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**GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Year Ended June 30, 2008**

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FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Grand Isle Independent Levee District
Grand Isle, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund of the Grand Isle Independent Levee District (the "District"), a component unit of the State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on my audit.

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

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund of the Grand Isle Independent Levee District as of June 30, 2008 and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated December 21, 2008, on my consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal controls over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 12 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

In addition, the individual fund statements and schedules, and the supplemental information, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Paul C. Bivins, CPA

December 21, 2008

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Grand Isle Independent Levee District (the "District"), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the financial statements, which begin on page 14. All amounts, unless otherwise noted, are expressed in thousands (\$1,000'S) of dollars.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$5,645 (*net assets*). Of this amount, \$5,440 or 96.4 percent is invested in capital assets, such as infrastructure (levees and breakwaters), vehicles and equipment. The remaining balance of \$205 (*unrestricted net assets*) or 3.6 percent may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The District's total net assets decreased by (\$99) or 1.7 percent during the current year because total expenses exceeded total revenues by that amount. The net expense of the District totaled \$262, an increase of \$72 from last year. The major items contributing to this increase were 1) a (\$74) decrease in intergovernmental grants as the Cheniere project was completed, 2) a \$3 increase in depreciation expense, and 3) operating expenses decreased (\$1). General revenues used to fund this expense totaled \$163, an increase of \$30 over last year. This increase was seen primarily in property taxes as reassessments continue to drive up the tax levy.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental fund (the General Fund) reported ending fund balance of \$205, an increase of \$30 or 17.1 percent in comparison with the prior year. Approximately \$205 or 100.0 percent of this total amount is available for spending at the government's discretion (*unreserved fund balance*).
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was \$205 or 146.4 percent of total general fund expenditures.
- The District has prided itself on operating on a "pay-as-you-go" basis and has not incurred any new debt for the past several years.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Grand Isle Independent Levee District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The "government-wide financial statements" are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The "Statement of Net Assets" presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net assets*. Over time, increases or decreases in 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 government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements are designed to distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The District only has governmental activities.

The government-wide financial statements include only the financial activities of the Grand Isle Independent Levee District, which is a component unit of the State of Louisiana. The State of Louisiana (the primary government) issues financial statements that include the activity contained in these financial statements. The State's financial statements are issued by the Louisiana Division of Administration – Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy and are audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 14 and 15 of this report.

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 District's funds can be classified into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds. As discussed below, the District only presents governmental funds.

Governmental funds. “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, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term *inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government’s near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds 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, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government’s near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between “governmental fund” and “governmental activities”.

The District maintains only one fund (the General Fund). Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General fund.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 16 to 20 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes 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 on pages 21 to 32 of this report.

Other information. Individual fund statements and schedules, which show additional detailed financial information on the General Fund is found on pages 34 and 35. Other Supplemental information, which includes a Schedule of Per Diems Paid to Board Members, a Schedule of State Funding, and a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Funds, is included on pages 38 to 40.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government’s financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$5,744 at June 30, 2008.

A large portion of the District’s net assets (97.0 percent) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, furniture and fixtures, heavy equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure – levees and breakwaters) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District used these capital assets to provide services to citizens; 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 resources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT

	Governmental Activities <u>2008</u>		Governmental Activities <u>2007</u>	
Current and other assets	\$ 205		\$ 175	
Capital assets	<u>5,440</u>		<u>5,569</u>	
Total assets	<u>5,645</u>		<u>5,744</u>	
Long-term liabilities outstanding	0		0	
Other liabilities	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Total liabilities	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Net assets:				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,440	96.4%	5,569	97.0%
Restricted	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Unrestricted	205	3.6%	175	3.0%
Total net assets	<u>\$ 5,645</u>		<u>\$ 5,744</u>	

The balance of *unrestricted net assets* (\$205 or 3.6 percent) may be used to meet the government’s ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At June 30, 2008, the District is able to report positive fund balances in all three categories of net assets.

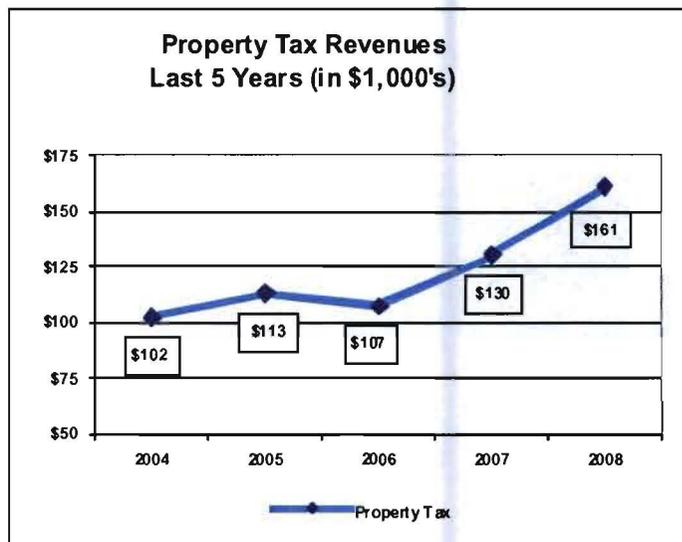
The District’s net assets decreased by (\$99) during the current fiscal year.

