PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 WILL MEET IN **REGULAR SESSION** ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL AT TANGIPAHOA PARISH GORDON A BURGESS GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING, 206 EAST MULBERRY STREET, AMITE, LA.

A GENDA TANGIPAHOA PARISH RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC INPUT - Anyone Wishing to Address any Agenda Item

ADOPTION OF MINUTES regular meeting dated November 27, 2023

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- 1. APPOINT Ethics Designee as required by R.S. 42:1170
- 2. ADOPTION of changes to the District's Policy and Procedure manual regarding Debt Service Policy
- 3. ADOPTION of TPRFP No. 2 Resolution 23-06 2023 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

OTHER FIRE MATTERS

ADJOURN

S/Louis Joseph, President T. P. Rural Fire District No. 2

POSTED December 7, 2023

S/Jill DeSouge, Secretary T. P. Rural Fire District No. 2

PUBLISHED DAILY STAR December 7, 2023

DEBT SERVICE POLICY

It is the policy of the Fire Board to comply with Louisiana Revised Statutes when it is necessary to borrow funds.

Debt Issuance Approval:

- When the Fire Administrator determines that the Fire District may need to borrow funds, the Fire administrator must notify the Fire board and seek approval to incur debt.
- If the Fire board determines that the need to borrow is appropriate, the Fire board will contract with an outside attorney familiar with government financing in the State of Louisiana who will ensure that all relevant state laws for borrowing funds are followed.

Continuing Disclosure/EMMA Reporting:

- EMMA, or the Electronic Municipal Market Access website, is the official source for municipal securities data and documents. The EMMA website is funded and operated by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB), the self-regulatory organization charged by Congress with promoting a fair and efficient municipal securities market. The EMMA website provides free public access to objective municipal market information and interactive tools for state and local governments and other municipal entities that issue bonds, as well as investors and others. EMMA supports municipal market transparency but is not a platform for buying or selling bonds.
- The Fire District will submit continuing disclosures as required to the MSRB. Continuing disclosures consist of documents identified in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 and Rule 15Ga-1, as well as voluntary disclosures.
- SEC Rule 15c2-12 disclosures. Issuers and obligated persons submit these disclosures based on contractual agreements established when a bond is issued. The agreements entered into under SEC Rule 15c2-12 apply to most new issues of municipal securities. Such disclosures are classified by the type of information they contain.
- SEC Rule 15Ga-1 disclosures. Municipal securitizers file certain disclosures related to municipal asset-backed securities on Form ABS-15G in compliance with Rule 15Ga-1.
- Voluntary document disclosures. Some issuers and obligated persons make additional information about their bonds available after the initial issuance, either under contractual arrangements or as a matter of practice. Voluntary disclosures also are classified by the type of information they contain.
- All documents and data submitted are made available to the public on the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA®) website and on a subscription basis.

• EMMA® Dataport provides a web-based submission portal for manually submitting disclosure documents and related indexing information. Alternatively, submitters may make submissions using electronic computer-to-computer streaming connections. For instructions, please refer to the User Manuals and Specifications section below.

Debt Reserve Requirements:

• The Fire Administrator, working with the Fire District's bond attorney, accountants and auditors will regularly but not less than annually monitor the Fire District's compliance with any debt reserve requirements contained in the loan or debt agreements. The Fire Administrator must immediately notify the Board of Commissioners in writing of any instances in which the Fire District was not in compliance with the debt reserve requirements. The Board of Commissions shall take immediate action to correct any deficiency noted.

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TANGIPAHOA PARISH RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 RESOLUTION 23-06

I hereby certify that I am the duly elected President of the Board of Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2, Amite, Louisiana, that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 held in accordance with its enabling legislation on the 11th day of December 2023, and that it is in full force and effect.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 do the following things and take the following actions, to-wit:

We hereby acknowledge that a copy of the 2023 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire required for the regular annual audit of the Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2, Amite, Louisiana, as of and for the year ending December 31, 2023, has been provided to each board member in advance of this meeting, that each board member has read the 2023 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and that the information and representations contained in the 2023 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire are complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Therefore, we hereby adopt the 2023 Louisian	na Compliance Questionnaire.
On motion by ar foregoing resolution to ADOPT THE 2023 LOUISIA YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENI and adopted on this 11 th day of December, 2023, by the second secon	DING DECEMBER 31, 2023, was hereby declared
YEAS:	
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	
NOT VOTING:	
The board of commissioners of the Tangipaho Louis Joseph, President to act for the Fire District as forth above and does hereby ratify and confirm all act forth herein.	
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all perso give full force and effect to this resolution.	ons, firms and corporations are hereby authorized to
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire I	affixed my signature as President of the Board of Protection District No. 2.
Ī	Louis Joseph, President
I certify that I am an officer of this corporation and t passed as therein set forth and that the same is in full	
j	fill Desouge, Secretary

LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (For Audit Engagements of Governments)

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

Attached is the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire that is to be completed by you or your staff. This questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana state and local government agencies. The completed and signed questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the governing body, if any, of your organization by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting. Independently elected officials should sign the document, in lieu of such a resolution.

