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TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI

AUDIT REPORT

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

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**TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor, Members of the
Board of Aldermen and Town Clerk
Town of Richton, Mississippi

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Richton, Mississippi as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Richton, Mississippi's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

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An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Richton, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has not presented the Management's Discussion and Analysis that governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not 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 basis financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

The Budgetary Comparison Information on pages 33 through 34 are not a required part of the basis financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquires of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Richton, Mississippi's financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 22, 2014 on our consideration of the Town of Richton, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Town of Richton, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Holt & Associates, PLLC

December 22, 2014

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2014

EXHIBIT A

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and other deposits	\$ 1,228,070	\$ 408,636	\$ 1,636,706
Investments	505,511	297,513	803,024
Due from Other Governments	58,693	-	58,693
Receivables, accounts	-	34,329	34,329
Receivables, other	31,102	106	31,208
Prepaid expenses	12,797	-	12,797
Capital assets, net	1,094,783	3,175,796	4,270,579
Due from other funds	-	11,921	11,921
Advances from other funds	<u>46,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,732</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,977,688</u>	<u>\$ 3,928,301</u>	<u>\$ 6,905,989</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	13,798	21,351	35,149
Customer deposits	-	32,534	32,534
Estimated state police fees payable	10,146	-	10,146
Due to other funds	11,921	-	11,921
Advances to other funds	-	46,732	46,732
Long-term liabilities, due within one year			
Capital Related Debt	-	21,060	21,060
Long-term liabilities, due beyond one year			
Capital Related Debt	-	453,203	453,203
Non-capital Related Debt	<u>11,959</u>	<u>6,033</u>	<u>17,992</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 47,824</u>	<u>\$ 580,913</u>	<u>\$ 628,737</u>
NET ASSETS:			
Investment in capital assets (net of related debt)	1,094,783	2,701,533	3,796,316
Unrestricted	<u>1,835,081</u>	<u>645,855</u>	<u>2,480,936</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,929,864</u>	<u>\$ 3,347,388</u>	<u>\$ 6,277,252</u>

The notes to the financial statements
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**TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

EXHIBIT B

		Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
		Charges for Services	Operating	Capital	Primary Government		Total
Functions/Programs	Expenses		Grants and Contributions	Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
Primary Government:							
Governmental Activities:							
General government	\$ 215,462	\$ 75,053	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (140,409)	\$ -	\$ (140,409)
Public safety	322,156	21,112	-	-	(301,044)	-	(301,044)
Public works	54,123	-	-	47,006	(7,117)	-	(7,117)
Culture & recreation	43,190	-	-	-	(43,190)	-	(43,190)
Total governmental activities	634,931	96,165	-	47,006	(491,760)	-	(491,760)
Business -type activities:							
Water & sewer	371,781	305,648	-	-	-	(66,133)	(66,133)
Total business-type activities	371,781	305,648	-	-	-	(66,133)	(66,133)
Total primary government	\$ 1,006,712	\$ 401,813	\$ -	\$ 47,006	\$ (491,760)	\$ (66,133)	\$ (557,893)
Taxes:							
Sales taxes					316,075	-	316,075
General purpose levies					237,396	-	237,396
Unrestricted grants & contributions:							
Intergovernmental					56,641	-	56,641
Unrestricted investment earnings					2,264	1,130	3,394
Capital contribution from primary government					(1,143,224)	1,143,224	-
Other					33,999	13,260	47,259
Total General Revenues and Transfers					(496,849)	1,157,614	660,765
Change in Net Position					(988,609)	1,091,481	102,872
Net Position - Beginning					3,918,473	2,255,907	6,174,380
Net Position - Ending					\$ 2,929,864	\$ 3,347,388	\$ 6,277,252

