

**RED RIVER PARISHWIDE
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Robert May, Chairman
and the Board of Commissioners
Red River Parishwide Fire Protection District
Coushatta, Louisiana

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Red River Parishwide Fire Protection District, Coushatta, Louisiana, a component unit of the Red River Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Red River Parishwide Fire Protection 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 and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. All information included in these financial statements is the responsibility of the management of the Red River Parishwide Fire Protection District, Coushatta, Louisiana.

A review consists principally of inquiries of the Fire 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, I do not express such an opinion.

Based on my review, I am 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.

In accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and the provisions of state law, I have issued a report dated June 25, 2008, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 9 and 28 through 29 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are 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, I do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the supplementary information.

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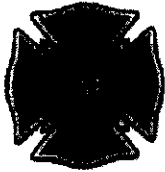
My review was made for the purpose of expressing limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The information listed in the table of contents as other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, and I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made thereto.

William E. Weatherford, CPA, LLC

William E. Weatherford, CPA, LLC
Certified Public Accountant
Shreveport, Louisiana
June 25, 2008

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART I)

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Red River Parishwide Fire Protection District, Coushatta, Louisiana, (hereafter referred to as the "District") we offer the readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District's basic financial statements and supplementary information provided in this report in assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of our stewardship of public resources.

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Wanda Calhoun
Mary Ann James

Station 2

David Welch

Station 3

Robert May

Station 4

Anna Cotton

Station 5

John Youngblood

Station 6

Robert Yarbrough

Station 7

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The District experienced an increase in its net assets by 28.52% (\$205,182) during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, compared to an increase of 14.22% (\$89,543) during the prior year. As of December 31, 2007 the assets of the District exceeded its liabilities by \$924,496. Of this amount \$334,703 (36.20%) is reported as "unrestricted net assets" and represents the amount available to be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to the citizens of Red River Parish.

During the year ended December 31, 2007, the District received an insurance settlement of \$71,500 applicable to the total loss of fire truck No. 2 (Hall Summit) during October of 2007.

The District also received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant through the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$52,250 during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

The District expended \$282,180 during 2007 for vehicles and station equipment compared to \$221,832 during 2006.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements include three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains additional required supplementary information (budgetary schedules) and other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements. These components are described below:

Board Chairman

Robert May

District Chief

Shane Felts

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include two kinds of financial statements that present different views of the District - the **Government-wide Financial Statements** and the **Fund Financial Statements**. These financial statements also include the **Notes to the Financial Statements** that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide additional detail.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide a broad view of the District's operations in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's financial position, which assists users in assessing the District's economic condition at the end of the year. These statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting similar to methods used by most businesses. These statements report all revenues and expenses connected with the year even if cash has not been received or paid and include all assets of the District as well as all liabilities (including long-term debt). The government-wide financial statements include two statements:

- **The *statement of net assets*** presents all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as "net assets". Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.
- **The *statement of activities*** presents information showing how the District's net assets changed during the most recent year using the full accrual basis of accounting. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Therefore, some revenues and some expenses that are reported in this statement will not result in cash flows until future years. This statement also presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District.

Both of the above financial statements present the governmental activities of the District.

Governmental Activities – The activities in this section are mostly supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (grants). The services provided by the District fall into this category.

The government-wide financial statements can be found immediately following this discussion and analysis.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The fund financial statements focus on individual parts of the District, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

Governmental funds: The basic services provided by the District are financed through the governmental fund. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, the fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the District's near-term financing requirements. This approach is known as using the flow of financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. These statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's finances and assists in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet the current needs of the District.

Because the focus of the governmental funds financial statements is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, users may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and the governmental activities. These reconciliations are presented on the page immediately following each governmental funds financial statement.

The District has one governmental fund, the General Fund, which is considered a major fund for presentation purposes. That is, each major fund is presented in a separate column in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances.

The basic governmental funds financial statements can be found immediately following the government-wide financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the funds financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

The basic financial statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information. This section includes a budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund as presented in the governmental fund financial statements. Annual budgets are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Following the required supplementary information is other supplementary information that is provided to show additional details.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Net Assets

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. The District's net assets totaled \$924,496 and \$719,314 at the end of fiscal years 2007 and 2006, respectively.