Governmental Activities. Governmental activities decreased the District's net assets by (\$99). Key elements of this increase are as follows:

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT

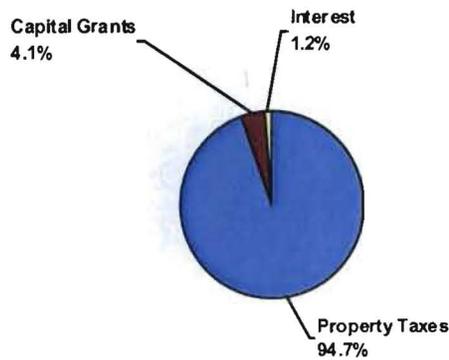
	Governmental Activities		Governmental Activities	
	2008		2007	
Revenues:				
Program revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
Operating grants and contributions	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Capital grants and contributions	7	4.1%	81	37.9%
General revenues:				
Property taxes	161	94.7%	130	60.7%
Unrestricted interest	2	1.2%	3	1.4%
Miscellaneous	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Total revenues	170	100.0%	214	125.9%
Expenses:				
Public safety				
Public Works	269	100.0%	271	100.0%
Total expenses	269	100.0%	271	100.0%
Increase in net assets	(99)		(57)	
Net assets - Beginning of year	5,744		5,801	
Net assets - end of year	\$ 5,645		\$ 5,744	

- The program revenue capital grants was \$7 in the current year. This represents the remaining portion of a grant from the State Interim Emergency Board to pay for repairs at the Cheniere Breakwaters.
- Property taxes came in at \$161, an increase of \$31 or 23.8 percent. This increase is due to hurricane damage reassessments done by the Assessor at the direction of the Governor's Office in the prior year being relaxed in 2008. There was also a small building boom post-Katrina. The district's millage rate was 4.78 mills on the 2007 tax roll and 4.78 on the 2006 tax roll.
- Interest income came in at \$2 during the year.



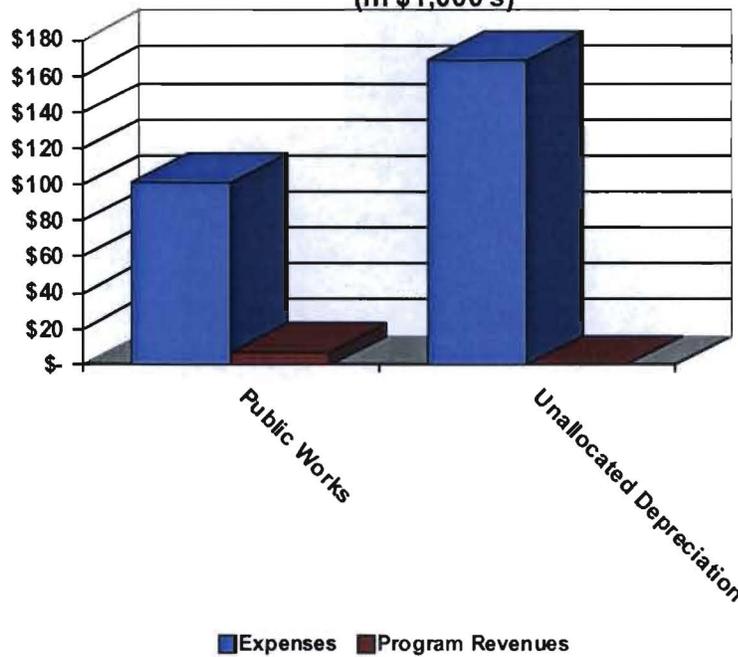
A breakdown of the revenues received by the District's governmental activities is as follows:

Revenues by Source - Governmental Activities



Expenses totaled \$269, including current year depreciation of \$169. This was offset by a capital grant of \$7. The only function the District provides is the public works function. A graph comparing the expenses with the program revenue generated is presented below.

**Grand Isle Independent Levee District
Expenses and Program Revenues by Function/Bureau
(in \$1,000's)**



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S 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 funds" is to provide information on 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 a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of June 30, 2008, the District's governmental fund (i.e., the General Fund) reported ending fund balance of \$205, an increase of \$30 or 17.1 percent in comparison with the prior year. Approximately \$205 or 100.0 percent of this total constitutes *unreserved fund balance*, which is available for spending at the government's discretion.

