

GOODWILL FIRE DISTRICT**Oak Grove, Louisiana****General Purpose Financial Statements
With Accountant's Compilation Report
As of and for the Year Ended
December 31, 2004**

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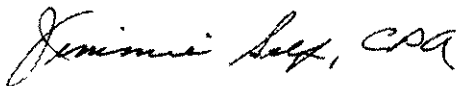
ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Board of Directors
Goodwill Fire District
Oak Grove, Louisiana
Ronnie Ainsworth, Fire Chief

I have compiled the accompanying general purpose financial statements as listed in the foregoing Table of Contents of the Goodwill Fire District, a component unit of the West Carroll Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, in accordance with "Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services" issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The Goodwill Fire District did not adopt the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 for the year ended December 31, 2004. The effects of this departure from generally accepted accounting principles has not been determined

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying general purpose financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.



JIMMIE SELF, CPA
MONROE, LOUISIANA
May 15, 2005

**GENERAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOODWILL FIRE DISTRICT
Oak Grove, LA**

STATEMENT A

**ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET**

DECEMBER 31, 2004

	Governmental	Account Groups		Total
	Fund Type	General	General	Memo Only
	General	Fixed	General	
	Fund	Assets	Long-Term	
			Debt	
<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>				
Cash in Bank	\$ 69,569	-	-	\$ 69,569
Investments	-	-	-	-
Fixed Assets	-	547,880	-	547,880
Amount to be Provided for Long-Term Debt	-	-	24,630	24,630
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$ 69,569	\$ 547,880	\$ 24,630	\$ 642,079
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:</u>				
LIABILITIES				
Capital lease on Fire Trucks	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,630	\$ 24,630
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	\$ 24,630	\$ 24,630
FUND EQUITY				
Investments in General Fixed Assets	-	\$ 547,880	-	\$ 547,880
FUND BALANCE				
Undesignated	\$ 69,569	-	-	69,569
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	69,569	-	-	69,569
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 69,569	\$ 547,880	\$ 24,630	\$ 642,079

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

**GOODWILL FIRE DISTRICT
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STATEMENT B

**GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

DECEMBER 31, 2004

REVENUES

West Carroll Parish Police Jury	\$ 46,568
2% Insurance Rebate	4,819
Insurance Benefits	985
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 52,372</u>

EXPENDITURES

Current - Public Safety:	
Operating services	15,951
Material and Supplies	1,250
Utilities	2,599
Debt Service	17,420
Capital Outlay	13,601
Total Expenditures	<u>50,821</u>

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES 1,551

FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 68,018

FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR \$ 69,569

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT.

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STATEMENT C

**GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL**

DECEMBER 31, 2004

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
REVENUES			
West Carroll Police Jury	\$ 50,000	\$ 46,568	\$ (3,432)
2% Insurance Rebate	-	4,819	4,819
Insurance Benefits	-	985	985
Grant	50,000	-	(50,000)
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 52,372</u>	<u>\$ (47,628)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current - Public Safety			
Operating Services	19,650	15,951	3,699
Material and Supplies	2,450	1,250	1,200
Utilities	2,600	2,599	1
Debt Service	17,420	17,420	-
Capital Outlay	50,000	13,601	36,399
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 92,120</u>	<u>\$ 50,821</u>	<u>\$ 41,299</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	7,880	1,551	6,329
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>68,018</u>	<u>68,018</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 75,898</u>	<u>\$ 69,569</u>	<u>\$ 6,329</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT.

**NOTES
TO THE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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This legal entity was established to provide fire protection for the political subdivision of Ward 3 in the parish of West Carroll, Louisiana. This entity operates independent of any other parish governing body, but functions under the guidelines set forth by the West Carroll Parish Police Jury. The District operates under the direction of a board of directors. All members of the board serve with no compensation.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Goodwill Fire District have been prepared in conformity with the 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.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish for reporting purposes, the West Carroll Police Jury is the financial entity for West Carroll Parish. The financial entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the West Carroll Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is *financial accountability*. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. The criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.
2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.

