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To Whom It May Concern:

This report is not an audit performed in accordance with generally accepted *Government Auditing Standards* nor was it prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant.

This report was submitted by Department of Agriculture employees whose work was not supervised by a CPA or the Legislative Auditor.

Sincerely,



Steve J. Theriot, CPA  
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Mr. Andy Anders, Chairman  
Tensas-Concordia SWCD  
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Dear Mr. Anders:

Attached is the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water Conservation District Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2005. Please be advised that during the recent audit, the state auditor found the following finding.


1. **Group Insurance:** Group insurance premiums are remitted to OGB by the district for supervisors/retired supervisors participating in the state health insurance program. Premiums **cannot** be paid by the district prior to the district receiving payment of the premiums. The supervisors' and/or retiree's share of the group insurance premiums **must be received by and deposited into the district's bank account prior** to the payment of the premiums by the district. **This is state law.** Violation of this state law is not acceptable and if it occurs it will seriously affect the supervisor's or retiree's participation in the state group insurance program (OGB). Therefore, it is recommended that all insurance premiums be paid one month in advance. A record must be maintained each month showing the date each supervisor or retiree paid their portion of their insurance premium, the amount paid, the resulting monthly balance, the date the funds were deposited into the district's bank account, the date the district paid OGB and the fund balance. In order to avoid an NSF check, when the supervisor or retiree pays with a personal check, the district must wait at least five working days before paying OGB. This record/form must be reviewed by the district board at its board meeting each month, so noted in the board minutes and a copy attached to the board minutes. Contact the

Under provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of the report has been submitted to the entity and other appropriate public officials. The report is available for public inspection at the Baton Rouge office of the Legislative Auditor and, where appropriate, at the office of the parish clerk of court.

**Within forty-five (45) days provide this office in writing** the action taken by the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water Conservation Board that will ensure that there will be no recurrence of this finding.

If we can assist your board in meeting it's administrative and program responsibilities, including resolving the finding identified in this audit, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bradley E. Spicer".

Bradley E. Spicer  
Assistant Commissioner

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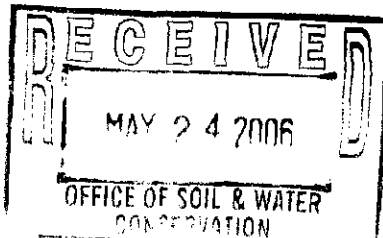
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cc: Bennie Tate (2)

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AUDIT DIVISION

TENSAS-CONCORDIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA



REPORT NO. 05-16-40

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

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TENSAS-CONCORDIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA

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Board of Supervisors  
Soil and Water Conservation District  
8331 Highway 84  
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Gentlemen:

We have audited the accompanying Balance Sheet of the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water Conservation District, as of June 30, 2005, and the related Statements of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Our audit was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures, as we considered necessary. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water Conservation District as of June 30, 2005, and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balance for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Tillman  
Audit Director

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cc. State Soil and Water Conservation Committee  
Legislative Auditor

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Management of the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water Conservation District is responsible for the District's compliance with state and local regulations. As part of our audit, we selected and tested transactions and records to determine the extent to which the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water Conservation District complied with material laws and regulations of the State of Louisiana.

Our testing of transactions and records disclosed instance of noncompliance:

Group insurance payments for retired employees and/or supervisors were made prior to the funds to make these payments being received by and deposited to the districts bank account.