The completed and signed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument, if appropriate, **must be given to the auditor at the beginning of the audit.** The auditor will, during the course of his/her regular audit, test the accuracy of the responses in the questionnaire. It is not necessary to return the questionnaire to the Legislative Auditor's office.

Certain portions of the questionnaire may not be applicable to your organization. In such cases, it is appropriate to mark the representation "not applicable." However, you must respond to each applicable representation. A 'yes' answer indicates that you have complied with the applicable law or regulation. A 'no' answer to any representation indicates a possible violation of law or regulation and, as such, should be fully explained. These matters will be reviewed by the auditor during the course of his/her audit. Please feel free to attach a further explanation of any representation.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael J Waguespack, CPA

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Enclosure

LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (For Audit Engagements of Government Agencies)

<u>December 11. 2023</u> (Date Transmitted)

Laura Gray. CPA. LLC	(CPA Firm Name)
601 Courtney Drive	(CPA Firm Address)
Amite. Louisiana 70422	(City, State Zip)
In connection with your audit of our financial statements as of the year then ending purpose of expressing an opinion as to the fair presentation of with accounting principles generally accepted in the United Statement of structure as a part of your audit, and to review our confregulations, we confirm, to the best of our knowledge and believe presentations are based on the information available to us a December 11, 2023 (date completed/date)	(period of audit) for the of our financial statements in accordance tates of America, to assess our internal appliance with applicable laws and ief, the following representations. These
PART I. AGENCY PROFILE	
 Name and address of the organization. Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 Post Office Box 818, Amite, Louisiana 70422 List the population of the municipality or parish based upor most recent official census (municipalities and police juries or 133,157 – 2020 Census 	
 List names, addresses, and telephone numbers of entity o of the governing board, chief executive and fiscal officer, and See attached 	
 Period of time covered by this questionnaire. January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 	
5. The entity has been organized under the following provision (R.S.) and, if applicable, local resolutions/ordinances.	ons of the Louisiana Revised Statute(s)

Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:1492

6. Briefly describe the public services provided.

Fire protection and emergency response services in the unincorporated areas of Tangipahoa Parish.

7. Expiration date of current elected/appointed officials' terms.

January 2024

LEGAL COMPLIANCE

PART II. PUBLIC BID LAW

- 8. The provisions of the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office have been complied with.
 - A) All public works purchases exceeding \$250,000 have been publicly bid.
 - B) All material and supply purchases exceeding \$30,000 have been publicly bid.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

PART III. CODE OF ETHICS LAW FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

9. 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 R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

10. 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 R.S. 42:1119.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

PART IV. LAWS AFFECTING BUDGETING

11. We have complied with the budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15) R.S. 39:33, or R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable:

A. Local Budget Act

- 1. We have adopted a budget for the general fund and all special revenue funds (R.S. 39:1305).
- 2. The chief executive officer, or equivalent, has prepared a proposed budget that included a budget message, a proposed budget for the general fund and each special revenue fund, and a budget adoption instrument that defined the authority of the chief executive and administrative officers to make budgetary amendments within various budget classifications without approval by the governing authority, as well as those powers reserved solely to the governing authority. Furthermore, the proposed expenditures did not exceed estimated funds to be available during the period (R.S. 39:1305).
- 3. The proposed budget was submitted to the governing authority and made available for public inspection at least 15 days prior to the beginning of the budget year (R.S. 39:1306).
- 4. To the extent that proposed expenditures were greater than \$500,000, we have made the budget available for public inspection and have advertised its availability in our official journal. The advertisement included the date, time, and place of the public hearing on the budget. Notice has also been published certifying that all actions required by the Local Government Budget Act have been completed (R.S. 39:1307).
- 5. If required, the proposed budget was made available for public inspection at the location required by R.S. 39:1308.
- 6. All action necessary to adopt and finalize the budget was completed prior to the date required by state law. The adopted budget contained the same information as that required for the proposed budget (R.S. 39:1309).
- 7. After adoption, a certified copy of the budget has been retained by the chief executive officer or

equivalent officer (R.S. 39:1309).

