Telephone and utilities	2,470
Training and education	627
Miscellaneous expense	368
Capital Outlay	199,481
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	269,413
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES	
Over(Under) Expenditures	80,362
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	80,362
FUND BALANCES - December 31, 2010	508,776
FUND BALANCES - December 31, 2011	\$ 589,138

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

Ward 3 Fire Protection District
Jackson Parish, Louisiana

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (Statement E) \$ 80,362

Amount reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities (Statement B), the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeds depreciation expense in the current period.

178,889

Change in net assets of governmental activities (Statement B)

\$ 259,251

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

**NOTES TO THE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Ward 3 Fire Protection District
Jackson Parish, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

INTRODUCTION

The Ward 3 Fire Protection District of Jackson Parish is located in the eastern portion of Jackson Parish in northeast Louisiana. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1495, the District is governed by a Board of Commissioners consisting of five members: two members are appointed by the Jackson Parish Police Jury; two members are appointed by the mayor and board of aldermen of Chatham, Louisiana; and one member who serves as chairman, is elected by the four appointed board members. Commissioners are residents of the District and serve staggered one and two year terms. The members of the Board of Commissioners do not receive compensation.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Jackson Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Jackson Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (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 Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Jackson Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

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

Because the police jury approves the organization's governing body, and the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Jackson Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

Governmental funds account for all of the District's 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 resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the District. According to GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, fund balance can be classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. Non-spendable funds are typically noncash or prepaid items that are identified as a part of fund balance, but they are not available to be expended. Spendable items included restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned funds. The restricted fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the government's General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. The following are the District's primary governmental funds:

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all of the District's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term obligations. The governmental fund of the Ward 3 Fire Protection District is the:

General Fund - the general operating fund of the District and accounts for all financial resources. The district has no financial resources which require separate fund accounting.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds 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. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental funds. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all governmental fund revenues.

Ad Valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis by the Tax Assessor of Jackson Parish. The Jackson Parish Tax Collector sends notices to property owners in either September or October. Taxes are due from property owners upon receipt of notice. Billed taxes become delinquent on December 31 of the current year. Ad Valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of December 31 of each year. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

Ad Valorem taxes are collected by the Jackson Parish Tax Collector and remitted to the Ward 3 Fire Protection District. Therefore, amounts received during the current period are recognized as revenue; and amounts collected during the current period and received by the District within 60 days after December 31 are recorded as receivables.

Intergovernmental revenues are recorded when the District is entitled to the funds. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, which are recognized when due.

E. BUDGETS

The budget was prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The budget was made available for public inspection at the time of adoption. The Board of Commissioners must meet and approve all budget changes or amendments. At year end, all appropriations lapse. Budget amounts for the year ended December 31, 2011, are as amended.

F. ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the District.

G. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. The District has two demand deposit accounts at December 31, 2011 which are reported as cash and cash equivalents.

Under State law, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are stated at cost. The District has no investments at December 31, 2011.

H. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, vehicles, and equipment, are reported in the governmental column of the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost. The Ward 3 Fire Protection District maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the life of the asset are not capitalized. Donated fixed assets are stated at their estimated fair market value on the date of donation.

I. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

There are no accumulated and vested benefits relating to vacation and sick leave as the District has no employees.

J. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from the governmental fund are reported in the general long-term obligations account group. Expenditures for principal and interest payments for long-term obligations are recognized in the governmental fund when due. Ward 3 Fire Protection District has no long-term obligations at December 31, 2011.

K. FUND EQUITY

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation as non-spendable. Restricted fund balances are legally restricted by outside parties, purposes stipulated by constitution, or through enabling legislation for use for a specific purpose. Committed fund balances include amounts that can only be used for a specific purpose determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Assigned fund balances are intended to be used by the District for a specific purpose but do not meet the criteria for restricted or committed classification. Unassigned fund balances are the residual classification for the District's General Fund and include all spendable amounts not designated as restricted, committed, or assigned.

At December 31, 2011, the District's governmental fund balance was unassigned.

2. LEVIED TAXES

The following is a summary of authorized and levied Ad Valorem taxes.

	Authorized Millage	Levied Millage	Expiration Date
Maintenance	10.00	10.00	2012

3. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 2011, the District has cash, cash equivalents and investments (book balances) totaling \$270,276, as follows:

Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 270,276
Certificate of deposit	-
Total	\$ 270,276

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At December 31, 2011, the District has \$335,276 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$200,000 of pledged securities.