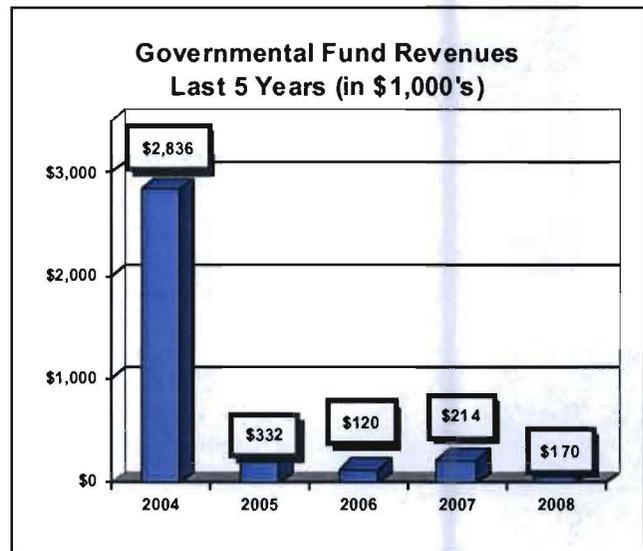
As noted above, the governmental funds include the general operating funds of the District (i.e., the General Fund). Overall, as the graph shows, revenues of the Governmental Funds decreased significantly from the past year. Because of the small size of the operating fund, operating and capital grants can create large swings in revenues when recognized.

As a measure of the General fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents

146.4 percent of total general fund expenditures, with the capital grant expenditures included. This is an increase over the prior year percentage of 88.0.

The fund balance of the District's General fund increased by \$30 during the current fiscal year. Key factors in this change are as follows:

- The General Fund's revenues totaled \$170 while expenditures totaled \$140.
- Revenues decreased by (\$47) from the prior year, mainly because of:
 - Property taxes increasing \$31 due to increases in the assessed value of property rebuilt after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
 - Intergovernmental revenues decreased (\$79) due to a capital grants recognized in the prior year from the State Interim Emergency Board for emergency repairs to Cheniere Breakwaters. This year's grant revenue was much smaller.



- Expenditures decreased (\$59) due to the following:
 - Employee Related Benefits increased \$3 due to a reclassification in workers compensation insurance.
 - Office expense decreased (\$2), primarily due to decreased participation in the meetings of the Levee Association and other organizations,
 - Professional services increased by \$25, primarily in engineering fees for projects related to damage assessments in the prior year by the Shaw Group (our Contractor),
 - Operating and maintenance costs were down (\$1), primarily due to decreases in insurance premiums,
 - Capital outlay for equipment decreased by (\$5), due to nonrecurring purchases in the prior year,
 - Levee construction expenditures decreased by (\$78), due to the completion of repairs to the Cheniere Breakwaters.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District made one amendment to its original budget during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

- Revenues of the General Fund were budgeted at \$258 and came in at \$170, a negative variance of (\$87). The largest variance was in intergovernmental grants as the District received late word last year that the costs of repairing the Cheniere Breakwaters would be covered by a grant from the State Interim Emergency Board. A receivable and corresponding revenue of \$88 was recorded at June 30, 2007. This year's budget included the entire amount of the grant and was not reduced by the amount that was recognized in the prior year.
- Expenditures of the General Fund were budgeted at \$145 and came in at \$140, a positive variance of \$5. Note C.2 provides a breakdown of the major variances. Personnel was over budget by \$1, while employee related benefits were under budget (\$4), due to federal taxes. Travel was under budget by \$2 due to less travel.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets. The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2008 amounts to \$5,440 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, furniture and fixtures, heavy equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure – levees and breakwaters. The District's investment in capital assets decreased by (\$129) or 2.3 percent this year. Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- \$39 was spent on levee repairs at Cheniere and is capitalized as infrastructure.
- \$169 was recognized as depreciation expense.

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note D.2 on page 28 and Note D.5 on page 30.

**GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
BREAKDOWN OF FIXED ASSETS
(NET OF DEPRECIATION)**

	<u>Governmental Activities 2008</u>	<u>Governmental Activities 2007</u>
Land	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	-	-
Furniture and fixtures	-	-
Heavy equipment	49	59
Vehicles	-	-
Infrastructure	5,391	5,422
Construction in progress	-	88
Total	<u>\$ 5,440</u>	<u>\$ 5,569</u>

Long-term Debt. Keeping with the District's longstanding policy of funding operations currently, at year-end, the District had no long-term debt at year-end. State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a governmental unit may issue to 10 percent of its total assessed valuation. The District has no outstanding debt subject to this limitation.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

- The unemployment rate for the Parish of Jefferson is currently 5.4 percent, which is 1.1 higher than it was a year ago. In the coastal community of Grand Isle, which is heavily dependent on offshore oil and commercial fisheries (primarily shrimping), the rate tends to be much higher.
- Inflationary trends in the region compare favorably to national indices.
- The ad valorem millage rate levied for the 2008 (next year's) tax roll was 4.78 mills.