At December 31, 2007, \$589,793 (63.80%) of the District's net assets reflects the District's investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, vehicles, and station equipment, less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding, compared to \$361,235 (50.22%) at the end of the prior fiscal year. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to the citizens of Red River Parish; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The other portion of the District's net assets, \$334,703 (36.20%) for 2007 and \$358,079 (49.78%) for 2006 is unrestricted and may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors at the discretion of the board of commissioners.

A summary of the statement of net assets is as follows:

	Governmental Activities	
	2007	2006
ASSETS		
Current and other assets	\$ 340,921	\$ 474,263
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	589,793	404,742
Total assets	<u>930,714</u>	<u>879,005</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	<u>6,218</u>	<u>159,691</u>
NET ASSETS		
Investments in capital assets, net of related debt	589,793	361,235
Unrestricted	334,703	358,079
Total net assets	<u>\$ 924,496</u>	<u>\$ 719,314</u>

Changes in Net Assets

The District's net assets increased by \$205,182 (28.52%) and \$89,543 (14.22%) during the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Approximately 86.12% (\$348,536) was derived from general revenues including ad valorem taxes, intergovernmental revenues, disposal of assets, and interest during 2007 compared to 96.71% (\$325,806) during the prior year. The District received \$56,154 (13.88%) of its total revenues through program grants and contributions during 2007 compared to \$11,095 (3.29%) during 2006.

A summary statement of activities is as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Program Revenues:		
Grants and contributions	\$ 56,154	\$ 11,095
General Revenues:		
Ad valorem taxes	234,519	212,732
Intergovernmental revenues	32,567	30,480
Interest income	9,618	10,094
Gain on disposal of assets	71,832	72,500
Other revenue	-	-
Total revenues	<u>404,690</u>	<u>336,901</u>
Expenses:		
Public safety	197,433	243,302
Interest	2,075	4,056
Total expenses	<u>199,508</u>	<u>247,358</u>
Increase in net assets	205,182	89,543
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>719,314</u>	<u>629,771</u>
Net assets- end of year	<u>\$ 924,496</u>	<u>\$ 719,314</u>

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the District's governmental fund is to provide information on the near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the District's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$332,305, a decrease of \$16,904 (4.84%) in comparison with the prior year. This total amount consists of *unreserved fund balance* of \$308,827, which is available for spending at the District's discretion, and \$23,478 of *reserved fund balance*, which represents amounts paid for prepaid insurance and is not available to fund future expenditures.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the fiscal year. The budget policy of the District complies with state law, as amended, and as set forth in Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 39, Chapter 9, Louisiana Local Government Budget Act (LSA – R.S. 39:1301 et seq.).

The District's budget was not amended during the year ended December 31, 2007.

Expenditures were \$302,267 greater than the amount originally budgeted.

Revenues available for expenditure were \$377,783 above the final budgeted amounts.

CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2007 totaled \$2,092,090, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,502,297, leaving a book value of \$589,793. This investment in capital assets consists of land, buildings, vehicles, and station equipment. The total increase in the District's investment in capital assets for the current year was \$282,180 about 14.62% in terms of historical cost. Depreciation charges for the year 2007 totaled \$97,129 compared to \$124,402 for the prior year.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At year-end, the District had no outstanding capital lease obligations compared to \$43,507 at the end of the previous year. The decrease in the capital lease obligations is due to the normal amortization of the obligation.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

The primary revenue source for the District is property taxes.

The following economic factors were considered when the budget for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 was prepared:

- The District expects property tax and intergovernmental revenues to remain consistent with prior years.
- The District expects administrative and operating expenses to remain consistent with prior years.