4. FIXED ASSETS

The changes in general fixed assets follow:

	Balance January 1, 2011	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2011
Governmental Activities:				
Construction in Progress	\$ -	\$ 1,593	\$ -	\$ 1,593
Buildings	465,708	52,052	-	517,760
Vehicles	297,000	120,321	-	417,321
Equipment	30,895	25,515	-	56,410
Totals at historical cost	793,603	199,481	-	993,084
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	250,466	12,597	-	263,063
Vehicles	297,000	2,465	-	299,465
Equipment	13,948	5,531	-	19,479
Total accumulated depreciation	561,414	20,593	-	582,007

Ward 3 Fire Protection District has a 99 year lease with the Town of Chatham for \$1 per year to utilize the land where the Chatham Fire Station is located.

5. PENSION PLANS

The District does not participate in any pension or retirement plans.

6. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The District has advised us that it is not involved in any litigation at December 31, 2011.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to and destruction of assets: errors and omissions: injuries to employees: and natural disasters. The District maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of these risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, June 20, 2012, and determined that no events occurred that require disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Ward 3 Fire Protection District
Jackson Parish, Louisiana

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

	Budget - Original	Budget - Final	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	\$ 194,587	\$ 194,587	\$ 340,827	\$ 146,240
Intergovernmental:				
Fire insurance rebate	5,700	5,808	341	(5,467)
Interest	4,500	2,639	2,942	303
Grant revenue	-	-	4,335	4,335
Contributions	1,000	60	55	(5)
Miscellaneous	-	-	1,275	1,275
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>205,787</u>	<u>203,094</u>	<u>349,775</u>	<u>146,681</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Public safety:				
EMS Supplies	500	1,948	1,948	(0)
Equipment	30,000	30,388	12,672	17,716
Fuel	1,500	2,360	2,307	53
Insurance	14,000	13,265	15,995	(2,730)
Legal and accounting	6,000	3,893	3,223	670
Mileage expense	-	478	344	134
Pension expense	9,000	11,165	12,719	(1,554)
Radio system maintenance	10,000	5,411	1,322	4,089
Repairs and maintenance	5,000	27,011	15,682	11,329
Supplies	2,000	254	254	(0)
Telephone and utilities	1,500	2,368	2,470	(102)
Training and education	1,000	626	627	(1)
Miscellaneous expense	2,000	368	368	(0)
Capital Outlay	250,000	161,128	199,481	(38,353)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>332,500</u>	<u>260,663</u>	<u>269,413</u>	<u>(8,750)</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES				
Over(Under) Expenditures	<u>(126,713)</u>	<u>(57,569)</u>	<u>80,362</u>	<u>137,931</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES				
	(126,713)	(57,569)	80,362	137,931
FUND BALANCES - December 31, 2010				
	508,776	508,776	508,776	-
FUND BALANCES - December 31, 2011				
	<u>\$ 382,063</u>	<u>\$ 451,207</u>	<u>\$ 589,138</u>	<u>\$ 137,931</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Mr. Freddy Tolar, President
and Members of the Board of Commissioners
Ward 3 Fire Protection District
Chatham, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Ward 3 Fire Protection District and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Ward 3 Fire Protection District's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2011 included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. Management of Ward 3 Fire Protection District is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Public Bid Law

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$30,000, or public works exceeding \$150,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

No expenditures were made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$30,000 or public works exceeding \$150,000.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

Ward 3 Fire Protection District has no employees.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

As stated in procedure (3), the District has no employees.

Budgeting

5. Obtained a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget. The budget was amended once in the fiscal year, and a copy of the amended budget was provided.

6. Trace the budgets adoption and amendments to the minute book.

We traced the adoption of the original budget, for the year ended December 31, 2011, to the minutes of a meeting held on December 6, 2010, which indicated that the budget had been approved by all of the commissioners. The 2010 budget was amended and approved by all the commissioners at the monthly meeting held December 5, 2011.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more or if actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budgets to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual revenues were more than budgeted revenues, and actual expenditures were more than budgeted expenses 2%.

Accounting and Reporting

8. Randomly select six disbursements made during the period under examination and:

- (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee;

We examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

- (b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account; and

The six selected disbursements were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

- (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

The six selected disbursements were traced to the District's minute book where they were approved by the commissioners.

Meetings

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

The Ward 3 Fire Protection District posts a notice of each meeting in the local newspaper, the official journal of the District, and the District posts notice of the meeting on the front door of the Fire Station.

Debt

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

We inspected copies of all bank statements and the general ledger for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

As stated in procedure (3), the District has no employees

Prior Comments and Recommendations

Our report dated December 31, 2010, did not include any comments or unresolved matters.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Ward 3 Fire Protection District and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Government)

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In connection with your review of our financial statements as of December 31, 2011 and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of 12/31/2011 (date of completion/representations).

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes [] No []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [] No []

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes [] No []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-16), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes [] No []

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [] No []

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes [] No []

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes [] No []

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R. S. 42:1 through 42:13.

Yes [] No []

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [] No []

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [] No []

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance that may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

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President 5-22-2012 Date