

**Spanish Lake Fire
Protection District**

Annual Financial Statements

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Spanish Lake Fire Protection District
St. Louis, Missouri

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Spanish Lake Fire Protection District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Spanish Lake Fire Protection District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Spanish Lake Fire Protection District, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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 responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Spanish Lake Fire Protection District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Spanish Lake Fire Protection District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Spanish Lake Fire Protection District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Spanish Lake Fire Protection District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4A-4D and 23-26 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the budgetary comparison schedules - debt service and capital project funds and schedules of insurance in force and principal office holders but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 2, 2024, on our consideration of the Spanish Lake Fire Protection 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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the Spanish Lake Fire Protection District's 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 Spanish Lake Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

F.E.W. CPAs

F.E.W. CPAs
Saint Louis, Missouri
May 2, 2024

**SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

This section of Spanish Lake Fire Protection District's annual financial report presents management's discussion and analysis of the District's financial activity for the year ended December 31, 2023. In order to have a comprehensive understanding of the Management Discussion and Analysis, we recommend that the attached financial statements, including all notes to the financial statements, be read in their entirety.

Using this Annual Report

The District's basic financial statements are designed to emulate corporate presentation models whereby all District activities are consolidated. This approach is intended to summarize and simplify the analysis of the costs associated with various emergency services provided by the District for the benefit of its residents.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

- 1) Government-wide financial statements,
- 2) Fund financial statements, and
- 3) Notes to the basic financial statements.

Required supplementary information is also included in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The government-wide financial statements include the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statements of Activities*. The *Statement of Net Position* presents all of the District's assets and liabilities which measure the District's overall financial health. The increases and decreases in net position can be monitored to determine whether the District's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information reflecting how the District's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flow. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes, earned but unused compensation, etc.)

The government-wide financial statements report functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and charges for services. The governmental activities for the District include fire protection and dispatching services. It should be noted that the District currently has no business-type activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide grouping of related accounts that are used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District uses fund accounting to ensure compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The District's basic services are included in the governmental funds. These funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government wide financial statements. These fund statements measure current financial resources, or near-term inflows and outflows of expendable resources, as well as the balances of expendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions.

Fiduciary Fund

The Fiduciary Fund is used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the District. The Fiduciary Fund is not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of that fund are not available to support the District's own programs.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a complete understanding of the information reported in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Required and Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes to the basic financial statements, this financial report also contains certain required supplementary information. Required Supplementary Information include Budgetary Comparison Schedules.

Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As mentioned earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The condensed statement of net position is as follows:

	2023	2022	Increase (Decrease)
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 13,158,768	\$ 12,135,440	\$ 1,023,328
Capital assets, net	3,245,390	3,169,029	76,361
Total assets	<u>16,404,158</u>	<u>15,304,469</u>	<u>1,099,689</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	384,460	300,069	84,391
Long-term liabilities	3,715,097	3,919,804	(204,707)
Total liabilities	<u>4,099,557</u>	<u>4,219,873</u>	<u>(120,316)</u>
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	(76,261)	36,973	(113,234)
Restricted	1,735,282	1,775,977	(40,695)
Unrestricted	10,645,580	9,271,646	1,373,934
Total net position	<u>\$ 12,304,601</u>	<u>\$ 11,084,596</u>	<u>\$ 1,220,005</u>

The District's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$12,304,601 as of December 31, 2023. Of this amount, (\$76,261) is invested in capital assets, net of related debt; \$1,735,282 is restricted; \$10,645,580 is unrestricted and available to provide for current and future obligations of the District.

This schedule is prepared from the District's Statement of Net Position, which is presented on an accrual basis of accounting whereby assets are capitalized and depreciated.

The District's net position increased by \$1,220,005 from current year operations.

The key elements of this increase are as follows:

	2023	2022	Increase (Decrease)
Revenues			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 12,116	\$ 2,139	\$ 9,977
General revenues:			
Property taxes	4,593,878	4,309,288	284,590
Investment income	370,788	56,771	314,017
Miscellaneous revenue	35,546	21,136	14,410
Transfers	(288,500)	(370,500)	82,000
Total revenues	<u>4,723,828</u>	<u>4,018,834</u>	<u>704,994</u>
Expenses			
Public safety	3,399,713	2,976,767	422,946
Interest and fiscal charges	104,110	108,020	(3,910)
Total expenses	<u>3,503,823</u>	<u>3,084,787</u>	<u>419,036</u>
Increase/decrease in net position	<u>\$ 1,220,005</u>	<u>\$ 934,047</u>	<u>\$ 285,958</u>

Program revenue includes activities that have the characteristics of exchange transactions, such as permits. General revenues include activities that have the characteristics of non-exchange transactions, such as property taxes. Program expenses are those expenses for the purpose of providing fire protection services to the District.