All of these factors were considered in preparing the District's budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

OTHER POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT MATTERS

- Hurricanes Gustav and Ike ravaged the Town of Grand Isle and other parts of Jefferson Parish subsequent to year end. Most of the District's assets were spared, though about 30 percent of the businesses and residences in the Town were destroyed or badly damaged. The majority of the District's infrastructure assets (levees and breakwaters) survived, however, debris has accumulated on some and others need to be strengthened. Claims are being filed with FEMA.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the David Camardelle, President, PO Box 757, and Grand Isle, Louisiana 70358.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2008**

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 205,371
Investments	-
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	-
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	
Land	-
Buildings	-
Furniture and fixtures	-
Heavy equipment	49,042
Vehicles	-
Infrastructure	5,390,796
Construction in progress	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>5,645,209</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	-
Accrued payroll and deductions	-
Deferred revenue	-
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	-
Due in more than one year	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,439,838
Unrestricted	205,371
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 5,645,209</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

FUNCTION	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES			NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
Primary Government					
Governmental Activities:					
Public Works	\$ 100,511	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,173	\$ (93,338)
Unallocated depreciation expense	168,562	-	-	-	(168,562)
Interest on long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 269,073</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,173</u>	<u>(261,900)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES:					
					160,911
Property taxes					2,207
Unrestricted interest					-
Gain (loss) on sale of equipment					126
Other					-
TRANSFERS IN (OUT)					
					<u>163,244</u>
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE AND TRANSFERS					
					(98,656)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS					
NET ASSETS					
					5,743,865
					<u>\$ 5,645,209</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>GENERAL</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 205,371
Investments	-
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 205,371</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ -
Accrued payroll and deductions	-
Deferred revenue	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>-</u></u>
Fund Balances	
Unreserved, reported in:	
General Fund	205,371
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u><u>205,371</u></u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u><u>\$ 205,371</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets (page 14) are different because:

Total Fund Balances at June 30, 2008 - Governmental Funds (page 16)	\$ 205,371
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$6,413,923 and the accumulated depreciation is \$974,085.	5,439,838
Total Net Assets of Governmental Activities at June 30, 2008 (page 14)	<u>\$ 5,645,209</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>GENERAL</u>
REVENUES	
Taxes	
Property taxes	\$ 160,911
Intergovernmental	
Federal	7,173
State	-
Parish/Local	-
Interest	2,207
Miscellaneous	126
	<u>170,417</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current	
Public Works	
Personnel	24,232
Employee related benefits	1,589
Travel	20,248
Office	2,628
Professional services	51,944
Operating and maintenance	39,234
Capital outlay	
Property, plant and equipment	-
Levee construction projects	-
	<u>139,875</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>30,542</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
Transfers in	-
Transfers out	-
Capital leases	-
Sale of capital assets	-
	<u>-</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER SOURCES (USES)	30,542
FUND BALANCE	
Beginning of year	174,829
End of year	<u>\$ 205,371</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO
THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (page 15) are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (page 18) \$ 30,542

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 exceeded depreciation in the current period. (129,198)

The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to increase net assets. -

Change in net assets of governmental activities (page 15) \$ (98,656)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET POSITIVE (NEGATIVE)
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Property taxes	\$ 140,000	\$ 161,000	\$ 160,911	\$ (89)
Intergovernmental				
Federal	-	95,225	7,173	(88,052)
State	-	-	-	-
Parish/Local	-	-	-	-
Interest	1,500	1,505	2,207	702
Miscellaneous	500	125	126	1
TOTAL REVENUES	142,000	257,855	170,417	(87,438)
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Public Works				
Personnel	25,400	23,525	24,232	(707)
Employee Related Benefits	5,100	5,600	1,589	4,011
Travel	10,000	22,000	20,248	1,752
Office	6,700	2,562	2,628	(66)
Professional Services	30,800	52,800	51,944	856
Operating and Maintenance	39,000	39,001	39,234	(233)
Capital outlay				
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-
Levee construction projects	25,000	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	142,000	145,488	139,875	5,613
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	112,367	30,542	(81,825)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Capital leases	-	-	-	-
Sale of capital assets	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER SOURCES (USES)	-	112,367	30,542	(81,825)
FUND BALANCE				
Beginning of year	174,829	174,829	174,829	-
End of year	<u>\$ 174,829</u>	<u>\$ 287,196</u>	<u>\$ 205,371</u>	<u>\$ (81,825)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Grand Isle Independent Levee District (the District) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