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

EXHIBIT C

	MAJOR FUNDS		
	General Fund	Corp of Engineer Grant Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:			
Cash and other deposits	\$ 1,121,467	\$ 106,603	\$ 1,228,070
Investments	505,511	-	505,511
Due from other governments	58,693	-	58,693
Receivables, other	31,102	-	31,102
Prepaid expenses	12,797	-	12,797
Advances from other funds	46,732	-	46,732
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,776,302	\$ 106,603	\$ 1,882,905
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES:			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 13,797	\$ -	\$ 13,797
Due to other funds	-	11,921	11,921
Estimated state police fees payable	10,146	-	10,146
Total Liabilities	23,943	11,921	35,864
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable:			
Prepaid expenses	12,797	-	12,797
Advances	46,732	-	46,732
Restricted:			
Capital Projects	-	94,682	94,682
Sunset Cemetery	1,493	-	1,493
State Aid Street	16,026	-	16,026
Special Fire Protection	96,938	-	96,938
Committed:			
Town Square	7,195	-	7,195
Recreation	26,807	-	26,807
Library	61,890	-	61,890
Assigned:			
Fire Protection Capital Improvement	37,007	-	37,007
Unassigned:	1,445,474	-	1,445,474
Total Fund Balance	1,752,359	94,682	1,847,041
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,776,302	\$ 106,603	\$ 1,882,905

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**TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

EXHIBIT C-1

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$	1,882,905
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Amounts reported for net assets in the statement of net assets
are different because:

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|--|--|-----------------|
| 1. Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial
resources and therefore are not reported in the funds, net of
accumulated depreciation of \$690,847. | | 1,094,783 |
| 2. Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current
period and therefore are not reported in the funds. | | <u>(11,959)</u> |

Total Net Assets - Governmental Activities	\$	<u>2,965,729</u>
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TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES -- GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

EXHIBIT D

	MAJOR FUNDS		
	General Fund	Corp of Engineer Grant Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 237,396	\$ -	\$ 237,396
License and permits	75,053	-	75,053
Intergovernmental revenue	372,716	47,006	419,722
Fines and forfeitures	21,112	-	21,112
Miscellaneous	<u>36,263</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,263</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>742,540</u>	<u>47,006</u>	<u>789,546</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General government	226,797	-	226,797
Public safety	310,380	-	310,380
Public works	53,473	7,781	61,254
Culture & recreation	43,631	-	43,631
Capital Outlay	<u>25,370</u>	<u>55,552</u>	<u>80,922</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>659,651</u>	<u>63,333</u>	<u>722,984</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>82,889</u>	<u>(16,327)</u>	<u>66,562</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	82,889	(16,327)	66,562
FUND BALANCE, OCTOBER 1, 2013	<u>1,669,470</u>	<u>111,009</u>	<u>1,780,479</u>
FUND BALANCE, SEPTEMBER, 2014	<u>\$ 1,752,359</u>	<u>\$ 94,682</u>	<u>\$ 1,847,041</u>

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**TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

EXHIBIT D-1

Net Change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 66,562
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

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| 1. Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets. Capital assets purchases amounted to \$132,366 and the depreciation expense amounted to \$42,495. | 89,871 |
| 2. Capital contribution from primary government. | (1,143,224) |
| 3. Increase in compensated absences not included in governmental funds, but payment is reported as expenditures in statement of activity. | <u>(1,818)</u> |

Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ <u>(988,609)</u>
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**TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

EXHIBIT E

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 408,636
Investments	297,513
Accounts receivable (net)	34,329
Due from other funds	11,921
Receivables, other	<u>106</u>
Total current assets	<u>752,505</u>
NONCURRENT ASSETS	
Capital assets (net)	<u>3,175,796</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>3,928,301</u>
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Note payable - current portion	\$ 21,060
Accounts payable	21,351
Customer deposits	32,534
Advance to other funds	<u>46,732</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>121,677</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	
Note payable - long term portion	453,203
Accrued compensation	<u>6,033</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>459,236</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ <u>580,913</u>
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 2,701,533
Unrestricted	<u>645,855</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ <u>3,347,388</u>

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**TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

EXHIBIT F

OPERATING REVENUES:

Charges for services	\$	<u>305,648</u>
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OPERATING EXPENSES:

Personal services		133,808
Supplies		74,857
Contractual services		13,535
Depreciation		<u>138,391</u>

Total operating expenses		<u>360,591</u>
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Operating income		<u>(54,943)</u>
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NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):

Other miscellaneous income		13,260
Interest income		1,130
Interest expense		(11,190)
Capital contribution from primary government		<u>1,143,224</u>

Total non-operating revenues (expenses)		<u>1,146,424</u>
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CHANGE IN NET POSITION		1,091,481
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Net position, October 1		<u>2,255,907</u>
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Net position, September 30	\$	<u>3,347,388</u>
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**TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