Fund Analysis

	General Fund Revenues		Increase (Decrease)
	2023	2022	
Property taxes	\$ 3,031,760	\$ 3,124,418	\$ (92,658)
Charges for services	12,116	2,139	9,977
Investment earnings	346,923	54,920	292,003
Miscellaneous income	22,696	21,136	1,560
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 3,413,495</u>	<u>\$ 3,202,613</u>	<u>\$ 210,882</u>

General Fund revenues increased \$210,882 in 2023 from 2022. The increase is mainly attributable to the timing of tax deposits and an increase in investment return.

Budget Analysis

The District adopts an annual budget for each of its governmental funds, pursuant to Missouri State Statutes. Annually, as allowed by Missouri State Statutes, the District is permitted to amend the budget to reflect approved changes in spending requirements and unforeseen events that occurred during the most recent year.

Capital Assets

GASB 34 requires the District to include in capital assets all real estate and all emergency and administrative equipment and vehicles owned by the District. The District has adopted a capitalization policy with specific useful lives by capital asset category. More detailed information on the District's capital assets is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

	Capital Assets Net Of Depreciation		Increase
	2023	2022	(Decrease)
Land	\$ 148,613	\$ 148,613	\$ -
Buildings and improvements	2,901,945	2,899,552	2,393
Vehicles	92,254	63,861	28,393
Equipment	102,578	57,003	45,575
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 3,245,390</u>	<u>\$ 3,169,029</u>	<u>\$ 76,361</u>

Long-Term Debt

The District has outstanding debt totaling \$3,710,000. During 2023, the District made principal payments of \$165,000. More detailed information on the District's long-term liabilities is presented in notes to the financial statements.

Economic Factors

The District's future finances are not without challenges as the community changes and the costs of operations continue to increase. Major factors in the increased cost of operations continued to be compensation and medical insurance for the employees. Having a market competitive salary and benefit package and the rising cost of health benefits are ongoing concerns. The District will continue to closely monitor the cost of medical insurance and explore options to contain costs.

Contact Information

This financial report is designed to provide taxpayers and other constituents with a general overview of the financial condition of Spanish Lake Fire Protection District. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Fire Chief, 12220 Bellefontaine Rd, St. Louis, MO 63138.

Basic Financial Statements

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,099,836
Taxes receivable, net of allowance	3,056,456
Accounts receivable	24,650
Prepaid expenses	944,703
Internal balances	33,123
Total current assets	13,158,768
Noncurrent assets	
Capital assets, net of depreciation	3,245,390
Total noncurrent assets	3,245,390
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 16,404,158
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 62,464
Salaries and benefits payable	111,841
Interest payable	40,155
Current portion of long-term liabilities	170,000
Total current liabilities	384,460
Noncurrent liabilities	
Accrued compensated absences	109,500
Bond premium	65,597
Bonds payable	3,540,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	3,715,097
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 4,099,557
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ (76,261)
Restricted	
Emergency Medical Service	445,153
Dispatch	190,841
Debt Service	370,965
Capital projects	728,323
Unrestricted	10,645,580
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 12,304,601

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Program Revenues				Governmental Activities
	Expenses	Fees, Fines and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Primary government:					
Governmental activities:					
Public safety	\$ 3,399,713	\$ 12,116	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,387,597)
Interest and fiscal charges	104,110	-	-	-	(104,110)
Total governmental activities	\$ 3,503,823	\$ 12,116	\$ -	\$ -	(3,491,707)
General revenues and transfers:					
Property taxes					4,593,878
Investment income					370,788
Other income					5,196
Gain on sale of assets					30,350
Transfers					(288,500)
Total general revenues and transfers					4,711,712
Changes in net position					1,220,005
Net position - beginning					11,084,596
Net position - ending					\$ 12,304,601