CONTACTING THE FIRE DISTRICT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, -taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the Red River Parishwide Fire Protection District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact, contact Robert May, Chairman, Post Office Box 454, Coushatta, Louisiana 71019.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Coushatta, Louisiana
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2007

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 89,815
Ad valorem taxes receivable	214,489
Other receivables	13,139
Prepaid insurance	<u>23,478</u>
Total current assets	340,921
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>589,793</u>
Total Assets	<u>930,714</u>

LIABILITIES

Current:	
Accounts payable	<u>6,218</u>

NET ASSETS

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	589,793
Unrestricted	<u>334,703</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 924,496</u>

See the accompanying notes and accountant's report.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Coushatta, Louisiana
Balance Sheet- Governmental Fund
December 31, 2007

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 89,815
Ad valorem taxes receivable	214,489
Other receivables	13,139
Prepaid insurance	<u>23,478</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 340,921</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 6,218
Deferred ad valorem taxes	<u>2,398</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>8,616</u>
 Fund Balances:	
Reserved for prepaids	23,478
Unreserved	<u>308,827</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>332,305</u>
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	 <u>\$ 340,921</u>

See the accompanying notes and accountant's report.

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Coushatta, Louisiana
Reconciliation of Fund Balance on the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
to the Net Assets of Governmental Activities on the Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2007

Total fund balance - governmental fund	\$ 332,305
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets, net of depreciation, used in the operation of governmental funds are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund	589,793
Certain deferred revenues are reported in the governmental funds but not in the statement of net assets	<u>2,398</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 924,496</u>

See the accompanying notes and accountant's report.

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Coushatta, Louisiana
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance – Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

REVENUES:	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 240,991
Intergovernmental revenue-state funds	
Fire insurance rebate	32,567
Grants	54,250
Contributions	1,904
Interest income	9,618
Total revenues	339,330
EXPENDITURES:	
Current:	
Public safety-fire:	
Statutory fees and assessments	20,058
General administration	53,847
Operations	26,399
Capital outlay	282,180
Debt service:	
Principal payments	43,507
Interest expense	2,075
Total expenditures	428,066
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(88,736)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
Gain on the disposal of assets	71,832
Net change in fund balances	(16,904)
Fund Balances, Beginning of year	349,209
Fund Balances, End of year	\$ 332,305

See the accompanying notes and accountant's report.

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Coushatta, Louisiana
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance of Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Net change in fund balances- governmental fund	\$ (16,904)
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 their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays (\$282,180) exceeded depreciation (\$97,129) in the current period.	185,051
Repayment of long-term debt (capital lease) is an expenditure in the governmental fund but repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.	43,507
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current resources (deferred ad valorem taxes) are not reported as fund revenues.	<u>(6,472)</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 205,182</u></u>

See the accompanying notes and accountant's report.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Coushatta Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2007

INTRODUCTION

The Red River Parishwide Fire Protection District was created by the Red River Parish Police Jury, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS) 40:1496.17. The Fire District is governed by an eight-member board appointed by the Red River Parish Police Jury as follows: two members are from the Coushatta Fire District and one from each of the other six fire districts within Red River Parish. Board members serve without compensation. The Fire District is responsible for maintaining and operating fire stations and equipment and for providing fire protection and rescue services to the residents of Red River Parish.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Red River Parishwide Fire Protection District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (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. The Fire District applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. GAAP as applicable to governments also conforms to the requirements of Louisiana R.S. 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the *Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* and to the industry guide, *Audits of State and Local Government Units*, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Red River Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Red River Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (Policy Jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, (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 statement to be misleading or incomplete.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Red River Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit with the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criterion includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the 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.

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Coushatta Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2007

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

A. REPORTING ENTITY - Continued

2. Organizations for which the Police Jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent upon 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 created the Fire District and has the ability to impose its will on the Fire District by removing the commissioners, the Fire District was determined to be a component unit of the Red River Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Fire 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.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Fire District have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Fire District's basic financial statements consist of Government-wide Financial Statements, including a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities, and Fund Financial Statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Fund Accounting:

The Fire District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Each fund is accounted for by a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. The individual funds account for the governmental resources allocated to them for the purpose of carrying on specific activities in accordance with laws, regulations, or other restrictions. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

Governmental Funds:

Governmental funds account for all of the activities of the Fire District. These funds focus on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. The difference between the governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations.

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Coushatta Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2007

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION - Continued

The single fund of the Fire District, the General Fund, is classified as a governmental fund.