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3. Organizations for which the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature of significance of the relationship.

Because the Goodwill Fire District is fiscally dependent on the police jury, the district was determined to be a component unit of the West Carroll Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The district uses funds and account groups 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 relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities (general fixed asset and long-term obligations) that are not recorded in the "funds" because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources. They are concerned only with measurement of financial position, not with the measurements of results of operations.

The only fund for the district is the governmental fund. Governmental funds account for the district's general activities, including collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term debt. Governmental funds of the district include:

1. General Fund – The general operating fund of the district and accounts for all financial activities, except for those required to be accounted for in other funds.

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D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting of financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements for these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for reporting all governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The district uses the following practices in recognizing and reporting revenues and expenditures:

Revenues:

All revenues are recorded when the district is entitled to the funds.

Expenditures:

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting, when the liability is incurred.

E. BUDGET PRACTICES

The proposed budget, prepared on the cash basis of accounting, was prepared and adopted by the board of commissioners in December, 2003. The budget is established and controlled by the board of commissioners at the object level of expenditure. Encumbrance accounting is not utilized in the district's records. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be re-appropriated for the following year to be expended. All changes in the budget must be approved by the board of commissioners. Formal budgetary integration is not employed as a management control device during the year.

Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements were from the original adopted budget. A review of the amounts budgeted as revenue and expenditures for the year of 2004 show that these amounts were overstated by an amount in excess of 40% but included an amount anticipated as receipts and expenditures which would result from a grant. The grant was not forthcoming and the revenues and expenditures represented by the receipt and expenditure of the grant revenues were not acted on by year's end. There

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were no other amendments to the budget.

F. CASH

Under state law, the district may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The district may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2004, the district has demand deposits (book Balances) totaling \$69,569.31.

The deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Cash (bank balances) at December 31, 2004 totaled \$69,888.55 and were fully secured by federal deposit insurance.

G. RISK MANAGEMENT

The fire district is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and injuries to employees. To handle such risks of loss, the police jury maintains insurance coverage on the fire district. The policy covers general liability, property, employee liability, and public officials' liability. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years that exceeded the policies' coverage amounts. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the year ended 12/31/2004.

H. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased or constructed, and the related assets account group. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of fixed assets or materially extend their lives are not capitalized.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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I. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The district has paid no employees therefore there is no policy relating to vacation and sick leave.

J. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt expected to be financed from governmental funds is reported in the general long-term obligations account group. The district has a long-term lease financed by Regions leasing. The details are outlined in Note 4 CAPITAL LEASES.

K. FUND EQUITY

Reserves

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditures or legally segregated for a specific future use.

Designated Fund Balances

Designated fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources.

L. SALES TAXES

In 1997 the West Carroll Parish Police Jury passed a ½% sales tax for fire protection in West Carroll Parish. This tax is divided among the fire protection districts for this purpose. This was a 10-year tax.

M. TOTAL COLUMNS ON STATEMENTS

The total columns on the statements are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not represent the financial position or result of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a compilation.

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N. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principals 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 these estimates.

NOTE 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Goodwill Fire District maintains its checking accounts in the Regions Bank in Oak Grove, Louisiana. The district had a balance in its accounts on December 31, 2004 of \$69,888.55. The accounts are insured by the FDIC in the amount of \$100,000.

NOTE 3. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance December 31,2003	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31,2004
Land and Buildings	\$250,000	0	0	\$250,000
Trucks and Equipment	283,180	13,600	0	296,780
Furniture and Fixtures	1100	0	0	1100
Total	\$534,280	\$13,600	0	\$547,880

NOTE 4. CAPITAL LEASES

The district records one item under capital leases as an asset and an obligation in the accompanying financial statements. In May 1999, the district entered into a lease agreement with Regions Leasing for an 84 month period for a used fire truck. The lease had an original recorded amount of \$93,500. Lease obligations are retired from the General Fund.

