

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
RUSTON, LOUISIANA

Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
Lincoln Parish Communications District

Ruston, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the Lincoln Parish Communications District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Lincoln Parish Communications District'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.

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 the General Fund of the Lincoln Parish Communications District, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis (Page 4-6) and budgetary comparison information on (Pages 13-15) 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 Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Lincoln Parish Communications District's basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits, reimbursements and other payments to agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of compensation, benefits, reimbursements and other payments to agency head is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of compensation, benefits, reimbursements and other payments to agency head is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 26, 2017, on our consideration of the Lincoln Parish Communications District'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 Lincoln Parish Communications District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

WILLIAM R. HULSEY (APAC)

Certified Public Accountant



Monroe, Louisiana

May 26, 2017

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART A)
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)**

Our discussion and analysis of the Communications District provides an overview of the District’s activities for the year ended December 31, 2016. Please read it in conjunction with the District’s financial statements.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the District as a whole.

**Reporting the District as a Whole
The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities**

These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector entities. All of the current year’s revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District’s net position and changes in them. The District’s net position (the difference between assets and liabilities) measure the District’s financial position. The increases or decreases in the District’s net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or not.

THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

For the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, net position changed as follows:

	2016		2015
Beginning Net Position	\$1,822,799		\$1,811,912
Increase (decrease)	(64,006)		10,887
Ending Net Position	\$ 1,758,793		\$1,822,799

THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The following schedule presents a summary of revenues and expenditures for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

Revenues	2016 Amount	Percent Of Total	2015 Amount	Percent Of Total
User fees	\$369,537	99.78%	\$432,287	98.91%
Use of money and property	4,111	0.22%	4,752	1.09%
Total Revenues	\$373,648	100.00%	\$437,039	100.00%

Expenditures	2016 Amount	Percent Of Total	2015 Amount	Percent Of Total
Public Safety	\$400,237	100.00%	\$390,558	100.00%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$400,237	100.00%	\$390,558	100.00%

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District's total revenues in the District's general fund for 2016 were \$4,946 over the amount budgeted. This is attributed to a slight increase in user fees over the prior year. Expenditures for the District, net of transfers, were more than the final budget by \$5,137.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At December 31, 2016, the District had \$347,964 invested in capital assets as follows:

Asset	December 31, 2015 Balance	Additions	Disposals	December 31, 2016 Balance
Machinery and Equipment	\$ 608,130	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 608,130
Total Capital Assets	608,130			608,130
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(224,615)	(34,104)		(260,166)
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ 383,515	\$ (34,104)	\$ -	\$ 349,411

There were no additions to capital assets in the current year.

DEBT

At year end, the District had no liability for compensated absences.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The District's revenues are derived from user fees and, though it expects some increase in this revenue source, it does not anticipate any major increases or decreases.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the following:

Contact Person: Bill Sanderson
Title: Chairman

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
RUSTON, LOUISIANA**

**GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016**

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 954,566
Investments	499,046
Due from other governments - HELP	250
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	349,411
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,803,273</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts, salaries and other payables	13,457
Due to other agencies	31,023
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>44,480</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	349,411
Unrestricted	1,409,382
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 1,758,793</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
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GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

FUNCTIONS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES			NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	
Public safety	\$ 434,341	\$ -	\$ 369,537	\$ -	\$ (64,804)
General revenues:					
Unrestricted investment earnings					4,111
Gain (loss) on investments					(3,313)
Total general revenues					798
Change in net position					(64,006)
Net position at beginning of year, restated					1,822,799
Net position at end of year					<u>\$ 1,758,793</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

	GENERAL FUND	EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 331,996	\$ 622,570	\$ 954,566
Investments	-	499,046	499,046
Due from other funds	77,730	16,068	93,798
Due from other governments - GIS	250	-	250
Total assets	<u>\$ 409,976</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,684</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,660</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 13,457	\$ -	\$ 13,457
Due to other agencies	30,980	43	31,023
Due to other funds	16,068	77,730	93,798
Total liabilities	<u>60,505</u>	<u>77,773</u>	<u>138,278</u>
Fund equity - fund balances:			
Restricted	-	1,059,911	1,059,911
Unassigned	349,471	-	349,471
Total fund equity - fund balances	<u>349,471</u>	<u>1,059,911</u>	<u>1,409,382</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows, and fund equity	<u>\$ 409,976</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,684</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,660</u>