General Fund:

The General Fund is the principal fund of the Fire District and is used to account for the operations of the Fire District. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

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

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS):

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities include all the financial activities of the Fire District. 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*. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment of the Fire District's activities is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. The Fire District does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities. Program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Fire District's general revenues. Program revenues included in the statement of activities are (1) derived directly from charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions. For identifying to which function program revenue pertains, the determining factor for charges for services is which function generates the revenue. For grants and contributions, the determining factor is to which functions the revenues are restricted. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues, which include ad valorem taxes, interest and other items not properly included in program revenues.

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Coushatta Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2007

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION - Continued

The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net assets (or cost recovery) and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with its activities are reported. Government-wide fund equity is classified as net assets.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS):

The fund financial statements report financial information by major and non-major funds. The emphasis of the fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each of which is displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Fire District or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of that individual governmental fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type.
- b. The Fire District's management believes that the fund is particularly important to the financial statement users.

The Fire district considers the General Fund to be a 'major fund'.

The amounts reflected in the Fund Financial Statements are accounted for using the "current financial resources" measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. When the "current financial resources" measurement focus is used, amounts recorded as assets exclude capital assets and the acquisition of capital assets is treated as expenditures. Furthermore, long-term debts are excluded from amounts reported as liabilities. Proceeds from issuing long-term debt are reported as an other financing source and repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure. 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. Fund balance is used as a measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the Fire District's 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). "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 Fire

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION - Continued

District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end.

The governmental fund uses the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Ad valorem taxes are recorded in the year the taxes are assessed. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and attach as an enforceable lien and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages. Louisiana Revised Statute 47: 1993 requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. Ad valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December of the year assessed and January and February of the ensuing year.

Interest earnings on deposits are recorded when earned.

Revenue from federal and state grants is recognized when all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Fire district must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which resources are provided to the Fire District on a reimbursement basis.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes and interest revenue. Substantially all other revenues are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis when a liability is incurred.

Purchases of various operating supplies are recorded as expenditures in the accounting period in which they are purchased.

Purchases of capital assets in the governmental fund are recorded as expenditures when purchased. Governmental fund capital assets are reported at cost, net of accumulated depreciation, only in the government-wide financial statements.

Capital lease payments are recorded as expenditure when paid. The amount of the capital lease obligations outstanding at December 31, (if any) have been reported only in the government-wide financial statements.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

D. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and amounts in demand deposits and short term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of 90 days or less when purchased.

The Fire District's investments comply with Louisiana Statutes (LSA R.S. 33:2955). Under state law, the Fire District may deposit funds with a fiscal agent organized under the laws of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The Fire District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes and bills, government backed agency securities, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. In addition, local Louisiana governments are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a nonprofit corporation formed by the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates a local government investment pool.

E. RECEIVABLES

In the government-wide financial statement, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. The major receivable for the governmental activities consists of property tax revenues. The Fire District uses the direct write-off method to account for bad debts for property taxes. Generally accepted accounting principles require that the allowance method be used to recognize bad debts; however, the effect of using the direct write-off method is not materially different from the results that would have been obtained under the allowance method.

F. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

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

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

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

F. CAPITAL ASSETS

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings	20 years
Building improvements	10 years
Vehicles	5-10 years
Station equipment	5-10 years

G. INVENTORIES

The inventory of supplies is not material and is charged to operations as purchased.

H. LONG-TERM DEBT

All long term debts, including capital leases, to be repaid from governmental resources are not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements but are reported as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. The Fire District's long-term debt, of a capital lease for the purchase of a pumper/tanker truck, was retired during the year ended December 31, 2007.

I. DEFERRED REVENUES

Deferred revenues arise when potential revenues do not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenues also arise when the Fire District receives resources before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the occurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria have been met or the Fire District has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

J. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The Fire District does not have any full or part-time employees. Therefore, no liability for compensated absences has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

K. FUND EQUITY

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

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – 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.
- b. Restricted net assets – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net assets – Consists of all other assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt.”