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SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General	Emergency Medical Service	Dispatch	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,032,820	\$ 318,554	\$ 120,390	\$ 239,723	\$ 388,349	\$ 9,099,836
Taxes receivable, net of allowance	2,238,730	498,205	57,645	261,876	-	3,056,456
Accounts receivable	24,650	-	-	-	-	24,650
Internal balances	157,604	-	36,990	-	8,262	202,856
Prepaid expenses	163,092	-	5,611	-	776,000	944,703
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,616,896</u>	<u>\$ 816,759</u>	<u>\$ 220,636</u>	<u>\$ 501,599</u>	<u>\$ 1,172,611</u>	<u>\$ 13,328,501</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 5,379	\$ -	\$ 1,146	\$ -	\$ 55,939	\$ 62,464
Salaries and benefits payable	111,841	-	-	-	-	111,841
Internal balances	45,252	123,999	-	482	-	169,733
Total liabilities	<u>162,472</u>	<u>123,999</u>	<u>1,146</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>55,939</u>	<u>344,038</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue	1,112,643	247,607	28,649	130,152	-	1,519,051
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable	163,092	-	5,612	-	776,000	944,704
Restricted	-	445,153	185,229	370,965	340,672	1,342,019
Assigned	6,500,000	-	-	-	-	6,500,000
Unassigned	2,678,689	-	-	-	-	2,678,689
Total fund balances	<u>9,341,781</u>	<u>445,153</u>	<u>190,841</u>	<u>370,965</u>	<u>1,116,672</u>	<u>11,465,412</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 10,616,896</u>	<u>\$ 816,759</u>	<u>\$ 220,636</u>	<u>\$ 501,599</u>	<u>\$ 1,172,611</u>	<u>\$ 13,328,501</u>

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SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total fund balance - governmental funds		\$ 11,465,412
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		3,245,390
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the governmental funds.		1,519,051
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. All liabilities both current and long-term are reported in the statement of net position.		
Accrued compensated absences	(109,500)	
Unamortized bond premium	(65,597)	
Bonds payable	(3,710,000)	
Accrued interest on outstanding debts	(40,155)	(3,925,252)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ 12,304,601

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Revenues:	General	Emergency Medical Service	Dispatch	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Property taxes	\$ 3,031,760	\$ 671,739	\$ 77,976	\$ 345,011	\$ -	\$ 4,126,486
Licenses, permits and fees	12,116	-	-	-	-	12,116
Investment income	346,923	7,732	2,938	1,837	11,358	370,788
Other income	22,696	-	-	-	12,850	35,546
Total revenues	<u>3,413,495</u>	<u>679,471</u>	<u>80,914</u>	<u>346,848</u>	<u>24,208</u>	<u>4,544,936</u>
Expenditures:						
Current operations:						
Public safety	2,975,148	-	91,553	-	-	3,066,701
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	425,773	425,773
Debt service						
Principal	-	-	-	165,000	-	165,000
Interest and other fiscal charges	-	-	-	123,795	-	123,795
Total expenditures	<u>2,975,148</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,553</u>	<u>288,795</u>	<u>425,773</u>	<u>3,781,269</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>438,347</u>	<u>679,471</u>	<u>(10,639)</u>	<u>58,053</u>	<u>(401,565)</u>	<u>763,667</u>
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers	440,327	(728,827)	-	-	-	(288,500)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>440,327</u>	<u>(728,827)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(288,500)</u>
Net change in fund balance	878,674	(49,356)	(10,639)	58,053	(401,565)	475,167
Fund balances - beginning	<u>8,463,107</u>	<u>494,509</u>	<u>201,480</u>	<u>312,912</u>	<u>1,518,237</u>	<u>10,990,245</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 9,341,781</u>	<u>\$ 445,153</u>	<u>\$ 190,841</u>	<u>\$ 370,965</u>	<u>\$ 1,116,672</u>	<u>\$ 11,465,412</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO
THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 475,167

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

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.

Capital outlay	364,546	
Depreciation expense	(288,185)	76,361

Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. This is the amount by which proceeds exceeded repayments.