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS' BALANCE
SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 1,409,382
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources	<u>349,411</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 1,758,793</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	GENERAL FUND	EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Revenues:			
Fees, charges and commissions for services	\$ 369,537	\$ -	\$ 369,537
Use of money and property	1,717	2,394	4,111
Total revenues	<u>371,254</u>	<u>2,394</u>	<u>373,648</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Public safety	<u>400,237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>400,237</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(28,983)</u>	<u>2,394</u>	<u>(26,589)</u>
Other sources (uses):			
Operating transfers in	18,900	-	18,900
Gain (loss) on investments	-	(3,313)	(3,313)
Operating transfers out	-	(18,900)	(18,900)
Total other sources (uses)	<u>18,900</u>	<u>(22,213)</u>	<u>(3,313)</u>
Net change in fund balances	(10,083)	(19,819)	(29,902)
Fund balances (deficit) at beginning of year	359,554	1,079,730	1,439,284
Fund balances (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ 349,471</u>	<u>\$ 1,059,911</u>	<u>\$ 1,409,382</u>

**LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
RUSTON, LOUISIANA**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ (29,902)

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.

Depreciation	<u>(34,104)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (64,006)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
RUSTON, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Lincoln Parish Communications District (the "District") was created by Ordinance 85-88-(2) adopted by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish on August 23, 1988. The governing body of the District consists of a seven-member Board of Commissioners.

The District complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent sections of this note.

Basis of Presentation

In June 1999, the GASB unanimously approved statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. Certain of the significant changes in the presentation of its funds financial information include, for the first time a Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the District's overall financial position and results of operations and financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all fund activities. These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements including the notes to the financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements – The governmental-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. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements – The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year end.

Principal revenue sources considered susceptible to accrual are federal grants, interest on investments, sales and income taxes, and lease payments receivable. Some revenue items that are considered measurable and available to finance operations during the year from an accounting perspective are not available for expenditure due to the District's present appropriation system. These revenues have been accrued in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America since they have been earned and are expected to be collected within sixty days of the end of the period.

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

Other revenues are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Fund Accounting

The financial activities of the District are recorded in individual funds, each of which is deemed to be a separate accounting entity. The District uses fund accounting to report on its financial position and results of 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.

Governmental Funds

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund for the Lincoln Parish Communications District. It is used to account for all financial sources and uses of the Communications District, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Special Revenue Fund – The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The equipment replacement fund was established in 1994 to account for funds to replace equipment.

Use of Estimates

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

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budget for the General Fund is proposed by the Director and formally adopted by the Commissioners. The budget is prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require approval of the Commissioners. At year end, all appropriations lapse.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Louisiana statutes permit the District to invest in United States' bonds, treasury notes, or certificates, or other obligations of the U.S. Government and agencies of the U.S. Government which are federally insured, and certificates of deposit of state banks having their principal office in the State of Louisiana, or in mutual or trust fund institutions which are registered and which have underlying investments limited to securities of the U.S. Government or its agencies.

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The District's policy is to include short-term interest bearing deposits with a maturity of three months or less as cash in the financial statements.

Valuation of Carrying Amounts of Deposits

Cash is reported at net book value - the year end bank balance plus any deposits in transit and less any outstanding checks that have not cleared the bank as of that date.

Fund Equity

GASB Statement No. 54 establishes standards for five fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in government funds. The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

Restricted Fund Balance – This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance – These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the Board of Commissioners – the government's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Commissioners remove the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned Fund Balance – This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the Board's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Board and management have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the general fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned Fund Balance – This fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Board's policy to use externally restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources – committed, assigned and unassigned – in order as needed.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Receivables

All receivables are recorded at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenue and expenditures. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reduction of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed. All other interfund transactions that are not to be repaid are recorded as transfers.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets of the District are stated at cost and are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets are charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of 5 years.

Compensated Absences

Employees accrue from five to fifteen days of annual and sick leave each year depending on years of service with the Communications District. Annual leave must be used in the year it is earned. Sick leave, up to a maximum of fifteen days, may be carried forward to the next year for major illnesses only. Upon separation, all unused sick leave lapses.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. The custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's policy to ensure there is no exposure to this risk is to require each financial institution to pledge its' own securities to cover any amount in excess of Federal Depository Insurance Coverage. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Accordingly, the District had no custodial credit risk related to its deposits at December 31, 2016. The District had cash and cash equivalents in demand deposits, totaling \$954,566 at December 31, 2016.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Cash per books at year end was \$954,566. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances other than these backed by the U.S. government) at December 31, 2016, are secured, as follows:

Bank Balances	<u>\$ 954,566</u>
FDIC Insurance	250,000
Pledged Securities (uncollateralized)	<u>704,566</u>
Total	<u>\$ 954,566</u>

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
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NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District’s investments in United States government securities are held by the District’s agent in the District’s name. Therefore, the District had no custodial credit risk related to its investments at December 31, 2016.