EXHIBIT G

	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers	\$ 307,613
Payments to suppliers	(75,006)
Payments to employees	(134,977)
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>97,630</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Interest income	1,130
Miscellaneous income	13,260
Cash payments to governmental funds	(30,354)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>(15,964)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of capital assets	(27,800)
Principal paid on capital debt	(126,196)
Interest paid on capital debt	(1,481)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>(155,477)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchase of investments	(462)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>(462)</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	(74,273)
Cash, October 1	<u>482,909</u>
Cash, September 30	<u><u>\$ 408,636</u></u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating Income	\$ (54,943)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	138,391
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Receivables, net of allowances	870
Accounts payable	13,386
Customer deposits	1,095
Accrued compensation	(1,169)
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u><u>\$ 97,630</u></u>

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are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town operates under a Mayor, Aldermen form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: Public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, sanitation, culture-recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning and general administrative services.

The accompanying financial statements of the Town have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The most significant of the Town's accounting policies are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity.

For financial reporting purposes, the reporting entity includes all funds that are covered by the oversight responsibility of the Town's Board of Aldermen.

As defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Town is considered a "primary government." The Town is governed by a five member board which each member was elected by the citizens of each defined Town wards. The Town has no component units.

B. Basis of Presentation.

The Town's basic financial statement consists of government-wide statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the Town as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds, if applicable. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other non-exchange revenues.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Town at year-end. The Government-wide Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the Town, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Town.

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Basis of Presentation (continued).

Fund Financial Statements: Fund financial statements of the Town are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into two major categories: governmental and proprietary. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental category.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Program revenues on the Statement of Activities consist primarily of ad-valorem taxes, state revenues, and fees for services.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when “measurable and available”. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or within sixty days after year end. Property taxes and state appropriations associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reported when due.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - This is the Town’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Town, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Corp of Engineer Grant Fund - This is the fund that accounts for monies received from the federal grant to be expended for water and sewer improvements.

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TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued).

Additionally the Town reports the following fund type:

Proprietary Funds Types:

Enterprise Funds – Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control accountability, or other purposes.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, general are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with the or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the *option* of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to the same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the government's water and sewer function and various other functions of the government. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported and *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connections with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Town enterprise fund are charges to customers for services. The Town also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the system. Operating expenses for the enterprise funds include the cost of services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued).

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use the restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

D. Account Classifications.

The account classifications used in the financial statements conform to the classifications prescribed in the *Financial Accounting Manual for Mississippi Municipalities* issued by the Office of the State Auditor.

E. Encumbrances.

An encumbrance system is not maintained to account for commitments resulting from approved purchase orders, work orders and contracts.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents.

The Town deposits excess funds in the financial institutions selected by the Board of Aldermen. State statutes specify how these depositories are to be selected.

Cash and cash equivalents consists of amounts on deposit in demand accounts and certificates of deposit with maturities of three months or less from the end of the fiscal year. Cash and cash equivalents are valued at cost.

G. Investments.

The town is allowed, by statute, to invest excess funds in any bonds or other direct obligations of the United States of America or the state of Mississippi, or of any county or municipality of this state, when such county or municipal bonds have been properly approved; or in interest-bearing time certificates of deposit or interest-bearing accounts with any financial institution approved for the deposit of state funds; or in any type of investment permitted by sections 27-105-33(d) and 27-105-33(e), Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

Investments are reported at fair value, which is determined using selected bases. All of the Town's Investments consist of Certificates of Deposits, which mature over three months from the end of the fiscal year and are not considered cash or cash equivalents. These investments are reported at cost, which is the fair value.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

H. Receivables.

The allowance method for valuing accounts receivables is used by the Town. At the end of each fiscal year, an amount necessary to bring the balance to the estimated amount of allowance for doubtful accounts is credited to a valuation account. As a specific account is deemed to be uncollectible, the amount of the account is taken from both the receivable and the allowance accounts. At the end of the subsequent fiscal year, bad debt expense is charged with the amount necessary to bring the allowance account to the estimated total. An aging schedule with a variable scale of percentages is used to compute the allowance account for Enterprise Fund receivable valuation. The valuation allowance for the General Fund police fines is based on the Town's estimation of amounts that cannot be collected.

I. Prepaid Expenses.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses in both governmental and fund financial statements.

J. Capital Assets.

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Contributed assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received.