Repayments:

Bonds payable	165,000	
Amortization of premiums on debt issuance	18,307	183,307

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds

Deferred revenue	467,392	467,392

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Accrued interest on outstanding debt	1,378	
Change in accrued compensated absences	16,400	17,778

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ 1,220,005

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
PENSION TRUST FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	128,372
Investments, at fair value		6,379,446
Taxes receivable, net of allowance		<u>171,817</u>
Total assets	\$	<u><u>6,679,635</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$	26,170
457 Liability		1,207,828
Internal balances		<u>33,123</u>
Total liabilities		<u>1,267,121</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Unavailable revenue		<u>85,393</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources		<u>85,393</u>

NET POSITION

Held in trust for pension benefits		<u>5,327,121</u>
Total net position		<u>5,327,121</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflow of resources and net position	\$	<u><u>6,679,635</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
PENSION TRUST FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Additions	
Tax revenue	\$ 232,053
Net investment income	764,108
Total additions	996,161
Deductions	
Distributions	258,304
Investment expense	13,570
Total deductions	271,874
Change in net position before transfers	724,287
Transfers between funds	288,500
Change in net position	1,012,787
Net position held in trust for pension benefits	
January 1, 2023	4,314,334
December 31, 2023	\$ 5,327,121

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting and financial reporting policies of the Spanish Lake Fire Protection District (the District) conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government entities. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

Reporting Entity

The District provides fire protection and prevention services to the surrounding community. It operates as a political subdivision, duly organized under laws of the State of Missouri, and is funded by real and personal property tax revenue, licenses, permits, and miscellaneous revenues. An elected board of directors, who regulate all major operations, oversees the District. The District defines its financial reporting entity in accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity* (GASB 14). GASB 14 requirements for inclusion of component units are based primarily upon whether the District's governing body has any significant amount of financial accountability for potential component units. The District is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of a potential component unit's governing body and is able to impose its will on that potential component unit, or the potential component unit may provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the District. Currently, the District does not have any component units.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Taxes, unrestricted interest earnings, gains, and other miscellaneous revenues not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, and fiduciary funds, although the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the District to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the 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 measurable and available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

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Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, are recorded only when payment is due. Property taxes associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period.

All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. The District has two categories of funds: governmental and fiduciary. The District reports the following governmental funds:

General Fund

This fund is the general operating fund of the District. This fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not restricted by law or contractual agreement for use in some other fund are accounted for in this fund.

Emergency Medical Service

This fund is a Special Revenue Fund used to account for the proceeds of a special tax levy which is restricted for the provision of emergency medical services.

Dispatch

This fund is a Special Revenue Fund used to account for special revenues received which are specifically earmarked for expenditures for emergency vehicle dispatching services.

Debt Service

This fund is a Debt Service Fund used to account for the fulfillment of future debt service requirements, including the repayment of outstanding bonds issued.

Capital Projects

This fund is a Capital Projects Fund, which is used to account for cash received from bond proceeds and expenditures related to construction and other capital improvements.

Additionally, the District reports the following fund type:

Pension Trust Fund

This fund is used to account for balances and transactions relating to pension and health benefits under trust for participating firefighters.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Missouri State Statute requires that all deposits with financial institutions be collateralized in an amount at least equal to uninsured deposits.

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Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investments are stated at fair value. Fair values for all investments are based on quoted market prices. Certificates of deposit held at local banks with an original maturity in excess of three months are reported at cost and listed in the financial statements as certificates of deposit.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenues, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from various sources. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts have become available.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The District calculates an allowance for uncollectible accounts using historical collection data and, in certain cases, specific account analysis. The allowance at December 31, 2023, is allocated as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	\$ 529,019
Emergency Medical Services	117,727
Dispatch	13,622
Debt Service	61,882
Pension	40,601
	<u>\$ 762,851</u>

Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance.

The District has joined together with other districts to form a group of self insurers for workers' compensation, a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for workers' compensation claims. The District pays an annual premium to the pool for its insurance coverage. The agreement for the formation for the Missouri Fire and Ambulance Districts' Insurance Trust (MoFAD) provides that the pool will be self sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for claims in excess of \$2,000,000 for each insured event. The pooling agreement allows for the pool to use 5% of assessments to make the pool self-sustaining for supplemental aggregate reinsurance.

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Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value on the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that does not add value to assets or materially extend asset lives is not capitalized.

Depreciation is being computed on the straight-line method, using asset lives as follows:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Building and improvements	15-30
Vehicles	5-15
Equipment and fixtures	3-15

Interfund Activities

Interfund transfers represent interfund activities whereby the two parties to the transaction do not receive equivalent cash, goods, or services. Transfers should be reported as other financing sources and uses on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance. Any resulting balances at the end of the accounting period should be reported as internal balances.