Under state law, the District may invest funds in obligations of the United States, in federally-insured investments, or in time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2016, the District had the following investments stated at cost, which approximates market:

United States Government Securities \$ 499,046

Interest Rate Risk. In accordance with its investments policy, the District manages its exposure to declines in fair market values by limiting investment portfolio to “money market investments” which are defined as creditworthy, highly liquid investments with maturities of one year or less. Although there may be certain circumstances in which longer-term securities are utilized, the general use of long-term securities shall be avoided.

Credit Risk. The District’s investment policy limits investments to fully insured and/or fully-collateralized certificates of deposits and direct and indirect obligations of U.S. government agencies.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The District’s investment policy limits the District’s investment instruments to: 1) certificates of deposit; 2) certain direct obligations of the U.S. Government; 3) bonds, debentures, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by federal agencies and provided such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America; and 4) the Louisiana Asset Management Pool.

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2016 is as follows:

	December 31, 2015			December 31, 2016
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Depreciable Assets:				
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 608,130	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 608,130
Totals at Historical Cost	608,130	-	-	608,130
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Machinery & Equipment	(224,615)	(34,104)	-	(258,719)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(224,615)	(34,104)	-	(258,719)
<u>CAPITAL ASSETS, NET</u>	<u>\$ 383,515</u>	<u>\$ (34,104)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 349,411</u>

Depreciation was charged to the Public Safety function of the District for \$349,411.

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
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NOTE 5 - PENSION PLAN - PAROCHIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Plan Description

The Parochial Employees' Retirement System, a Public Employee Retirement System, is a cost sharing multiple-employer plan that is governed by the Louisiana Revised Statutes, title II, Sections 1901 through 2015, specifically, and other general laws of the State of Louisiana.

Under the Parochial Retirement System, a member is eligible for normal retirement if he has at least 30 years of creditable service regardless of age or 25 years of creditable service and is at least 55 years old, or 10 years of creditable service and is at least 60 years old. The monthly retirement benefit is equal to three percent of the member's coverage monthly compensation for any 36 months of consecutive service in which compensation was highest, multiplied by years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of member's final compensation.

Retirement benefits are payable monthly for the life of the retiree, and upon the retiree's death under certain conditions are payable to the retiree's surviving spouse and minor children. The District's payroll is included in the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, primary government financial statements.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Parochial Employees' Retirement System, P.O. Box 14619, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898.

Funding Policy

Under the plan, members are required by state statute to contribute 9.5% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 13.0% of annual covered payroll. The District's contributions to the System for the years ending December 31, 2016, 2015, and 2014 are included in the Lincoln Parish Police Jury's retirement expense.

NOTE 6 - FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS

The Lincoln Parish Communications District has no federally financial assisted programs so therefore, no schedule of federally assisted program activity has been presented in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of State and Local Governments.

NOTE 7 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Employees of the Lincoln Parish Communications District may participate in a deferred compensation plan adopted under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 457 (Deferred Compensation Plans with Respect to Service for State and Local Governments).

The deferred compensation plan is available to all employees of the Lincoln Parish Communications District. Under the plan, employees may elect to defer a portion of their salaries and avoid paying taxes on the deferred portion until the withdrawal date. The deferred compensation amount is not available for withdrawal by employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statements No. 32 and No. 34, plan balances and activities are not reflected in the financial statements of the Lincoln Parish Communications District.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

NOTE 8 - LITIGATION

According to the Parish District Attorney, the District had no pending or threatened litigation as of December 31, 2016.

NOTE 9 - COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSION

The members of the Commission for the Lincoln Parish Communications District receive no compensation.

NOTE 10 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budget/Actual Variances

When comparing budget to actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2016, there was a favorable variance in the General fund and Equipment Reserve fund for revenues and expenditures being less than 5%.

NOTE 11 – IMPLEMENTATION OF WIRELESS 911 SYSTEM

The 911 Communication District received \$99,751 in 2016 from landline telephone providers and \$269,786 in 2016 from wireless telephone providers for a total of \$369,537 in emergency telephone service charges for 2016. In compliance with FCC order no. 94-102, the District has been implementing the wireless 911 system in two phases.