Capitalization thresholds (dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts) and estimated useful lives of capital assets are reported in the government-wide statements. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis for all assets, except land. The following schedule details those thresholds.

	<u>Capitalization Policy</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Buildings	50,000	40 years
Heavy equipment	5,000	10 years
Mobile equipment	5,000	5 years
Furniture and equipment	5,000	3-7 years
Leased property under capital leases	*	*

(*) The threshold amount will correspond with the amounts for the asset classifications, as listed. See Note 6 for details.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

J. Capital Assets (continued)

All proprietary fund capital assets continued to be carried on the books and depreciated at their actual cost. Depreciation is charged to expense against operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary fund balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Water & Sewer System	15 – 50 years
Equipment	5 – 10 years

K. Long-term Liabilities.

Long-term liabilities are the unmatured principal of bonds, warrants, notes, or other forms of non-current or long-term general obligation indebtedness. Long-term liabilities are not limited to liabilities from debt issuances, but may also include liabilities on lease-purchase agreements and other commitments. Long-term liabilities should not be reported as liabilities in governmental funds, but should be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide statement of net assets. See Note 7 for details.

L. Inter-fund Transactions and Balances.

Inter-fund transactions and balances are the result of timing differences between the date expenses/expenditures occur and the date payments are made.

Short-term (due within one year) inter-fund loan receivables are reported as "due from other funds" and are considered available expendable resources. Noncurrent portions of long-term interfund loan receivables are reported as advances and are offset equally by a fund balance reserve account which indicates that they do not constitute expendable available financial resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation.

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Inter-fund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position. See Note 5 for details for inter-fund transactions, including receivables and payables at year-end.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. Equity Classifications.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- (1) Invested in capital assets, net of related debt - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, constructions or improvement of those assets.
- (2) Unrestricted net position - All other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt.”

Fund Financial Statements:

The Town implemented GASB No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, in fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the following classifications of fund balance:

- Nonspendable – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not spendable in form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. All amounts reported as nonspendable at September 30, 2014, by the Town are nonspendable in form. The Town has not reported any amounts that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted – includes amounts restricted by external sources (creditors, laws of other governments, etc.) or by constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- Committed – includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes. Committed fund balance is reported pursuant to ordinances passed by the the Town of Richton’s Council, the Town’s highest level of decision making authority. Commitments may be modified or rescinded only through ordinances approved by the Town of Richton.

Committed for:

	General	
	Fund	Total
Town Square	\$ 7,195	\$ 7,195
Recreation	26,807	26,807
Library	<u>61,890</u>	<u>61,890</u>
Committed Fund		
Balance	<u>\$ 95,892</u>	<u>\$ 95,892</u>

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
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1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. Equity Classifications (continued).

- Assigned – includes amounts that the Town intends to use for a specific purpose, but do not meet the definition of restricted or committed fund balance.
- Unassigned – includes amounts that have not been assigned to other funds or restricted, committed or assigned to a specific purpose within the General Fund. The Town of Richton reports all amounts that meet the unrestricted General Fund Balance Policy described below as unassigned.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Town considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Town considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Town's Council has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

N. Property Taxes.

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied as of January 1 and payable on or before February 1. Automobile advalorem taxes are collected by Perry County and remitted to the Town. The County retains a 5% collection fee. Lien dates for personal and real property are in August. Delinquent tax payments, received throughout the year, are recognized as revenue in the year received. The millage rate for the Town for January through December was 35.50 mills broken down as follows:

General Fund	33.50
Recreation Fund	1.00
Library Fund	<u>1.00</u>
	<u>35.50</u>

Restrictions associated with property tax levies are established by State law which provides that the tax levy for general purposes shall produce no more than 110% of the amount which results from those levies' assessments of the previous year. Uncollected taxes were determined to be properly handled.

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

O. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting.

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

1. Prior to September 1, the Mayor submits to the Board of Aldermen a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. A public hearing is conducted at the Town Hall to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to October 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
4. The Board of Aldermen may take official action to authorize transfers of budgeted amounts between departments and fund as allowed by law.
5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund and the Enterprise Fund.
6. Mississippi laws require that municipalities budget governmental fund types on a modified – cash basis. Claims that have been incurred prior to the end of the year and that are paid within 30 days are recorded under the accrual basis. Prior year claims that are paid after 30 days revert to the cash basis. All revenue is accounted for under the cash basis. The required budgetary basis is therefore not considered a generally accepted accounting principal.