Governmental Fund Balances

Fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities in a Governmental Fund. In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions, the following types of fund balances are presented in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet:

Nonspendable - the portion of a governmental fund's balance that are not available to be spent, either short term or long term, in either form or through legal restrictions. The nonspendable fund balances reported in the General Fund, Dispatch Fund and Capital Projects Fund are for prepaid assets.

Restricted - the portion of a governmental fund's balance that is subject to external enforceable legal restrictions. The following fund balances are restricted by Tax Levy and bond funding: Emergency Medical Services, Dispatch, Debt Service and Capital Projects.

Assigned - the portion of a Governmental Fund's net assets to denote an intended use of resources. The funds presented with assigned fund balances are specified for future operations by the Board of Directors. The following fund comprises the assigned fund balance: General.

Unassigned - available expendable financial resources in a governmental fund that are not designated for a specific purpose. The following fund comprises the unassigned fund balance: General.

The District uses restricted amounts first when both restricted and unassigned fund balances are available, unless there are legal contracts that prohibit doing this.

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Net Position

Net Position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets represents the cost of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any long-term debt used to build or acquire the capital assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. All other net position is reported as unrestricted. When restricted sources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences represent the cost of earned but unused sick leave payable to firefighters upon retirement, involuntary termination or death up to a maximum of 120 days. The liability is determined by using the amount of accumulated unused days times \$100 per day (in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement).

Long-Term Liabilities

All long-term liabilities to be repaid from governmental activities are reported as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. Long-term liabilities consists primarily of bonds payable and accrued compensated absences. Long-term liabilities are not due and are not payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the governmental fund financial statements.

Tax Abatement

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, defines tax abatement, for financial reporting purposes, as a reduction in tax revenue resulting from an agreement between one or more governments and an individual or entity in which (a) one or more governments promise to forgo tax revenues to which they are otherwise entitled and (b) the individual or entity promises to take specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or other benefits the governments or the citizens of those governments.

Note 2 - DEPOSITS

Missouri Statutes require that all deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of the collateral pledged must equal 100% of the deposits not covered by insurance or corporate surety bonds. At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's demand deposits totaled \$9,229,208 and bank balances totaled \$9,289,069.

The District participates in the Missouri Security Investment Program (MoSIP). All funds of these programs are invested in accordance with Section 165.051 of the Missouri Revised Statutes. Each entity owns a pro rata share of each investment or deposit which is held in the name of the Fund. The District had \$6,848,356 invested through as of MoSIP December 31, 2023.

Custodial Credit Risk - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. As of December 31, 2023 the District had \$190,711 unsecured and exposed to custodial credit risk.

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Note 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – PENSION FUND

The Financial Accounting Standards Board establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Fund has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;

Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;

Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the net asset value (“NAV”) of shares held by the pension trust fund at year end.

Life insurance contracts: Valued using a discounted cash flow valuation technique.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the District believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Fund’s assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 3,120,083	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,120,083
Life insurance contract	-	3,259,363	-	3,259,363
Totals	\$ 3,120,083	\$ 3,259,363	\$ -	\$ 6,379,446

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District has investments that exceeds 5% of the total investments. The concentrations are as follows:

MFS Intl Diversification Fd R6	\$	564,789
Fidelity 500 Index Fund		463,819
Harbor Capital Apprec Fnd Ret		441,624

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Note 4 - COMMITMENTS

Since 1979, the District has been subject to Missouri Employment Security Law. The District has elected to reimburse the state fund for any payments made on its behalf in lieu of making regular contributions. No reserve has been recorded for any contingencies under this arrangement.

Note 5 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on November 1 and payable by December 31. The county collects the property tax and remits it to the District.

The assessed valuation of the tangible real, personal taxable, and state assessed railroad and utilities property for the calendar year 2023 for purposes of local taxation was \$245,489,119.

