

RAPIDES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Commissioners
Rapides Area Planning Commission

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Rapides Area Planning Commission, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

OPINIONS

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund the Rapides Area Planning Commission, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

OTHER MATTERS

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information described in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an *opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.*

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARD

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 12, 2013, on our consideration of the Rapides Area Planning Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Rapides Area Planning Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


ROZIER, HARRINGTON & MCKAY
Certified Public Accountants

RAPIDES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2013

This section of annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Planning Commission's financial performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, along with certain comparative information for the previous year.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Government –Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the Planning Commission as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. These report all revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. Furthermore, the government-wide statements include all of the Planning Commission's assets and all of the Planning Commission's liabilities. All of the Planning Commission's activities are classified as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The governmental activities are financed primarily by grants and various fees.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide detailed information regarding the Planning Commission's most significant activities and are not intended to provide information for the Planning Commission as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that are used to account for specific sources of funds. All of the Planning Commission's funds are Governmental Funds. These funds are used to account for essentially the same functions that are reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund use a modified accrual basis of accounting that provides a short-term view of the Planning Commission's finances. Assets reported by governmental funds are limited to amounts that are available for current needs. In addition, liabilities are limited to amounts that are expected to be paid from currently available assets.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS A WHOLE

A comparative analysis of the government-wide Statement of Net Position is presented as follows:

	For the Year Ended June 30,	
	2013	2012
<u>Assets:</u>		
Cash	\$ 329,429	\$ 324,758
Receivables	217,695	81,329
Depreciable capital assets, net	5,307	27,458
Total Assets	<u>552,431</u>	<u>433,545</u>

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2013

	For the Year Ended June 30,	
	2013	2012
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable	12,661	20,459
Compensated Absences	35,013	36,679
Total Liabilities	<u>47,674</u>	<u>57,138</u>
<u>Net Position:</u>		
Invested in Capital Assets	5,307	27,458
Unrestricted	499,450	348,949
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 504,757</u>	<u>\$ 376,407</u>

As the presentation appearing above demonstrates, with the exception of \$5,307 invested in capital assets, the Planning Commission's net position is unrestricted and may be used to meet the Planning Commission's ongoing obligations.

A comparative analysis of the government-wide Statement of Activities is presented as follows:

	For the Year Ended June 30,	
	2013	2012
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Program Revenue:		
Charges For Services	\$ 1,219,944	\$ 1,137,088
Operating Grants and Contributions	161,213	---
Capital Grants and Contributions	---	---
General Revenue:		
Membership Dues	46,940	45,580
Other	11,983	1,706
Total Revenue	<u>1,440,080</u>	<u>1,184,374</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Program Expenses:		
Metropolitan Area Transportation Planning	175,634	173,673
Transit Planning	53,748	53,684
Travel Demand Management	---	100,807
General Planning and Code Enforcement	1,082,348	939,650
Total Expenses	<u>1,311,730</u>	<u>1,267,814</u>
Change in Net Position	128,350	(83,440)
Net Position Beginning	<u>376,407</u>	<u>459,847</u>
Net Position Ending	<u>\$ 504,757</u>	<u>\$ 376,407</u>

As the accompanying presentation demonstrates, the Planning Commission has experienced an increase in net position amounting to 34.1%. The primary reason for the increase is the availability of

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2013

grant funds to support the activities on an additional building inspector and service contracts that allowed that staff to earn additional fees by offering project management services.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S FUNDS

For the year ended June 30, 2013, differences between the government-wide presentation and the fund financial statements were limited to reporting equipment, related depreciation, and the liability for compensated absences in the government-wide presentation.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

State law requires the general fund to have a budget. For the year ended June 30, 2013, the budget was amended to address changes in the availability of funds that were not anticipated when the original budget was prepared.

CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

For the year ended June 30, 2013, capital assets activity was limited to depreciating existing capital asset.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

For the year ended June 30, 2013, there was no debt activity and no debts are outstanding at year end.

FACTORS EXPECTED TO AFFECT FUTURE OPERATIONS

At the present time, no known issues are expected to have a significant impact on future operations.