1. Reporting Entity

GASB Codification Section 2100 establishes criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and its component units. Component units are defined as legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of a primary government are financially accountable. The criteria used in determining whether financial accountability exists include the appointment of a voting majority of an organization's governing board, the ability of the primary government to impose its will on that organization or whether there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits or burdens to the primary government. Fiscal dependency may also play a part in determining financial accountability. In addition, a component unit can be another organization for which the nature and significance of its relationship with a primary government is such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The District was created by Louisiana Revised Statute (LSA-RS 38:291(S)). It includes all land in the Parish of Jefferson lying south of Latitude 29 17' 52" N on the west side of the Mississippi River. The governing board of commissioners administers the operations and responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana statutes. The members of the Board are appointed by the Governor of the State of Louisiana from a list of nominations submitted by the members of the Legislature serving that portion of Jefferson Parish located within the District.

Based on the criteria described above, it has been determined that the Grand Isle Independent Levee District is a component unit of the State of Louisiana for financial reporting purposes. The accompanying statements present only transactions of the District.

Annually, the State of Louisiana (the primary government) issues general purpose financial statements which include the activity contained in the accompanying financial statements. The State's general purpose financial statements are issued by the Louisiana Division of Administration - Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy and are audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
June 30, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Because of the nature of the District's operations, the District reports only governmental activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expense of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Fund Financial Statements

Funds are used by the District to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the District are classified into the "governmental" category. The category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types".

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of earmarked monies (special revenue funds), the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets (capital project funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service funds). The General Fund is used to account for all financial activities of the general government not accounted for in some other fund.

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
June 30, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

3. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. 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. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using a *current financial resources measurement focus* and 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 be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental fund revenues. Property taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and interest associated with the current fiscal year are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on general long-term debt, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, only when payment is due.

4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

A. *Cash and Investments*

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents includes amounts in demand deposits, time deposits, and certificates of deposit. Louisiana Revised Statutes allow the District to invest in time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana, national banks having their principal office in the State of Louisiana, in savings accounts or shares of savings and loan associations and savings banks and in share accounts and share certificate accounts of federally or state chartered credit unions.

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
June 30, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

State statutes authorize the District to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, commercial paper, corporate bonds and repurchase agreements. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, investments, if any, are generally stated at fair value. If the investment is in money market securities and has a maturity date of less than 90 days from the balance sheet date, the investment is stated at cost or amortized cost.

B. Inventories

The cost of materials and supplies acquired by the District are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. It is management's opinion that the inventory of such materials and supplies at June 30, 2008 would not be material to the financial statements.

C. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., levees, rock breakwaters, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$100 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed and are included in construction in progress. The levees and breakwaters are divided into reaches and are capitalized as such. Any major "lifts" or improvements to an existing levee/reach is capitalized as an addition to that levee/reach.

Property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure is depreciated using the straight-line method (with a mid-year convention) over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Category	Useful Life in Years
Buildings	40
Furniture and fixtures	3
Heavy Equipment	7
Vehicles	5
Infrastructure (levees, breakwaters, etc.)	40

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
June 30, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. *Fund Equity*

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balances for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use. Designated fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources that are subject to change.

NOTE B - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the Government-wide Statement of Activities

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between *net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds* and *changes in net assets of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. One element of that reconciliation explains that "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." The details of this (\$129,198) difference are as follows:

Capital outlay	\$	39,364
Depreciation expense		(168,562)

Net adjustment to increase <i>net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds</i> to arrive at <i>changes in net assets - governmental activities</i>	\$	(129,198)

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVÉE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
June 30, 2008

NOTE C - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Budget

Formal budgetary accounting is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund. The Board of Commissioners of the District submits an annual budget to the Department of Transportation and Development - Office of Public Works (DOTD) and the Legislative Auditor for the succeeding fiscal year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

The DOTD reviews the budget and makes recommendations pertaining thereto to the Board of Commissioners of the District and the Legislative Auditor. Not less than ninety days before the end of the fiscal year, the Board of Commissioners adopts the annual budget after considering the recommendations of the DOTD. Amendments to the budget are made by the Board from time to time as is necessary.

The General Fund's budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Encumbrances are not recorded for budgetary purposes. Expenditures may not exceed appropriations at the object level within the fund. All annual appropriations which are not expended lapse at year end.

The budgeted amounts represent the original budget and any amendments through June 30, 2008. The budgeted amounts are included, respectively, as the original and final budgets in the accompanying statements.