- 8. To the extent that proposed expenditures were greater than \$500,000, the chief executive officer or equivalent notified the governing authority in writing during the year when actual receipts plus projected revenue collections for the year failed to meet budgeted revenues by five percent or more, or when actual expenditures plus projected expenditures to year end exceeded budgeted expenditures by five percent or more (R.S. 39:1311).
- 9. The governing authority has amended its budget when notified, as provided by R.S. 39:1311. (Note, general and special revenue fund budgets should be amended, regardless of the amount of expenditures in the fund, when actual receipts plus projected revenue collections for the year fail to meet budgeted revenues by five percent or more; or when actual expenditures plus projected expenditures to year end exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more. State law exempts from the amendment requirements special revenue funds with anticipated expenditures of \$500,000 or less, and exempts special revenue funds whose revenues are expenditure-driven primarily federal funds-from the requirement to amend revenues.)

Yes [x 1	No [٠ 1	N/A	[]
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В.	State	Budget	Rec	uirements
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1. The state agency has complied with the budgetary requirements of R.S. 39:33.

Yes [] No [] N/A [x]

C. Licensing Boards

1. The licensing board has complied with the budgetary requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342.

Yes [] No [] N/A [x]

PART V. ACCOUNTING, AUDITING, AND FINANCIAL REPORTING LAWS

12. We have maintained our accounting records in such a manner as to provide evidence of legal compliance and the preparation of annual financial statements to comply with R.S. 24:513 and 515, and/or 33:463.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

14. We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

15. We have had our financial statements audited in a timely manner in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

16. We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

17. We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

18. We have remitted all fees, fines, and court costs collected on behalf of other entities, in compliance with applicable Louisiana Revised Statutes or other laws.

Yes [x] No [] N/A [x]

19. We have com	olied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding	reporting of pre- and po	st- adjudication court costs
fines and fees ass	essed or imposed; the amounts co	ollected; the amounts ou	tstanding; the amounts
retained; the amoi	nts disbursed, and the amounts re	eceived from disburseme	ents.

Yes [] No [] N/A [x]

PART VI. MEETINGS

20. We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R. S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

PART VII. ASSET MANAGEMENT LAWS

21. We have maintained records of our fixed assets and movable property records, as required by R.S. 24:515 and/or 39:321-332, as applicable.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

PART VIII. FISCAL AGENCY AND CASH MANAGEMENT LAWS

22. We have complied with the fiscal agency and cash management requirements of R.S. 39:1211-45 and 49:301-327, as applicable.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

PART IX. DEBT RESTRICTION LAWS

23. It is true we have not incurred any long-term indebtedness 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 R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

24. We have complied with the debt limitation requirements of state law (R.S. 39:562).

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

25. We have complied with the reporting requirements relating to the Fiscal Review Committee of the State Bond Commission (R.S. 39:1410.62).

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

PART X. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION LAWS

26. We have restricted the collections and expenditures of revenues to those amounts authorized by Louisiana statutes, tax propositions, and budget ordinances.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

27. 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, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

28. It is true that no property or things of value have been loaned, pledged, or granted to anyone in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution.

Yes [x] No [] N/A []

PART XI. ISSUERS OF MUNICIPAL SECURITIES

29. It is true that we have complied with the requirements of R.S. 39:1438.C.

Yes[] No[] N/A[x]

PART XI. QUESTIONS FOR SPECIFIC GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Parish Governments

30. We have adopted a system of road administration that provides as follows:

 A. Approval of the governing authority of all expenditures, R.S. 48:75 B. Development of a capital improvement program on a selective base C. Centralized purchasing of equipment and supplies, R.S. 48:755. D. Centralized accounting, R.S. 48:755. 	sis, R.S. 48:755.
E. A construction program based on engineering plans and inspectionF. Selective maintenance program, R.S. 48:755.	ns, R.S. 48:755.
G. Annual certification of compliance to the auditor, R.S. 48:758.	/es[]No[]N/A[x]
School Boards	
31. We have complied with the general statutory, constitutional, and regular Louisiana Department of Education, R.S. 17:51-400.	atory provisions of the
32. We have complied with the regulatory circulars issued by the Louisian	<pre>/es [] No [] N/A [x] a Department of Education that</pre>
govern the Minimum Foundation Program.	/es[]No[]N/A[x]
33. We have, to the best of our knowledge, accurately compiled the performance in the following schedules and recognize that your agreed-upon such schedules and performance measurement data:	
Parish school boards are required to report, as part of their annual financial performance. These performance indicators are found in the supplementaruntary - Schedule 1, General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Revenue Sources - Schedule 2, Class Size Characteristics	al schedules:
We have also, to the best of our knowledge, accurately compiled the performance in the following schedules, and recognize that although the schedule agreed-upon procedures report, the content of the schedules will be tesschool board auditors in the school board performance measures agreed-upon procedures report.	edules will not be included in sted and reported upon by
 Education Levels of Public School Staff Experience of Public Principals, Assistant Principals, and Full-time Cla 	ssroom Teachers
- Public School Staff Data: Average Salaries	
We understand that the content of the first two schedules will be tested and	d reported upon together.
	/es[] No[] N/A[x]
Tax Collectors	
34. We have complied with the general statutory requirements of R.S. 47.	/es[] No[] N/A[x]
Sheriffs	
35. We have complied with the state supplemental pay regulations of R.S.	. 40:1667.7. /es[] No[] N/A[x]
36. We have complied with R.S. 13:5535 relating to the feeding and keepi	