Phase I displays the wireless 911 caller's telephone number, active tower address, and the direction of the caller from the wireless tower being utilized. Phase II is intended to display the wireless 911 caller's location on a digital map display with a 125 meter accuracy level. Phase I and II have been fully implemented.

Phase II was completed in 2006 for Sprint/Nextel, T-Mobile, and AT&T/Cingular. Alltel deployed the necessary equipment to provide Phase II information and was completed in August 2007.

The landline service has been fully implemented in prior years. The total expenditures for 2016 related to the District were \$400,237 which, other than those mentioned above, were used solely for operation of the implemented services.

NOTE 12 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through May 26, 2017, which is the day the financial statements were available to be issued, and it has been determined that no significant events have occurred for disclosure.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART B)
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
RUSTON, LOUISIANA

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
Revenues:				
Fees, charges, and commissions for services	\$ 370,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 369,537	\$ (5,463)
Use of money and property	1,100	1,200	1,717	517
Total revenues	<u>371,100</u>	<u>376,200</u>	<u>371,254</u>	<u>(4,946)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	414,250	387,100	400,237	13,137
Capital outlay	20,000	8,000	-	(8,000)
Total expenditures	<u>434,250</u>	<u>395,100</u>	<u>400,237</u>	<u>5,137</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(63,150)</u>	<u>(18,900)</u>	<u>(28,983)</u>	<u>(10,083)</u>
Other sources (uses):				
Operating transfers in	<u>63,150</u>	<u>18,900</u>	<u>18,900</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	-	(10,083)	(10,083)
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>359,554</u>	<u>359,554</u>	<u>359,554</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 359,554</u>	<u>\$ 359,554</u>	<u>\$ 349,471</u>	<u>\$ (10,083)</u>

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
Revenues:				
Use of money and property	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,100	\$ 2,394	\$ 1,294
Expenditures:				
Public safety	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,600	1,100	2,394	1,294
Other sources (uses):				
Gain (loss) on investments	-	-	(3,313)	(3,313)
Operating transfers out	(63,150)	(18,900)	(18,900)	-
Total other sources (uses)	(63,150)	(18,900)	(22,213)	(3,313)
Net change in fund balances	(61,550)	(17,800)	(19,819)	(2,019)
Fund balances at beginning of year	1,061,973	1,018,223	1,079,730	61,507
Fund balances at end of year	\$ 1,000,423	\$ 1,000,423	\$ 1,059,911	\$ 59,488

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NOTES TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

The budgets for the funds are proposed by the Director and formally adopted by the Commissioners. The budgets are prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require approval of the Commissioners. At year end, all appropriations lapse.

State law requires the District to amend its budgets when revenues plus projected revenues within a fund are expected to fall short from budgeted revenues by five percent or more and when expenditures and other uses of a fund are expected to exceed budgeted amounts by five percent or more.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
RUSTON, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO
AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

There is no compensation, benefits or other payments paid to an agency head or chief executive officer by this entity.

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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*

To the Board of Commissioners
Lincoln Parish Communications District
Ruston, Louisiana

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 the General Fund, of the Lincoln Parish Communications District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Lincoln Parish Communications District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 26, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Lincoln Parish Communications District'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 the Lincoln Parish Communications District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lincoln Parish Communications District'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 Lincoln Parish Communications District'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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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.

WILLIAM R. HULSEY (APAC)

Certified Public Accountant



Monroe, Louisiana

May 26, 2017

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
RUSTON, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Board of Commissioners
 Lincoln Parish Communications District
 Ruston, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the Lincoln Parish Communications District (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated May 26, 2016. 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. Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2016, resulted in an unqualified opinion.

SECTION I - Summary of Auditor's Results

A. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weakness ___ yes X no
 Significant Deficiencies not considered to be
 Material Weaknesses ___ yes X no

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements ___ yes X no

B. Federal Awards

Material Weakness Identified ___ yes X no
 Significant Deficiencies not considered to be
 Material Weaknesses ___ yes X no

Type of Opinion on Compliance For Major Programs (No Major Programs)

Unqualified ___ Qualified ___
 Disclaimer ___ Adverse ___

Are their findings required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510 (a)? N/A

C. Identification of Major Programs: N/A

Name of Federal Program (or cluster)
 CFDA Number(s)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs. N/A

Is the auditee a "low-risk" auditee, as defined by OMB Circular A-133? N/A

SECTION II - Financial Statement Findings

No matters were reported.

SECTION III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No matters were reported.

LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
RUSTON, LOUISIANA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

There were no findings for this category.

Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

There were no findings for this category.

Management Letter Comments

There were no findings for this category.