EXHIBIT A

AUDITED COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

	GENERAL FUND	SPEC. REVENUE FUND	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	FUND BALANCE 2005	FUND BALANCE 2004
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash	\$20,847.71	(\$8,868.48)		\$11,979.23	\$17,491.52
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$9,436.87		\$9,436.87	\$425.00
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$160,000.00	\$0.00		\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
Due From Other Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Money Market	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Savings	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Prepaid Insurance	\$83.33	\$0.00		\$83.33	\$83.33
Prepaid Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Furniture & Equipment			\$31,627.14	\$31,627.14	\$33,569.63
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$180,931.04</b>	<b>\$568.39</b>	<b>\$31,627.14</b>	<b>\$213,126.57</b>	<b>\$211,569.48</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,593.22
Accrued Salaries	\$820.00	\$528.00		\$1,348.00	\$583.68
Accrued FICA	\$62.73	\$40.39		\$103.12	\$44.65
Accrued Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Accrued Leave	\$2,691.62	\$0.00		\$2,691.62	\$793.44
Due To Other Fund		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$3,574.35</b>	<b>\$568.39</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,142.74</b>	<b>\$3,014.99</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>					
Fund Balance-Res.-Group Insurance	(\$2,000.58)	\$0.00		(\$2,000.58)	\$5,782.57
Fund Balance-Res.-Other Insurance	\$83.33	\$0.00		\$83.33	\$83.33
Fund Balance-Res.- Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Balance-Res.-Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Balance-Unreserved	\$179,273.94	\$0.00		\$179,273.94	\$169,118.96
Investments in G. F. A.			\$31,627.14	\$31,627.14	\$33,569.63
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$177,356.89</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$31,627.14</b>	<b>\$208,983.83</b>	<b>\$208,554.49</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$180,931.04</b>	<b>\$568.39</b>	<b>\$31,627.14</b>	<b>\$213,126.57</b>	<b>\$211,569.48</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



**EXHIBIT B**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

	<b>GENERAL FUND 2005</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b>TOTAL FUND 2005</b>	<b>TOTAL FUND 2004</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>				
EQIP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DEQ (319)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Farm Bill	\$11,556.00	\$0.00	\$11,556.00	\$10,863.00
Interest	\$3,244.82	\$0.00	\$3,244.82	\$2,573.31
Local	\$406.71	\$0.00	\$406.71	\$0.00
NRCS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RC&D	\$0.00	\$25,465.21	\$25,465.21	\$11,232.20
Revegetation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sale of Equipment	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
State Funds	\$56,460.00	\$0.00	\$56,460.00	\$45,319.31
Water Quality	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$73,167.53</b>	<b>\$25,465.21</b>	<b>\$98,632.74</b>	<b>\$69,987.82</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Advertisements (bid notices)	\$58.20	\$0.00	\$58.20	\$198.02
Area Meeting	\$97.04	\$0.00	\$97.04	\$148.57
Awards, Contests, Promotions	\$1,071.38	\$0.00	\$1,071.38	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$235.96
Board Meetings-per diem	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Board Meetings-mileage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Boat Launch Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$546.00	\$687.85
Equipment Purchase	\$12,423.23	\$0.00	\$12,423.23	\$0.00
Field Materials/Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$349.90
Flow Thru Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance-group health	\$19,447.06	\$0.00	\$19,447.06	\$37,507.86
Insurance-other	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$2,326.67
Insurance-unemployment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.37
Maintenance & Repairs	\$222.53	\$0.00	\$222.53	\$40.00
Miscellaneous	\$12.75	\$0.00	\$12.75	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Plants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.65
Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rentals & Leases	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salaries	\$26,051.90	\$23,656.00	\$49,707.90	\$26,038.21
FICA	\$1,819.44	\$1,809.21	\$3,628.65	\$2,087.13
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Telephone	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$114.31
Travel	\$1,143.02	\$0.00	\$1,143.02	\$726.92
Trees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$63,012.55</b>	<b>\$25,465.21</b>	<b>\$88,477.76</b>	<b>\$70,512.42</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$10,154.98</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,154.98</b>	<b>(\$524.60)</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**EXHIBIT C**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