2. Expenditures in Excess of Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2008, expenditures exceeded budget in the following object levels within the General Fund:

Object/Function	Actual	Budget	Variance
Personnel	\$ 24,232	\$ 23,525	\$ (707)
Office	2,628	2,562	(66)
Operating and Maintenance	39,234	39,001	(233)

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
June 30, 2008

NOTE C - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CONTINUED)

The budget for personnel was over budget due to the District budgeting salaries on a cash basis (i.e., net of taxes and other withholdings). This over budget amount was offset by an under budget amount of \$4,011 in taxes, as these too were budgeted on a cash basis. Office expenditures were over budget due to increased dues and subscriptions. Operating and Maintenance costs were over budget primarily in food and lodging and repairs. All of these over budget items were covered by accumulated fund balances.

NOTE D - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS

1. Deposits with Financial Institutions and Investments

Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2008, deposits with financial institutions consisted of the following:

	Cash	Certificates of Deposit	Other	Total
Book Value of Deposits in Banks	\$ 195,371	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 205,371
Bank Balances of Deposits Exposed to Custodial Credit Risk:				
A. Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
B. Uninsured and collateralized with securities held by pledging institution	0	0	0	0
C. Uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the Town's name	0	0	0	0
Total Bank Balances Exposed to Custodial Credit Risk	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Bank Balances - All Deposits	\$ 195,756	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 205,756

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
June 30, 2008

NOTE D - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS (CONTINUED)

2. Capital Assets

The following is a summary of changes in the general fixed assets account group during the fiscal year:

	Balance July 1, 2007	Additions	Deletions	Transfers	Balance June 30, 2008
Governmental activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated					
Land	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Construction in progress	88,052	39,364	0	(127,416)	0
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	\$ 88,052	\$ 39,364	\$ 0	\$ (127,416)	\$ 0
Capital assets, being depreciated					
Buildings	\$ 2,185	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,185
Furniture and fixtures	7,253	0	0	0	7,253
Heavy equipment	77,321	0	0	0	77,321
Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure	6,199,748	0	0	127,416	6,327,164
Total capital assets, being depreciated	6,286,507	0	0	127,416	6,413,923
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	(2,185)	0	0	0	(2,185)
Furniture and fixtures	(7,253)	0	0	0	(7,253)
Heavy equipment	(17,898)	(10,381)	0	0	(28,279)
Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure	(778,187)	(158,181)	0	0	(936,368)
Total accumulated depreciation	(805,523)	(168,562)	0	0	(974,085)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	\$ 5,480,984	\$ (168,562)	\$ 0	\$ 127,416	\$ 5,439,838
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 5,569,036	\$ (129,198)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,439,838

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
June 30, 2008

NOTE D - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS (CONTINUED)

3. Receivables

The District had no receivables at year end. The prior year receivable was collected during the year ended June 30, 2008.

	General
Receivables:	
Intergovernmental	
State Interim Emergency Board - Cheniere Breakwater Repairs	\$ 88,052
Less: amount collected	(88,052)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 0

See Note D.5 for a discussion of the programs which gave rise to these receivables.

4. Ad Valorem Tax

Article 6, § 39 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution provides that for the purposes of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, hurricane flood protection, and for all other purposes incidental thereto, the District may levy annually, a tax not to exceed five mills. If the District needs to raise additional funds in excess of the amount collected constitutionally, the taxes in excess of five mills must be approved by a majority vote of the electors.

The District levies an ad valorem (property) tax on real property within the District to finance operations. The levy is generally made as of November 15 of each year. The tax is then due, and becomes an enforceable lien on the property, on the first day of the month following the filing of the tax roll by the Parish assessor with the Louisiana Tax Commission (usually December 1). The tax is delinquent 30 days after its due date.

Ad valorem taxes are levied based on property values determined by the Jefferson Parish Assessor's Office (a separate entity). All land and residential improvements are assessed at 10 percent of its fair market value, and other property at 15 percent of its fair market value. Taxes are billed and collected by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (a separate entity) which receives a certain millage for its services. The taxes remitted by the Sheriff to the District are net of assessor's commission and pension fund contributions.

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
June 30, 2008

NOTE D - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS (CONTINUED)

The number of mills levied for operations on the 2007 and 2006 tax rolls were 4.78 and 4.78, respectively.

5. Intergovernmental Revenues and Grants

IEB - Cheniere Breakwater Repairs (Katrina)

Hurricane Katrina caused damage to the Cheniere Breakwater in August 2005. The Town is submitting a request to the State Interim Emergency Board to help cover the costs of repairing and clearing the breakwaters. During the year ended June 30, 2008, an additional \$39,364 was spent on this project. Of the \$127,416 spent, \$95,225 was reimbursed by the State. The District covered the remaining costs.