The tax levy per \$100 of the assessed valuation of tangible taxable property for the calendar year 2023 for purposes of local taxation was:

	Residential	Agricultural	Commercial	Personal	Blended
General Fund	\$ 1.2428	\$ 0.9999	\$ 0.1461	\$ 2.0000	\$ 1.4020
Emergency Medical Services	0.2930	0.4000	0.3020	0.4000	0.3120
Dispatch Fund	0.0320	0.0490	0.0390	0.0500	0.0361
Debt Service Fund	0.1640	0.1640	0.1640	0.1640	0.1640
Pension Revenue Fund	0.0950	0.1480	0.1170	0.1500	0.1076
	\$ 1.8268	\$ 1.7609	\$ 0.7681	\$ 2.7640	\$ 2.0217

Note 6 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances as of December 31, 2023 is as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Emergency Medical Services Fund	\$ 123,999
General Fund	Debt Service Fund	482
General Fund	Pension Trust Fund	33,123
Dispatch Fund	General Fund	36,990
Capital Projects Fund	General Fund	8,262

The interfund balances relate to costs incurred for operating activities. The balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

During 2023 the General Fund transferred \$288,500 to the Pension Trust Fund to provide additional funding for participants and the Emergency Medical Services Fund transferred \$728,827 to fund operations.

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Note 7 - CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS

During 2018 a contractual agreement was signed with Central County Emergency 911 for dispatching services for the years 2019 through 2024. Terms of the agreement state that monies allocated for dispatching services from tax collections due (ranging from 3.5 cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation to 3.75 cents) must be remitted to Central County Emergency 911 in two annual installments.

Note 8 - TAX ABATEMENTS

Saint Louis County has granted tax abatements through the Advance Industrials Manufacturing Zones Act Program, Industrial Development Bonds Program, Enhanced Enterprise Zone Initiative Program, and the Urban Development Corporations Program. These programs are under Chapters 68, 100, 135, and 353 of the Local Code in the tax jurisdiction of the District. Chapter 68 encourages industrial development through the issuance of bonds by the Port Authority. Chapter 100 encourages industrial development through the issuance of bonds by the County or Municipality. Chapter 135 encourages the expansion or development of new businesses in an Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ), and Chapter 353 encourages the redevelopment of blighted areas by way of a Redevelopment Corporation. For calendar year 2023, the total amount of property tax abated was \$315,638.

Note 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets - governmental activities:

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Governmental activities:				
Land	\$ 148,613	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148,613
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>148,613</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>148,613</u>
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings and other improvements	4,375,192	157,272	-	4,532,464
Vehicles	1,063,254	110,734	405,327	768,661
Equipment and fixtures	503,239	96,540	225,671	374,108
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>5,941,685</u>	<u>364,546</u>	<u>630,998</u>	<u>5,675,233</u>
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Buildings and other improvements	1,475,640	154,879	-	1,630,519
Vehicles	999,393	82,341	405,327	676,407
Equipment and fixtures	446,236	50,965	225,671	271,530
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,921,269</u>	<u>288,185</u>	<u>630,998</u>	<u>2,578,456</u>
Total net capital assets being depreciated	<u>3,020,416</u>	<u>76,361</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,096,777</u>
Governmental activity capital assets, net	<u>\$3,169,029</u>	<u>\$ 76,361</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$3,245,390</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the function public safety in the amount of \$288,185.

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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Note 10 - PENSION PLAN

The District has a pension plan for all firefighters which was established by District voters in 1968. The plan is a defined contribution plan, requires no contributions from the firefighters and is funded by tax assessments. Tax money levied for the pension plan is received by the District and distributed equally among the accounts of the eligible firefighters. Participants are fully vested when they enter the plan.

The plan's assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenue and expenditures are accounted for on the accrual basis. The plan's trustees maintain savings accounts and variable annuities in the name of each individual firefighter. Investment income of the pension plan represents the net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments held by the plan as of the end of each year. Upon termination of employment with the District, each firefighter is entitled to the full amount in his accounts as long as he meets vesting terms.

The District contributed approximately \$452,577 to individual participants pension accounts for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 11 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

All employees of the District may choose to participate in a deferred compensation plan adopted under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Under the plan, employees may elect to defer a portion of their salaries for investment purposes.

Note 12 - VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES' BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION PLAN

During 2021 the District adopted a voluntary employees' beneficiary association (VEBA) plan, which is a type of tax-exempt trust used by its members and eligible dependents to pay for eligible medical expenses. During 2023 the District contributed \$173,868 to the individual participants' VEBA accounts.

Note 13 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 2, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available for issue, and noted no reportable events.