Proprietary funds are budgeted on a modified accrual basis. Modifications to the accrual basis include budgeting for capital expenditures, debt principal payments and for depreciation.

During the year, amendments were made to the original budget.

P. Compensated Absences.

Employees of the Town accumulate sick leave at a minimum amount as required by state law or at a greater amount provided by Town policy. Some employees are allowed personal leave and/or vacation leave in accordance with Town policy.

The liability for these compensated absences is recorded as long-term liabilities in the government-wide statements. The current portion of this liability is estimated based on historical trends. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report only the compensated absence liability payable from expendable available financial resources.

Q. Use of Estimates.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
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NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS.

The Town follows the practice of aggregating the cash assets of various funds to maximize cash management efficiency and returns. Restrictions on deposits and investments are imposed by statutes as follows:

Deposits: The Town must advertise and accept bids for depositories no less than once every two years as required by Section 27-105-1, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Investments: Except for nonparticipating investment contracts and for participating interest-earning investment contracts and money market investments that had a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. Nonparticipating investment contracts such as repurchase agreements and nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are reported at cost. Participating interest-earning investment contracts and money market investments that had a remaining maturity at time of purchase of one year or less are reported at amortized cost.

Cash and Cash Equivalents.

The carrying amount of the Town's deposits with financial institutions was \$1,636,706 for 2014 and \$1,633,568 for 2013, and the bank balance was \$1,674,491 and \$1,675,510 for 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the town will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The town does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages that risk on behalf of the district. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institutions trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the town. As of September 30, 2014, the town's bank balance did not have any exposure to custodial credit risk.

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TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
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NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments.

Investments made by the town that are included on the balance sheet consist of insured certificates of deposit for which the securities are held by the town or its agent in the town's name. The certificates carrying value and maturity dates are as follows:

	<u>Certificate #</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
General Fund:			
	41138	\$ 66,493	4/22/2015
	41141	63,055	8/6/2015
	41134	263,837	4/14/2015
	41069	75,119	12/2/2014
	41068	37,007	12/2/2014
		<u>\$ 505,511</u>	
Enterprise Fund			
	41136	1,256	7/18/2015
	41132	87,388	7/13/2015
	41133	158,302	7/14/2015
	41070	50,567	12/2/2014
		<u>\$ 297,513</u>	

Interest Rate Risk. The town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk. State law limits investments to those prescribed in Section 21-33-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The town does not have a formal investment policy that would further limit its investment choices or one that addresses credit risk.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments. Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the town will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The town does not have a formal investment policy for custodial credit risk. As of September 30, 2014, the town did not have any investments to which this would apply.

Concentration of Credit Risk. Disclosures of investments by amount and issuer for any issuer that represents five percent or more of total investments is required. As of September 30, 2014, the district had nine certificates of deposits with Richton Bank and Trust which comprised 100 % of the investment balance on Exhibit A and Exhibit E.

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NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND ALLOWANCE ACCOUNT

The balance in the accounts receivable are composed of the following items:

GENERAL FUND:

OTHER

Police fines – installment agreements	205,957
Less: Estimated amount uncollectible	(174,855)
	<u>\$ 31,102</u>

ENTERPRISE FUND

ACCOUNTS

Current	\$24,614
30-59 days	2,602
60-89 days	187
90 days & over	<u>6,926</u>
	<u>\$34,329</u>

NOTE 4 - DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Receivables from other governments are as follows:

GENERAL FUND:

Sales tax	\$56,158
Utility tax	234
Other taxes from Chancery Clerk	309
Auto Ad valorem and Property Taxes	<u>1,992</u>
Total General Fund	<u>\$58,693</u>

NOTE 5 - INTER-FUND TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

Timing differences between the payments of expenses for other funds and the subsequent reimbursements are reflected in the inter-fund accounts. The following is a summary of inter-fund balances:

	<u>Due From</u>	<u>Due To</u>
Corp of Engineer Grant Fund	\$ -	\$ 11,921
Water & Sewer Fund	11,921	-

	<u>Advances From</u>	<u>Advances To</u>
General Fund	\$ 46,732	\$ -
Water & Sewer Fund	-	46,732