District Attorneys

37. We have complied with the regulations of the DCFS that relate to the Title IV-D Program.

Yes [] No [] N/A [x]

Assessors

38. We have complied with the regulatory requirements found in R.S. Title 47.

Yes [] No [] N/A [x]

39. We have complied with the regulations of the Louisiana Tax Commis reassessment of property.	· ·
Clerks of Court	Yes[] No[] N/A[x]
40. We have complied with R.S. 13:751-917 and applicable sections of	R.S. 11:1501-1562. Yes [] No [] N/A [x]
Libraries	
41. We have complied with the regulations of the Louisiana State Librar	y. Yes[] No[] N/A[x]
Municipalities	
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42. Minutes are taken at all meetings of the governing authority (R.S. 42)	20). Yes[] No[] N/A[x]
43. Minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, and other official proceed published in the official journal (R.S. 43:141-146 and A.G. 86-528).	
44. All official action taken by the municipality is conducted at public me	Yes [] No [] N/A [x] etings (R.S. 42:11 to 42:28). Yes [] No [] N/A [x]
Airports	
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45. We have submitted our applications for funding airport construction Department of Transportation and Development as required by R.S. 2:80	02.
46. We have adopted a system of administration that provides for approexpenditures of funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund, a expended without department approval (R.S. 2:810).	
expended without department approval (11.3. 2.010).	Yes [] No [] N/A [x]
47. All project funds have been expended on the project and for no other	
48. We have certified to the auditor, on an annual basis, that we have exaccordance with the standards established by law (R.S. 2:811).	
	Yes[] No[] N/A[x]
Ports	
49. We have submitted our applications for funding port construction or of Transportation and Development as required by R.S. 34:3452.	development to the Department
	Yes[] No[] N/A[x]
50. We have adopted a system of administration that provides for appro expenditures of funds made out of state and local matching funds, and n without department approval (R.S. 34:3460).	o funds have been expended
51. All project funds have been expended on the project and for no other	Yes [] No [] N/A [x] er purpose (R.S. 34:3460). Yes [] No [] N/A [x]
52. We have established a system of administration that provides for the improvement program on a selective basis, centralized purchasing of eq accounting, and the selective maintenance and construction of port facili plans and inspections (R.S. 34:3460).	e development of a capital uipment and supplies, centralized ties based upon engineering
53. We have certified to the auditor, on an annual basis, that we have expected a coordance with the standards established by law (P. S. 24:2461)	Yes [] No [] N/A [x] xpended project funds in
accordance with the standards established by law (R.S. 34:3461).	Yes[] No[] N/A[x]

Sewerage Districts

54. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 33:3881-4159.10. Yes [] No [] N/A [x]
Waterworks Districts
55. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 33:3811-3837. Yes [] No [] N/A [x]
Utility Districts
56. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 33:4161-4546.21. Yes [] No [] N/A [x]
Drainage and Irrigation Districts
57. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 38:1601-1707 (Drainage Districts); R.S. 38:1751-1921 (Gravity Drainage Districts); R.S. 38:1991-2048 (Levee and Drainage Districts); or R.S. 38:2101-2123 (Irrigation Districts), as appropriate.
Yes[] No[] N/A[x]
Fire Protection Districts
58. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 40:1491-1509. Yes [x] No [] N/A []
Other Special Districts
59. We have complied with those specific statutory requirements of state law applicable to our district. Yes [x] No [] N/A []
The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge. 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 and the Legislative Auditor any known noncompliance that may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.
SecretaryDate
TreasurerDate
PresidentDate

Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 FYE 12/31/2023 Attachment to Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

David Atkins, Fire Administrator Effective November 1, 2023 41198 Yokum Road Ponchatoula, LA 70454 Dennis Crocker, Fire Administrator 01/01/2023 through 09/03/2023 52456 Highway 1065 Independence, LA 70443

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