Rapides Area Planning Commission

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2013

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 329,429
Receivables (net)	217,695
Capital Assets - Depreciable	<u>5,307</u>
Total Assets	<u>552,431</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	12,661
Compensated Absences	<u>35,013</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>47,674</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Invested in Capital Assets	5,307
Unrestricted	<u>499,450</u>
Total Net Position (deficit)	<u><u>\$ 504,757</u></u>

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

Rapides Area Planning Commission

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Expenses	Indirect Expense Allocation	Program Revenue		Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
			Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
<u>Governmental Activities</u>					
Public Safety					
Metropolitan Area Transportation Planning	\$ 105,381	\$ 70,253	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (37,023)
Transit Planning	32,249	21,499	-	-	(8,750)
General Planning and Code Enforcement	<u>1,174,100</u>	<u>(91,752)</u>	<u>1,036,335</u>	<u>161,213</u>	<u>115,200</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>1,311,730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,219,944</u>	<u>161,213</u>	<u>69,427</u>
General Revenues					
Membership Dues					46,940
Other					11,983
Total General Revenues and Special Items					<u>58,923</u>
Change in Net Position					128,350
Net Position - Beginning					<u>376,407</u>
Net Position - Ending					<u>\$ 504,757</u>

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

Rapides Area Planning Commission

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

June 30, 2013

Assets	<u>General</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 329,429
Receivables	<u>217,695</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 547,124</u></u>
 Liabilities and Fund Balance	
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 12,660
Other Liabilities	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>12,660</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>	
Unassigned	<u>534,464</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>534,464</u>
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	 <u><u>\$ 547,124</u></u>

Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Balance to Net Position	
Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 534,464
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
<i>Long term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore they are not reported in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet</i>	(35,014)
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>5,307</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 504,757</u>

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

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Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in

Fund Balance - Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	<u>General</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>	
Intergovernmental	
Federal Grants	
Comprehensive Resiliency Program	\$ 161,213
Dues	46,940
Fees and Charges for Services	
Building Code Enforcement	805,420
Metropolitan Planning	138,611
Transit Planning	44,998
Hazard Mitigation	226,285
Other Development Fees	4,630
Other	11,983
Total revenues	<u>1,440,080</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Current	
Metropolitan Area Transportation Planning	175,634
Transit Planning	53,748
General Planning and Code Enforcement	1,061,862
Capital Expenditures	-
Total expenditures	<u>1,291,244</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	148,836
Fund balance - Beginning of Year	<u>385,628</u>
Fund balance - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 534,464</u></u>

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

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 148,836

Some transactions reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources. According, a timing difference exist between when transactions affect the governmental funds and government-wide activities. 1,665

Capital outlays are reported in Governmental Funds as expenditures; however, in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities, the cost is reported as an asset and allocated over estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. Amounts reported as capital expenditures and depreciation expense are provided as follows:

Capital expenditures reported by Governmental Funds	-	
Depreciation expense reported on a government-wide basis	<u>(22,151)</u>	<u>(22,151)</u>

Change in Net Position - Government-Wide Statement of Activities \$ 128,350

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2013

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

State law allows one or more political subdivisions to establish regional planning areas. The Rapides Area Planning Commission was formed by the joint action of the Rapides Parish Police Jury and various municipalities located within the Parish. The Planning Commission is governed by a Board of Commissioners composed of representatives appointed by the participating political subdivisions. Accounting and financial reporting polices utilized by the Planning Commission are described as follows:

Financial Reporting Entity

The Planning Commission is considered a legally separate stand-alone government as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards. The reporting entity is composed of the activities that are under the direct control of the Board of Commissioners. The Planning Commission is not financially accountable for any organizations that maintain separate legal standing; therefore, it has no component units.

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements. Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize all of the Planning Commission's operations as governmental activities. Governmental activities involve government services that are normally supported by fees and intergovernmental revenues.

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

Program revenues reported in the Statement of Activities consist of amounts that are directly associated with a governmental service. Program revenues include charges for services and most grants. Indirect expenses are allocated to programs based on detailed time and attendance record maintained by the Planning Commission's staff.

Fund Financial Statements

Funds are separate accounting entities that are designed to assist with demonstrating legal compliance and segregating transactions by activity. Major individual funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The Planning Commission's major funds are limited the general fund, which is used for all operations.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2013

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

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

<u>Financial Statement Presentation</u>	<u>Basis of Accounting</u>	<u>Measurement Focus</u>
Government-Wide Financial Statements	Accrual Basis	Economic Resources
Fund Financial Statements	Modified Accrual Basis	Current Financial Resources

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

Under the modified accrual basis of account and the current financial resources measurement focus revenue is recognized when it is considered measurable and available. Revenue is considered available if it is collected within 60 days of year end or due under a cost reimbursement arrangement. In addition, expenses are generally recorded when a liability has been incurred. Furthermore, when the current financial resources measure focus is used, amounts recorded as assets exclude capital assets and the acquisition of capital assets is treated as an expenditure of funds. In addition, 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 of funds.