Note 14 - LEGAL DEBT MARGIN

ASSESSED VALUATION - 2023 LEVY	\$ 245,489,119
Statutory debt limitation	\$ 12,274,456
5% of assessed valuation	
Less: Bonded debt	3,710,000
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN	<u>\$ 8,564,456</u>

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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Note 15 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in long-term commitments:

	Balance January 1, 2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance December 31, 2023	Amount Due Within One Year
Accrued compensated absences *	\$ 125,900	\$ -	\$ (16,400)	\$ 109,500	\$ -
Unamortized bond premium	83,904	-	(18,307)	65,597	-
Bonds payable	3,875,000	-	(165,000)	3,710,000	170,000
	<u>\$ 4,084,804</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (199,707)</u>	<u>\$ 3,885,097</u>	<u>\$ 170,000</u>

* Due to limitations, gross amounts for additions and reductions are not readily available. Net changes are shown above.

Note 16 - BONDS PAYABLE

	Original Issue Amount	Maturity Date	Interest Rates	Balance at December 31, 2023
Series 2012	\$ 1,525,000	2025	2.00%	\$ 290,000
Series 2016	2,110,000	2034	2.00% - 4.00%	1,920,000
Series 2021	1,500,000	2041	3.00%	1,500,000
				<u>\$ 3,710,000</u>

Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

The annual debt service requirements for bonded debt as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 170,000	\$ 118,876	\$ 288,876
2025	175,000	114,964	289,964
2026	180,000	110,275	290,275
2027	185,000	104,800	289,800
2028	190,000	98,700	288,700
2029-2033	1,070,000	380,962	1,450,962
2034-2038	1,050,000	182,400	1,232,400
2039-2041	690,000	31,650	721,650
	<u>\$ 3,710,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,142,627</u>	<u>\$ 4,852,627</u>

Required Supplementary Information
(Other than Management's Discussion and Analysis)

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
 GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 3,233,325	\$ 3,031,760	\$ 3,031,760	\$ -
Licenses, permits and fees	4,000	12,116	12,116	-
Investment income	200,000	346,923	346,923	-
Other income	-	22,696	22,696	-
Total revenues	<u>3,437,325</u>	<u>3,413,495</u>	<u>3,413,495</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures				
Public safety				
Salaries	1,738,277	1,738,277	1,707,753	30,524
Salaries - overtime	191,500	246,794	241,528	5,266
Election expenses	7,500	7,500	5	7,495
Payroll taxes	147,628	148,525	148,525	-
Office supplies	22,000	23,037	14,747	8,290
Gasoline and oil	25,000	25,000	21,898	3,102
Dues and subscriptions	8,000	8,000	6,283	1,717
Advertising and public relations	7,500	11,487	11,487	-
Insurance - general	160,000	166,954	166,954	-
Insurance - employee	386,250	412,952	412,952	-
Professional fees	34,500	34,500	25,954	8,546
Building and maintenance	20,000	34,460	34,460	-
Equipment and vehicle maintenance	60,000	60,000	57,539	2,461
Doctor fees	15,000	15,000	3,553	11,447
Training and education	60,000	62,871	62,871	-
Uniforms	19,000	19,781	15,781	4,000
Supplies	28,000	30,636	18,285	12,351
Utilities	30,000	30,000	24,573	5,427
Total expenditures	<u>2,960,155</u>	<u>3,075,774</u>	<u>2,975,148</u>	<u>100,626</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>477,170</u>	<u>337,721</u>	<u>438,347</u>	<u>100,626</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers	440,327	440,327	440,327	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>440,327</u>	<u>440,327</u>	<u>440,327</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ 917,497</u>	<u>\$ 778,048</u>	878,674	<u>\$ 100,626</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year			<u>8,463,107</u>	
Fund balance, end of year			<u>\$ 9,341,781</u>	

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 718,827	\$ 671,739	\$ 671,739	\$ -
Investment income	10,000	7,732	7,732	-
Total revenues	<u>728,827</u>	<u>679,471</u>	<u>679,471</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures				
Current operating				
None	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	728,827	679,471	679,471	-
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers	(728,827)	(728,827)	(728,827)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(728,827)</u>	<u>(728,827)</u>	<u>(728,827)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (49,356)</u>	(49,356)	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year			<u>494,509</u>	
Fund balance, end of year			<u>\$ 445,153</u>	