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved (portions of fund equity not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specified purpose) or unreserved, with unreserved segregated between designated (portions of fund balance which represents management’s plans which are subject to change) and undesignated.

L. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The Fire District is required by state law to adopt an annual budget. The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

A proposed budget is prepared by the board of commissioners and made available for public inspection no later than 15 days prior to December 31 of each year. In open meeting prior to December 31, the budget is adopted and becomes part of the official minutes of the Fire District. The proposed budget for the General Fund is prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

Once a budget is approved, it can be amended by approval of a majority of the board of commissioners. Amendments are presented at a regular open meeting for board approval.

The budget was not amended for the year ended December 31, 2007.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

M. PROPERTY TAXES

Ad valorem taxes are levied by the Red River Parish Tax Assessor in September or October and are actually billed to taxpayers in November. Billed property taxes become delinquent and attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. The Red River Parish Sheriff collects property taxes due to the Fire District using the assessed values determined by the tax assessor and approved by the State of Louisiana Tax Commission.

Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted in the year billed.

N. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements generally requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

O. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fire District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of; damage to and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Fire District carries commercial insurance for the risk of loss including automobile liability, general liability, property damage, and workers compensation. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

2. DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

At December 31, 2007, the Fire District had cash deposits with financial institutions (book balances) totaling \$89,815 as follows:

Demand deposits	<u>\$ 89,815</u>
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2. DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - Continued

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market value. 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 Fire District in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the Fire District's name.

The deposits of the Fire District are subject to the following risks:

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Fire District will not be able to recover its deposits. At year end, the Fire District had collected bank balances of \$113,782 which were partially protected by \$100,000 of federal depository insurance. As of December 31, 2007, the Red River Parishwide Fire Protection District had deposits totaling \$13,782 that were not protected from custodial credit risk.

Credit Risk: The Fire District's investments comply with Louisiana Statutes (LSA R.S. 33:2955). Under state law, the Fire District may deposit funds with a fiscal agent organized under the laws of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The Fire District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes and bills, government backed agency securities, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

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3. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007 for the Fire District is as follows:

	Balance December 31, 2006	Additions	Retirements	Balance December 31, 2007
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and building improvements	367,597	-	-	367,597
Vehicles	1,337,502	208,481	(119,727)	1,426,256
Station Equipment	224,438	73,699	-	298,137
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>1,929,537</u>	<u>282,180</u>	<u>(119,727)</u>	<u>2,091,990</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and building improvements	347,466	1,508	-	348,974
Vehicles	1,094,530	63,551	(119,727)	1,038,354
Station Equipment	82,899	32,070	-	114,969
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,524,895</u>	<u>97,129</u>	<u>(119,727)</u>	<u>1,502,297</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>404,642</u>	<u>185,051</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>589,693</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 404,742</u>	<u>\$ 185,051</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 589,793</u>

Depreciation Expense of \$97,129 was charged to the public safety function.

4. CAPITAL LEASES

On July 29, 2003, the Fire District entered into a capital lease agreement for the acquisition of a pumper/tanker truck. The lease provides for a down payment of \$50,000 and four (4) annual payments of \$45,582. At the maturity of the lease, the Fire District may purchase the fire truck for one (1) dollar. The cost of the fire truck, \$212,500, is included as an asset and the remaining lease payments are reported as an obligation in the government-wide financial statements. The capital lease obligation matured and was fully satisfied during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

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5. LEVIED TAXES

For the year ended December 31, 2007, the Fire District levied property taxes at the rate of 7.34 mills on property with assessed valuations totaling \$41,826,500. Louisiana state law exempts the first \$75,000 of assessed value of a taxpayer's primary residence from parish property taxes. This homestead exemption totaled \$9,872,080 in 2007. Total of ad valorem tax revenues recognized in 2007 by the Fire District was \$234,519.

6. LITIGATION

There was no litigation pending against the Fire District, at December 31, 2007, nor is management aware of any unasserted claims.

7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

FASB 57 requires the disclosure of the description of the relationship, the transactions, the dollar amount of the transactions, and any amounts due to or from that result from related party transactions.