NOTE E - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

1. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss resulting from personal injury; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. To protect against these risks of loss, the District purchases various types of insurance from commercial carriers.

Under these policies, general liability coverage is provided for up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence (\$2,000,000 in the aggregate) and worker's compensation is provided at the statutory limits of \$1,000,000/1,000,000/1,000,000. In each policy, the District is responsible for the applicable deductible.

2. Litigation

There is no litigation pending against the District at June 30, 2008.

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
June 30, 2008

NOTE F - OTHER INFORMATION

1. Retirement

Employees of the District are members of the Social Security System. In addition to the employee contribution withheld at 7.65 per cent, the District contributes an equal amount to the Social Security System. Aggregate pension costs for the year is \$1,589. The District does not guarantee the benefits granted by the Social Security System.

2. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the New Orleans Metropolitan area, which includes Jefferson Parish and the Town of Grand Isle (i.e., the area serviced by the District). While the Town was spared from a direct hit, the Isle was overrun by the storm surge from the Hurricane. Approximately 30 percent of the businesses and residences on the back side of the Isle (including the Caminada area) were destroyed or badly damaged. Most of the District's major assets (i.e., rock jetties) survived the Hurricane, however, the District's boat was lost/destroyed. On September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita hit the western side of the State of Louisiana, however, the tidal surge brought in by the storm again affected the Town of Grand Isle and the southern part of Jefferson Parish.

The loss of the boat was covered by insurance. A Project Worksheet has been filed with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to repair several breakwaters and abatement, however, it was denied. The District is appealing the denial.

NOTE G - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On August 29, 2008, Hurricane Gustav threatened the area and caused the evacuation of Metropolitan New Orleans area, which includes the area governed by the District. The Grand Isle area saw severe flooding and some wind damage. Some emergency work was performed in preparation for the storm. These costs are expected to be reimbursed by FEMA.

On September 12, 2008, Hurricane Ike passed just off the coastline of the State of Louisiana and hit Texas. While the area governed by the District was spared a direct hit, the storm surge from the hurricane did cause some inland tidal flooding, especially in the Grand Isle area. Again, some damage was incurred and some emergency work was performed in preparation for the storm. These costs should also be reimbursed by FEMA.

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INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET POSITIVE (NEGATIVE)
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Property taxes	\$ 140,000	\$ 161,000	\$ 160,911	\$ (89)
Intergovernmental				
Federal				
FEMA	-	-	-	-
NOAA CAIP Grant (#NA17022152)	-	-	-	-
NCRS Watershed Protection Grant	-	-	-	-
State				
State Capital Outlay (#36-L25-99B-01)	-	-	-	-
State - IEB - Cheniere Repairs	-	95,225	7,173	(88,052)
	-	95,225	7,173	(88,052)
Service charges, fees, and commissions	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	-
Interest	1,500	1,505	2,207	702
Miscellaneous	500	125	126	1
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 142,000	\$ 257,855	\$ 170,417	\$ (87,438)

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET POSITIVE (NEGATIVE)
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Public Works				
Personnel				
Salaries	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,707	\$ (707)
Commissioner's per diems	5,400	3,525	3,525	-
Employee expenses	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>25,400</u>	<u>23,525</u>	<u>24,232</u>	<u>(707)</u>
Employee Related Benefits				
Payroll taxes - state - penalties	1,000	900	-	900
Payroll taxes - federal	4,100	4,700	1,589	3,111
Insurance - workman's compensation	-	2,750	2,785	(35)
Total	<u>5,100</u>	<u>8,350</u>	<u>4,374</u>	<u>3,976</u>
Travel				
Travel	10,000	22,000	20,248	1,752
Total	<u>10,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>20,248</u>	<u>1,752</u>
Office				
Advertising	2,000	300	245	55
Bank charges	50	12	12	-
Dues and subscriptions	4,500	2,000	2,275	(275)
Office supplies	-	-	-	-
Postage	150	250	96	154
Total	<u>6,700</u>	<u>2,562</u>	<u>2,628</u>	<u>(66)</u>
Professional Services				
Audit	2,800	2,800	2,800	-
Engineering and other	28,000	50,000	49,144	856
Total	<u>30,800</u>	<u>52,800</u>	<u>51,944</u>	<u>856</u>
Operating and Maintenance				
Food and lodging	5,000	5,500	5,619	(119)
Insurance - general, auto, marine	34,000	30,250	30,177	73
Miscellaneous	-	501	461	40
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	152	(152)
Small tools and equipment	-	-	40	(40)
Total	<u>39,000</u>	<u>36,251</u>	<u>36,449</u>	<u>(198)</u>
Debt Service				
Principal	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital outlay				
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-
Levee and other construction projects				
Breakwater construction	-	-	-	-
Fifi Island restoration	-	-	-	-
FEMA project	-	-	-	-
Cheniere Breakwater repairs	25,000	-	-	-
Total	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 142,000</u>	<u>\$ 145,488</u>	<u>\$ 139,875</u>	<u>\$ 5,613</u>