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
 DISPATCH FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 82,813	\$ 77,976	\$ 77,976	\$ -
Investment income	125	2,938	2,938	-
Total revenues	<u>82,938</u>	<u>80,914</u>	<u>80,914</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures				
Public safety				
Supplies	8,000	17,409	17,409	-
Dispatch expense	74,142	74,144	74,144	-
Total expenditures	<u>82,142</u>	<u>91,553</u>	<u>91,553</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ 796</u>	<u>\$ (10,639)</u>	(10,639)	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year			<u>201,480</u>	
Fund balance, end of year			<u>\$ 190,841</u>	

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
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NOTE 1 - BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Budgets are prepared and adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
2. Annual budgets are adopted for each governmental fund.
3. The Fire Chief submits to the Board of Directors a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on the following January 1. The budget includes estimated revenues and proposed operating and capital expenditures. Budgeted expenditures cannot exceed beginning available funds plus estimated revenues for the year.
4. The proposed budget and tax rates are presented at a public hearing to obtain taxpayer comment.
5. The final budget for the coming year is formally adopted on or before the last day of the current fiscal year by the Board of Directors.
6. All budget revisions of any fund must be approved by the Board of Directors.
7. Unused appropriations lapse at the end of the year.

Other Information

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
 DEBT SERVICE FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 324,249	\$ 345,011	\$ 345,011	\$ -
Investment income	50	1,837	1,837	-
Total revenues	<u>324,299</u>	<u>346,848</u>	<u>346,848</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures				
Debt service				
Principal	165,000	165,000	165,000	-
Interest and other fiscal charges	125,527	125,527	123,795	1,732
Total expenditures	<u>290,527</u>	<u>290,527</u>	<u>288,795</u>	<u>1,732</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ 33,772</u>	<u>\$ 56,321</u>	58,053	<u>\$ 1,732</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year			<u>312,912</u>	
Fund balance, end of year			<u>\$ 370,965</u>	

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Investment income	\$ 1,000	\$ 11,358	\$ 11,358	\$ -
Other income	-	12,850	12,850	-
Total revenues	<u>1,000</u>	<u>24,208</u>	<u>24,208</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures				
Capital outlay	273,801	425,773	425,773	-
Total expenditures	<u>273,801</u>	<u>425,773</u>	<u>425,773</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (272,801)</u>	<u>\$ (401,565)</u>	(401,565)	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year			<u>1,518,237</u>	
Fund balance, end of year			<u>\$ 1,116,672</u>	

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE IN FORCE
 DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>INSURANCE IN FORCE</u>	<u>INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	<u>COVERAGE</u>
Commercial automobile policy		
Liability	Selective Insurance Company of America	\$1,000,000 liability
Auto medical payments		\$5,000/person
Uninsured motorists		\$1,000,000/accident
Comprehensive coverage		Actual cash value/cost of repair
Collision		Actual cash value/cost of repair
Commercial umbrella	Selective Insurance Company of America	\$3,000,000/occurrence \$6,000,000/annual limit
Commercial general liability	Selective Insurance Company of America	\$10,000,000 general aggregate \$1,000,000 personal and advertising injury
Commercial property	Selective Insurance Company of America	
Buildings		\$3,040,226
Personal property		\$312,376
Commercial crime policy employee dishonesty	Selective Insurance Company of America	\$250,000/occurrence
Management liability	Selective Insurance Company of America	\$1,000,000/occurrence \$1,000,000/annual limit
Cyber security	Selective Insurance Company of America	\$1,000,000/occurrence
Worker's compensation	MoFAD	Statutory limits

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE HOLDERS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>OFFICE HOLDER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ANNUAL COMPENSATION</u>
Louis E. Cunningham	Chairman	\$ 10,800
Zorata Pierson	Secretary	\$ 10,600
Donald Shivers	Treasurer	\$ 10,600

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 Directors
Spanish Lake Fire Protection District
St. Louis, Missouri

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Spanish Lake Fire Protection District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Spanish Lake Fire Protection District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 2, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Spanish Lake Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Spanish Lake Fire Protection District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Spanish Lake Fire Protection 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Spanish Lake Fire Protection 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 financial statements. 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.

F.E.W. CPAs

F.E.W. CPAs
Saint Louis, Missouri
May 2, 2024

SPANISH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified Yes No

Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses Yes No

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes No

Federal Awards - NA

Internal control over major programs:

Material weaknesses identified? Yes No

Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses Yes No

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: N/A

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance Yes No

Identification of major program:

CFDA Numbers	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
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None

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low risk auditee? Yes No

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

Findings relating to financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*:

N/A