Use of Estimates

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

Budget Practices

The Planning Commission adopts a budget for each fiscal year as prescribed by State Law. Budgets present revenue and expenditures on a basis which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

Capital Assets

Capital assets include significant acquisitions of equipment that are expected to remain in service for a period of years. Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements but are excluded from the fund financial statements. Instead, the funds report the acquisition of capital assets as expenditures rather than asset acquisitions.

All capital assets are reported at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciated is computed using the straight-line method and estimated useful lives that are based on the expected durability of the particular asset. A useful life of five to ten years is typically used.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2013

Cash

Amounts reported as cash and cash equivalents (restricted and unrestricted) include all cash on hand, cash in bank accounts, certificates of deposit and highly liquid investments. Credit risk is managed by requiring fiscal agents to provide security for any deposits that exceed FDIC limits. Furthermore, interest rate risk is managed by limiting the duration of deposit arrangements.

Compensated Absences

Permanent employees are eligible to receive paid vacation. Based on seniority, full time employees earn between 8 and 14 hours of vacation each month. In addition, employees are allowed to accumulate up to 160 hours of vested vacation benefits.

Indirect Expense Allocations

Under the terms of various grant arrangements, the Planning Commission is eligible to receive reimbursement for direct labor and indirect costs that are based on a predetermined percentage of direct labor. Reimbursements earned as a result of applying the predetermined indirect costs rate are presented as indirect expense allocations in the accompanying Statement of Activities.

NOTE 2 - CASH

Deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

At June 30, 2013, the Rapides Area Planning Commission has \$366,431 in deposits (collected bank balance) and these deposits are secured by FDIC coverage and pledged securities with a market value of \$91,341.

NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

At June 30, 2013, consisted entirely of amounts due from governmental sources, which are described as follows:

	<u>Service Fees</u>	<u>Grant Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development	\$ 91,883	\$ ----	\$ 91,883
Rapides Parish Police Jury	125,812	----	125,812
Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness	----	30,000	30,000
Total Receivables	<u>217,695</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>247,695</u>
Allowance for Uncollectible Balances	----	(30,000)	(30,000)
Receivables Net	<u>\$ 217,695</u>	<u>\$ ----</u>	<u>\$ 217,695</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2013

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the Planning Commission's capital assets is provided as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
<u>Capital Assets Being Depreciated:</u>				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	\$ 214,589	\$ ----	\$ ----	\$ 214,589
Less Accumulated Depreciation	187,131	22,151	----	209,282
<u>Total Net of Depreciation</u>	<u>\$ 27,458</u>	<u>\$ (22,151)</u>	<u>\$ ----</u>	<u>\$ 5,307</u>

NOTE 5 – PAYABLES

At June 30, 2013, accounts payable are limited to amounts due to vendors in the ordinary course of business.

NOTE 6 – ACCRUED LEAVE

Long-term liabilities are limited to accrued leave earned by employees. Resources provided by the general fund are used to liquidate the accrued leave balances. Accrued leave balances and activity are presented as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$ 36,679
Net Increase (Decrease)	<u>(1,666)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 35,013</u>

NOTE 7 – GRANT COMPLIANCE CONTINGENCIES

The Planning Commission receives state and federal assistance through various grant programs. In addition, the Planning Commission provides project management services to programs that are supported by grant funds. Management is confident that all significant grant conditions have been met; however, grantor agencies routinely review grant activity and could request reimbursement if a dispute occurs regarding compliance with grant conditions.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 9 - BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION

The Board of Commissioners is composed of volunteers that serve without compensation.