	GENERAL FUND 2005	SPEC. REVENUE FUND	TOTAL FUND 2005	TOTAL FUND 2004
Fund Balance-Unreserved Beginning of the Year	\$169,118.96	\$0.00	\$169,118.96	\$169,449.02
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures	\$10,154.98	\$0.00	\$10,154.98	(\$524.60)
Less: Prior Period Adjustment/Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$252.87
Less: Establish F. B.-Reserved for Other Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$58.33)
Less: Establish F. B.-Reserved for Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Fund Balance-Unreserved End of the Year</b>	<b>\$179,273.94</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$179,273.94</b>	<b>\$169,118.96</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Fund Balance-Reserved for Group Insurance (Beg. Balance)	\$5,782.57	\$0.00	\$5,782.57	\$3,169.86
Plus: Paid-in by Supervisors	\$25,957.17	\$0.00	\$25,957.17	\$23,572.13
Less: Paid-out by District	(\$33,740.32)	\$0.00	(\$33,740.32)	(\$20,959.42)
Less: Prior Period Correction		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Fund Balance Reserved for Group Insurance (Ending Balance)</b>	<b>(\$2,000.58)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$2,000.58)</b>	<b>\$5,782.57</b>
Fund Balance-Reserved for Other Insurance (Beg. Balance)	\$83.33	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$25.00
Plus: Paid-in	\$2,485.00	\$0.00	\$2,485.00	\$2,385.00
Less: Paid-out	(\$2,485.00)	\$0.00	(\$2,485.00)	(\$2,326.67)
<b>Fund Balance Reserved for Other Insurance (Ending Balance)</b>	<b>\$83.33</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$83.33</b>	<b>\$83.33</b>
Fund Balance-Reserved for Maintenance (Beg. Balance)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Plus: Paid-in	\$222.53	\$0.00	\$222.53	\$40.00
Less: Paid-out	(\$222.53)	\$0.00	(\$222.53)	(\$40.00)
<b>Fund Balance Reserved for Maintenance (Ending Balance)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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TENSAS-CONCORDIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Louisiana Legislature created the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water Conservation District. The District primarily assists farmers and other land users in the wise use of their lands and the prevention of erosion of farm and urban land and the pollution of waters in the state. The governing board of supervisors administers the operations and responsibilities of the District in accordance with Louisiana Statutes. The board is comprised of five members.

In April 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local governmental entities. In November, 1984, the GASB issued a codification of governmental accounting and financial reporting standards. This codification and subsequent pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments.

The financial statements of the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water Conservation District are prepared in accordance with the standards established by the GASB. GASB Codification Section 2100 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity to be the Soil and Water Conservation District. The accompanying statements present information only as to the transactions of the District.

**A. FUND ACCOUNTING**

The financial statements of the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water Conservation

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District are presented as if the accounts were organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which would be considered a separate accounting entity. Since the District has financial resources, which are required to be accounted for in other funds, a general fund and a special revenue fund were both employed.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water Conservation District receives funds it considers Special Revenue Funds and the financial records have been prepared accordingly.

**B. FIXED ASSETS**

Fixed assets used in the governmental fund type operations are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets account group, rather than the Governmental Fund. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

This account group is not a "fund." It is concerned with the measurement of financial position, not with measurement of operations.

**C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The records are maintained on a cash basis and the accompanying financial statements have been converted to a modified accrual basis of accounting using the following practices:

**(1) Revenue**

State Funds are recorded when the District is entitled to the funds.

Newsletter sponsors and equipment rental are recorded in the year earned.

Interest income on time deposits is recorded when the deposits have matured and the income is available.

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Rents and royalties are recorded in the year earned.

Subsequently all other revenues are recorded when received.

(2) Expenditures

Expenditures were recognized in the accounting period in which the liabilities are both measurable and incurred.

**D. BUDGETARY PRACTICES**

A budget was submitted to the Office of Soil and Water Conservation, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. State Funding for the year was based upon the allocation procedures established in the program rules and regulations.

**E. ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE**

Employees earn and accumulate annual and sick leave at various rates depending on their years of service. Unused annual and sick leave accumulates without limit. The number of hours of unused annual leave for which an employee may receive a lump sum payment upon termination from District employment may not exceed 300 hours.

At June 30, 2005 (fiscal close), the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water Conservation District had accumulated and vested \$2,691.62, in leave privileges, required to be accrued under SFAS 43. Current year expenditures for salary and leave privileges total \$49,707.90.

**F. PENSION PLAN  
SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS**

Substantially all employees of the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water Conservation

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District are members of the Social Security System. The Employee contribution was 7.65% of gross salary from July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005. The District contributed an additional 7.65% of gross salary from July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005. The District does not guarantee the benefits granted by the Social Security System.

**2. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**

The General Fixed Assets of the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water Conservation District had a net decrease \$1,942.49 for the year ended June 30, 2005.

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4. COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS

The supervisors of the Tensas-Concordia Soil and Water conservation District do not receive per diem or mileage to attend monthly meetings of the board.