Procedures, observations, and inquiries did not disclose any related party transactions during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Fire District participates in certain federal and state assisted programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not believed to be material.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART II)

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Coushatta Louisiana

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Actual Amounts		Actual on Budgetary Total	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		Adjustments to Budgetary Basis	Total		
REVENUES:							
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240,991	\$ (34,101)	\$ 206,890	\$ 206,890	\$ 206,890
Intergovernmental revenue-state funds							
Fire insurance rebate	-	-	32,567	-	32,567	32,567	32,567
Grants	-	-	54,250	-	54,250	54,250	54,250
Contributions	-	-	1,904	-	1,904	1,904	1,904
Interest income	-	-	9,618	722	10,340	10,340	10,340
Total revenues	-	-	339,330	(33,379)	305,951	305,951	305,951
EXPENDITURES:							
Current:							
Public safety-fire:							
Statutory fees and assessments	-	-	20,058	-	20,058	20,058	(20,058)
General administration	46,550	46,550	53,847	25,837	79,684	79,684	(33,134)
Operations	57,000	57,000	26,399	4,870	31,269	31,269	25,731
Capital outlay	160,000	160,000	282,180	107,044	389,224	389,224	(229,224)
Debt service:							
Principal payments	-	-	43,507	-	43,507	43,507	(43,507)
Interest expense	-	-	2,075	-	2,075	2,075	(2,075)
Total expenditures	263,550	263,550	428,066	137,751	565,817	565,817	(302,267)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(263,550)	(263,550)	(88,736)	(171,130)	(259,866)	(259,866)	3,684
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Gain on the disposal of assets	-	-	71,832	-	71,832	71,832	71,832
Net change in fund balances	(263,550)	(263,550)	(16,904)	(171,130)	(188,034)	(188,034)	75,516
Fund Balances, Beginning of year	461,484	461,484	349,209	112,639	461,484	461,484	-
Fund Balances, End of year	\$ 197,934	\$ 197,934	\$ 332,305	\$ (58,491)	\$ 273,450	\$ 273,450	\$ 75,516

See the accompanying notes to budgetary comparison.

See the accompanying notes and accountant's report.

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Notes to Budgetary Comparison
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The budget is prepared and is adopted annually using the cash basis of accounting. The budget for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 was adopted on December 18, 2006.

The Louisiana Local Government Budget Act provides that "the total of proposed expenditures shall not exceed the total of estimated funds available for the ensuing year". The "total estimated funds available" is the sum of the respective estimated fund balances at the beginning of the year and the anticipated revenues for the current year.

Through the budget, the Fire District allocates its resources and establishes its priorities. The annual budget assures the efficient and effective uses of the Fire District's economic resources. It establishes the foundation of effective financial planning by providing resource planning, performance measures and controls that permit the evaluation and adjustment of the Fire District's performance.

Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Appropriations that are not expended lapse at year end.

The Fire District did not amend its budget for the year ended December 31, 2007.

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule presents comparisons of the original and final legally adopted budget with the actual data.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 Coushatta, Louisiana
 Schedule of Compensation Paid Commissioners
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

The schedule of compensation paid to the board of commissioners is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1498, commissioners, including police jurors serving ex-officio, may be paid a per diem of \$30 for attending board meetings; not to exceed two meetings in any one calendar month.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Compensation Received</u>
Michelle Canterbury	\$ -
Anna Cotton	-
Shane Felts Vice- Chairman	-
H. M. Fowler	-
Robert May Chairman	-
Randy Thomas, Sr.	-
Scotty Warren	-
Robert Yarbrough	-
	<u>\$ -</u>

Supplementary information.
 See accountant's report.

ACCOUNTANT'S ATTESTATION REPORT

WILLIAM E. WEATHERFORD, CPA, LLC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

Robert May, Chairman
and the Board of Commissioners
Red River Parishwide Fire Protection District
Coushatta, Louisiana

I have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Red River Parishwide Fire Protection District, Coushatta, Louisiana, and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Fire District's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2007 included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which the 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 \$20,000, or public works exceeding \$100,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

The Fire District made three expenditures during 2007 exceeding \$20,000. I examined documentation which indicated that all these expenditures had been properly advertised and accepted in accordance with the provisions of LSA-R.S. 38:2211-2251.