NOTE 10 – RETIREMENT PLAN

Employees are eligible to participate in a defined contribution retirement plan. Under the terms of the plan, employees are allowed to contribute a portion of their compensation to the plan. In addition, the Planning Commission provides an employer match of up to 3% of the employee's compensation. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2013 are summarized as follows:

Employee Contributions	\$ 50,706
Employer Match	<u>16,514</u>
Total Contributions	<u>\$ 67,220</u>

NOTE 11 – OPERATING LEASE

The Planning Commission occupies a rented facility under the terms of a lease executed September 24, 2007. The lease requires annual rent in the amount of \$40,382 and includes provision for adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index. For the year ended June 30, 2013, rent expense amounted to \$45,238.

The lease agreement covers an initial term of two years that expired on September 30, 2009. In addition, the Planning District has options to renew the lease for two additional terms of two years each, with the final option period concluding September 30, 2013.

Rapides Area Planning Commission

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget vs Actual

General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental				
Federal Grants				
Comprehensive Resiliency	\$ 80,000	\$ 161,212	\$ 161,213	\$ 1
GOHSEP	30,000	-	-	-
Dues	50,044	50,044	46,940	(3,104)
Fees and Charges for Services				
Building Code Enforcement	990,485	946,500	805,420	(141,080)
Metropolitan Planning	138,611	138,611	138,611	-
Transit Planning	44,947	44,947	44,998	51
Hazard Mitigation	120,000	231,415	226,285	(5,130)
Other Development Fees	6,350	14,145	4,630	(9,515)
Other	11,000	12,466	11,983	(483)
Total revenues	<u>1,471,437</u>	<u>1,599,340</u>	<u>1,440,080</u>	<u>(159,260)</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current				
Public Safety				
Salaries	743,498	706,666	707,272	(606)
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	204,350	203,109	226,861	(23,752)
Lease Expense	47,500	48,300	48,858	(558)
General Insurance	18,000	14,950	14,950	-
Utilities and Communications	45,200	28,188	26,357	1,831
Office Supplies and Equipment	46,800	32,974	32,462	512
Software	57,500	56,500	61,063	(4,563)
Travel	86,000	85,000	77,085	7,915
Repairs and Maintenance	68,500	18,565	12,930	5,635
Other	104,045	94,990	83,406	11,584
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>1,421,393</u>	<u>1,289,242</u>	<u>1,291,244</u>	<u>(2,002)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	50,044	310,098	148,836	(161,262)
Fund balance - Beginning of Year	<u>445,472</u>	<u>445,472</u>	<u>385,628</u>	<u>(59,844)</u>
Fund balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 495,516</u>	<u>\$ 755,570</u>	<u>\$ 534,464</u>	<u>\$ (221,106)</u>

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Commissioners
Rapides Area Planning Commission

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Rapides Area Planning Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 12, 2013.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Rapides Area Planning Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Rapides Area Planning Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Rapides Area Planning Commission's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Rapides Area Planning Commission's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2013-1.

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

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



ROZIER, HARRINGTON & MCKAY
Certified Public Accountants

RAPIDES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

PART I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS:

- The Independent Auditors' Report on the basic financial statements of the Rapides Area Planning Commission as of June 30, 2013 and for the year then ended expressed an unqualified opinion.
- The audit did not disclose any audit findings which are considered to be significant deficiencies in internal control or material weaknesses.
- The results of the audit disclosed an instance of noncompliance required to be reported in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Cost.

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

2012-1: BUDGETING

Unfavorable budget variances exceeded limits allowed by Louisiana Law due to revenue not meeting expectations.

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MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

<u>SECTION I</u> INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.	
<u>2013-1: BUDGETING</u> Unfavorable budget variances exceeded limits allowed by Louisiana Law due to revenue not meeting expectations.	<u>2013-1: MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE</u> An overestimate of building code enforcement activity resulted in an unfavorable budget variance. In the future, a more conservative estimating process will be adopted to prevent further unfavorable results.
<u>SECTION II</u> INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS	
No findings were reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.	Response – N/A
<u>SECTION III</u> MANAGEMENT LETTER	
No management letter was issued.	Response – N/A

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

SECTION I INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.	
<u>2012-1: BUDGETS</u> Unfavorable budget variances exceeded limits allowed by Louisiana Law due to unexpected problems collecting reimbursements due under a grant arrangement.	<u>UNRESOLVED</u> Based on the findings presented as 2013-1, the Rapides Area Planning Commission has continued to experience unfavorable budget variances.
SECTION II INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS	
No findings of this nature were reported	Response – N/A
SECTION III MANAGEMENT LETTER	
No findings of this nature were reported	Response – N/A