The following is a summary of future minimum lease payments, together with the present value of net minimum lease payments, as of December 31, 2004:

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FUTURE LEASE PAYMENTS	
2005	17,420.04
2006	5,806.44
TOTAL	23,226.48
Less amount representing interest	<u>(1403.22)</u>
Present Value of net minimum lease payments	<u>21,629.26</u>

NOTE 5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no related party transactions to disclose as required by FASB 57.

NOTE 6. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The Goodwill Fire District is not a defendant in any litigation seeking damages.

NOTE 7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no events that occurred after year end and the issuing of this report that would materially effect the financial statements as issued.

**SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION SCHEDULES**

GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT
Oak Grove, Louisiana

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE
For the year ended December 31, 2004

COMPENSATION PAID COMMISSIONERS

The names and addresses of the commissioners who serve on the board of the Goodwill Volunteer Fire District are listed below. They all serve without any financial compensation. They are as follows:

Ray Taylor – President
1197 Highway 2
Oak Grove, LA 71263
318/428-2523

Ronnie Ainsworth – Fire Chief
240 Irby Road
Oak Grove, LA 71263
318/428-8609

Jerry Allen – Assistant Fire Chief
3904 Hwy 2
Oak Grove, LA 71263
318/428-9043

Earline McDonald – Secretary
1358 Morgan Road
Oak Grove, LA 71263
318/428-2083

Billy Sanders
940 Watts Road
Oak Grove, LA 71263
318/428-8450

Ronnie Clark
355 Benton Road
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Schedule of Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

Finding 2004-1 A budget was prepared and accepted by the board in a timely manner. The amounts of the budgeted revenues and expenditures were overstated by an amount in excess of 40%. The variance was due to the anticipated proceeds of a grant which was not forthcoming and the budgeted expenditure of same funds which was not carried out since the funds were unavailable.

Recommendations: An amended budget should be prepared and voted by the board to reflect changes in revenues and expenditures which result throughout the fiscal year. The amended budget should be accepted by the board prior to the end of the current year.

Corrective action: The board has been advised of their responsibility in preparing and following an annual budget and are prepared to follow the procedure in the future.

Schedule of Prior Year Findings for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Finding 2003-01 A budget was prepared with expenditures understated by 29%. An amended budget was not prepared. The district was advised as to the requirement of an amended budget. They have improved their budgeting procedures but have failed again in 2004 to prepare an amended budget.

Finding 2003-02 Accounting records were limited to a manually maintained journal of disbursements without the benefit of ledgers or a double-entry bookkeeping system. The district has now set up a computer-based bookkeeping system.

Finding 2003-03 There was no record maintained in the minutes of the preparation and posting of a meeting agenda in accordance with the open meetings law. The records for the district show that they are now in compliance.

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire* has been completed by management and is included in this report as required by the questionnaire.

**GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT
1358 MORGAN ROAD
OAK GROVE, LA 71263**

January 6, 2005

Jimmie Self, CPA
2908 Cameron Street, Suite C
Monroe, LA 71201

Re: LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Mrs. Self,

In connection with your compilation of our financial statements as of DECEMBER 31, 2004 and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulation and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations. These representations are based on the information available to us as of DECEMBER 31, 2004.

Public Bid Law

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

Yes [] No []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.

Yes [] No []

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1119.

Yes [] No []

Budgeting

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

Yes [] No []

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [] No []

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

Yes [] No []

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

Yes [] No []

Meetings

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

Yes [] No []

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and LSA-RS 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [] No []

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [] No []

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance which may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

<u>Earline McDonald</u>	Secretary	<u>3/15/05</u>	Date
<u>Poppy Amant</u>	Treasurer	<u>3/15/05</u>	Date
<u>Ray Taylor</u>	President	<u>3/15/05</u>	Date