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 me with the required list including the noted information.

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

The Fire District has no paid 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.

The Fire District has no paid employees.

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Budgeting

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

Management provided me a copy of the legally adopted budget. The budget for the year ended December 31, 2007 was not amended.

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

I traced the adoption of the original budget to the minutes of a meeting held on December 18, 2006. The budget was not amended.

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.

I compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual expenditures for the General Fund were 114.36% in excess of the final budgeted amounts for the year.

Accounting and Reporting

8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:

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

I 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 payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

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

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated that all six disbursements were approved by the accountant and the chairman of the Board of 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 Red River Parishwide Fire Protection district is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the District's main fire station. Although management has asserted that such documents were properly posted, management was unable to provide evidence to support such an assertion.

Debt

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

I examined the bank deposits made during 2007. I noted no deposits which appear to be proceeds from loans, bonds or other indebtedness. Inquiries of management disclosed that the Fire District had no indebtedness as of December 31, 2007.

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, advance, or gifts.

The Fire District has no paid employees.

My prior year audit report, dated June 17, 2007, included four (4) findings. One (1) of these findings was unresolved as of December 31, 2007 and is reported in the accompanying Schedule of Prior Year Findings.

While conducting these agreed-upon procedures, I became aware of other matters relating to internal control and compliance with laws and regulations which are reported in the accompanying Schedule of Findings

I was 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, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Red River Parishwide Fire Protection District, Coushatta, 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.

William E. Weatherford, CPA, LLC

William E. Weatherford, CPA, LLC
Certified Public Accountant
Shreveport, Louisiana
June 25, 2008

FINDINGS

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Schedule of Findings
December 31, 2007

FINDINGS RELATED TO INTERNAL CONTROL

None

FINDINGS RELATED TO COMPLIANCE

Item: 2007-1

Criteria or specific requirement:

Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1225 requires the depositories of the Fire District to maintain security at all times equal to one hundred percent of the amount of collected funds on deposit except for that portion of the deposits that are insured by any governmental agency insuring bank deposits which is organized under the laws of the United States.

Condition:

As of December 31, 2007, Fire District deposits totaling \$13,782 were not properly collateralized by FDIC insurance or the pledge of appropriate securities.

Questioned costs:

None

Context:

Louisiana statutes require the collected bank balances of governmental entities to be one hundred percent collateralized by FDIC insurance and the pledge of collateral securities to ensure that the entities' funds will be fully recovered in the event the depository institutions fail to make payment of the collected balances upon demand.

Effect:

\$13,872 of collected bank deposits of the Red River Parishwide Fire Protection District was susceptible to custodial credit risk in that the funds might not be recovered in the event that the depository institution fails to make payment upon demand.

Cause:

Unknown.

Recommendation:

The Fire District should request monthly collateral pledge reports from its depository institutions. These pledge reports should be compared to the highest collected bank balances during the period to ensure that the Fire District's deposits are fully protected against loss.

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Item: 2007-2

Criteria or specific requirement:

Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1305 requires the Fire District to prepare a comprehensive budget presenting a complete financial plan for each year for the general fund.

Condition:

The budget adopted by the Fire District for the year ended December 31, 2007 did not include estimates of all receipts and revenues expected to be received.

Questioned costs:

None

Context:

The annual budget is intended to serve as a tool to assist management in allocating economic resources and monitoring the operations of the Fire District in accordance with an annually adopted plan.

Effect:

Management was unable to determine the relationship of actual revenues and other sources to budgeted amounts to determine unfavorable relationships and take corrective actions in a timely manner.

Cause:

Unknown.

Recommendation:

The annual budget should include total expected revenue and other sources and total actual expenditures and other uses.

Item: 2007-3

Criteria or specific requirement:

Louisiana Revised Statute (LSA-R.S.) 39:1311 requires the Fire District to amend the annual budget when:

1. Total revenue and other sources plus projected revenue and other sources for the remainder of the year, within a fund, are failing to meet total budgeted revenues and other sources by five percent or more.