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF PER DIEM PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

Board Member	Number of Meetings	Amount Paid
Wayne Estay	11	\$ 825
Robert "Bobby" Santini	36	2,700
Total		<u>\$ 3,525</u>

The Schedule of Per Diem Paid to Board Members is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Per diem payments are authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 38:308 and are included in the personnel expenditures of the General Fund. Board members are paid \$75 per meeting for up to 36 meetings each year. In lieu of per diem, the Board President, David Camardelle, was paid a salary of \$12,000 (\$1,000 per month effective October 1, 1994).

**GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF STATE FUNDING
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

<u>Description of Funding</u>	<u>Amount</u>
State Capital Outlay Program (Project # 36-L25-99B-01)	\$ 0
State Interim Emergency Board - Cheniere Breakwater Repairs	<u>7,173</u>
	<u>\$ 7,173</u>

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
STATE OF LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For The Year Ended June 30, 2008

FEDERAL AGENCY/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	GRANT/ PROJECT NUMBER	GRANT PERIOD FROM TO	TOTAL GRANT AWARD	ACCRUED (DEFERRED) REVENUE JUNE 30, 2006	CASH/ ASSISTANCE RECEIVED DURING YEAR	ACCRUED (DEFERRED) REVENUE JUNE 30, 2007	TOTAL REVENUE RECOGNIZED	TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
DIRECT ASSISTANCE									
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE									
Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection and Flood Protection	10.904	68-7217-08-0001	N/A N/A	\$ 46,831	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PASS-THROUGH AWARDS									
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY									
Passed through State Department of Military Affairs: Emergency Disaster - Public Assistance Grants (Kantia)	97.036	FEMA-1601-DR-LA	Project Completion						
TOTAL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

NOTES TO SCHEDULE:

This Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the Grand Isle Independent Levee District and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audit of State, Local Government, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

COMPLIANCE SECTION

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Commissioners
Grand Isle Independent Levee District
Grand Isle, Louisiana

I have audited the basic financial statements of the Grand Isle Independent Levee District (the "District"), a component unit of the State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued my report thereon dated December 21, 2008. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, I identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. I consider the deficiency (No. 08-01) described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be significant deficiencies in internal control financial reporting.

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

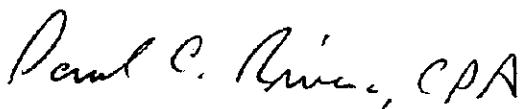
My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, I believe that none of the significant deficiencies described above is a material weakness.

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

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

The District's response to the findings identified in my audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. I did not audit the District's responses and, accordingly, I express no opinion on them.

This report is intended for the information of the District's management, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, all applicable Federal and State awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513, the report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.



December 21, 2008

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
State of Louisiana

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

I have audited the financial statements of the Grand Isle Independent Levee District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued my report thereon dated December 21, 2008. I conducted my 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. My audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 2008 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

- A. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the District.
- B. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements
Internal Control:
 - Significant Deficiencies were noted (see below).
 - No Material Weaknesses were noted.
Compliance:
 - No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements were noted.
- C. Federal Awards - not applicable
- D. Identification of Major Programs - not applicable

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Significant Deficiency- Comment # 08-01

Condition - I noted that the size of the District's operations is too small to provide for an adequate segregation of duties. The District's secretary is charged with most of the responsibilities relating to the cash receipts, cash disbursement, and financial reporting cycles. The District does, however, have various controls in place which tend to mitigate this problem, including (1) having a Commissioner review and initial all bank reconciliations, (2) requiring dual signatures on all checks, and (3) requiring the presentation of actual versus budget reports on a monthly basis, and (4) the use and reconciliation of pre-numbered receipts.

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT
State of Louisiana

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

Recommendation - Employing additional controls may not be cost beneficial, however, the Board should remain cognizant of the lack of segregation of duties.

Response - We are aware of the condition, however, at this point we are not in the financial position of addressing the problem. The Board is aware of the condition and will continue to monitor the financial activity of the District in a timely manner.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Not Applicable

SECTION IV - STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

The status of findings and questioned costs noted in prior years is noted below:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Prior Year Comment No.	Description	Status
# 07-01	Inadequate segregation of duties.	See CY Comment # 08-01

FEDERAL AWARDS - FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Not applicable