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2. Total actual expenditures and other uses plus projected expenditures and other uses for the remainder of the year, within a fund, are exceeding the total budgeted expenditures and other uses by five percent or more.
3. Actual beginning fund balance, within a fund, fails to meet estimated fund balance by five percent or more and fund balance is being used to fund current year expenditures

Condition:

The total actual expenditures and other uses within the General Fund exceeded total budgeted expenditures and other uses by \$302,267, more than one hundred and fourteen percent (114%).

Questioned costs:

None

Context:

The Fire District did properly not amend the annual operating budget during the year ended December 31, 2007.

Effect:

The Fire District is not in compliance with the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute (LSA-R.S.) 39:1311.

Cause:

The management of the Fire District did not periodically review a comparison of actual revenues and expenditures to budgeted amounts.

Recommendation:

Management should review a comparison of actual revenues and expenditures to budgeted amounts on a monthly basis and make amendments to the annual budget as necessary.

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Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings
December 31, 2007

FINDINGS RELATED TO INTERNAL CONTROL

Item: 2006- 1

Condition:

The Fire District's treasurer performs substantially all significant accounting functions. These duties include, but are not limited to, collecting payments, preparing and making deposits, paying bills, and updating the general ledger for both receipts and disbursements.

Status:

Resolved

Item: 2006- 2

Condition:

The Fire District does not reconcile the monthly bank statements from its depository banks to the related general ledger account balance on a monthly basis.

Status:

Resolved

FINDINGS RELATED TO COMPLIANCE

Item: 2006-3

Condition:

Property tax remittances from the Red River Parish Sheriff are not promptly deposited into the bank.

Status:

Resolved

Item: 2006-4

Condition:

As of December 31, 2006, Fire District deposits totaling \$132,042 were not properly collateralized by FDIC insurance or the pledge of appropriate securities.

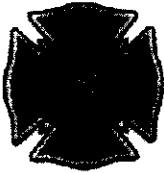
RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Coushatta, Louisiana
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings
December 31, 2007

Status:

Unresolved- See similar finding at Item: 2007-1

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

P.O. Box 454
COUSHATTA, LA 71019



The management of the Red River Parishwide Fire Protection District submits the following corrective action in response to the findings noted in the reviewed annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

FINDINGS RELATED TO COMPLIANCE

Board Members:

Station 1

Wanda Calhoun
Mary Ann James

Station 2

David Welch

Station 3

Robert May

Station 4

Anna Cotton

Station 5

John Youngblood

Station 6

Robert Yarbrough

Station 7

Dustin Halbmaier

Board Chairman

Robert May

District Chief

Shane Felts

Item: 2007-1 – Collateralization of deposits with financial institutions.

The financial institution with deposits in excess of amounts fully guaranteed by FDIC insurance has notified us that securities with a market value sufficient to fully collateralize the deposits have been pledged to the Fire District. Monthly collateral pledge reports will be obtained from banks with collected balances in excess of FDIC coverage limits and reviewed to ensure adequate collateralization of the Fire District's deposits.

Item: 2007-2 – Comprehensive budget including all expected revenues.

All future budgets prepared by the Fire district will include total expected revenues and expenditures.

Item: 2007-3 – Annual budget amendments.

The Board of Commissioners will review a comparison of actual revenues and expenditures to budgeted amounts on a monthly basis and make amendments to the annual budget as necessary.

**LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Government)**

_____ (Date Transmitted)

RED RIVER PARISHWIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PO BOX 454
COUSHATTA LA 71019

(Auditors)

In connection with your review of our financial statements as of [date] 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 (date of completion/representations).

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 38:2212, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office..

Yes [X] 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 LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.

Yes [X] 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 LSA-RS 42:1119.

Yes [X] No []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14) or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:34.

Yes [X] 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 LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [X] No []

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, 33:463, and/or 39:92, as applicable.

Yes [X] No []

We have had our financial statements audited or compiled in accordance with LSA-RS 24:513.

Yes No

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in RS 42:1 through 42:12.

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 LSA-RS 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, LSA-RS 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 which may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

Anna Cotton Secretary 2-5-08 Date

Treasurer _____ Date

Robert May President 2-5-08 Date