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NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	<u>Begin Balance 10/1/2013</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Contributed Capital</u>	<u>End Balance 9/30/2014</u>
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Land	\$ 258,154	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 264,154
Construction in Progress	<u>1,582,578</u>	<u>74,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,638,130)</u>	<u>19,370</u>
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>1,840,732</u>	<u>80,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,638,130)</u>	<u>283,524</u>
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Building	778,242	-	-	-	778,242
Machinery & Equipment	459,343	38,107	-	-	497,450
Improvements other than Buildings	<u>213,256</u>	<u>13,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>226,594</u>
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>1,450,841</u>	<u>51,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,502,286</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Building	217,859	15,565	-	-	233,424
Machinery & Equipment	375,457	15,999	-	-	391,456
Improvements other than Buildings	<u>55,216</u>	<u>10,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,147</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>648,532</u>	<u>42,495</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>691,027</u>
Governmental Activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,643,041</u>	<u>\$ 89,872</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,638,130)</u>	<u>\$ 1,094,783</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	<u>Amount</u>
General Government	\$ 13,599
Public Safety	12,897
Public Works	4,416
Culture & Recreation	<u>11,583</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 42,495</u>

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for proprietary activities:

	<u>Begin Balance 10/1/2013</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Contributed Capital</u>	<u>End Balance 9/30/2014</u>
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Plant & Buildings	\$ 5,100,050	\$ -			\$ 5,100,050
Machinery & Equipment	188,348	11,548	-	-	199,896
Vehicles	63,783	-	-	-	63,783
Sewer Line Improvements	91,255	16,252	-	1,638,130	1,745,637
Total	<u>5,443,437</u>	<u>27,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,638,130</u>	<u>7,109,367</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Plant & Buildings	3,507,503	111,895	-	-	3,619,398
Machinery & Equipment	161,562	5,484	-	-	167,046
Vehicles	63,782	-	-	-	63,782
Sewer Line Improvements	62,333	21,012	-	-	83,345
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>3,795,180</u>	<u>138,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,933,571</u>
Proprietary Activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,648,257</u>	<u>\$ 138,391</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,638,130</u>	<u>\$ 3,175,796</u>

Depreciation expense charged to the enterprise fund totaled \$138,391.

During the fiscal year, the capital project for water and sewer improvements using the Corp of Engineer grant was completed and the capital assets were transferred to the enterprise fund. The town received a Capital Improvement Loan as part of this project and, therefore, the corresponding debt was also transferred to the enterprise fund. The net effect of these transactions was \$1,143,224 which is shown as other financing sources in the enterprise fund and as other financing uses on the government-wide statement.

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NOTE 7 - LONG - TERM LIABILITIES

The following are the changes in long-term liabilities and other obligations for governmental activities:

	Balance 10/1/2013	Intergov't Transfer	Additions	Payments	Balance 9/30/2014
Capital Improvement Loan	494,906	(494,906)	-	-	-
Compensated Absences Payable	10,141	-	1,818	-	11,959
Total	<u>\$ 505,047</u>	<u>\$ (494,906)</u>	<u>\$ 1,818</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,959</u>

The following are the changes in long-term liabilities and other obligations for proprietary activities:

	Balance 10/1/2013	Intergov't Transfer	Additions	Payments	Balance 9/30/2014
Capital Improvement Loan	-	494,906	-	20,644	474,262
Capital Improvement Loan	126,196	-	-	126,196	-
Compensated Absences Payable	7,202	-	-	1,169	6,033
Total	<u>\$ 133,398</u>	<u>\$ 494,906</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 148,009</u>	<u>\$ 480,295</u>

The Town received a Capital Improvement Loan from the State of Mississippi through the Mississippi Development Authority on January 25, 2011. The purpose of the loan is to provide funding for water and sewer improvements. The promissory note is not to exceed \$500,000. As of September 30, 2014, the entire \$500,000 had been drawn on the note. Payments are made at a monthly amount of \$2,529.42 including interest at 2% and began July 1, 2013, and will mature June, 2033. The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on this debt:

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NOTE 7 - LONG - TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Year Ending Sept 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	21,060	9,293	30,353
2016	21,485	8,868	30,353
2017	21,919	8,434	30,353
2018	22,361	7,992	30,353
2019	22,813	7,540	30,353
2020-2024	121,159	30,606	151,765
2025-2029	133,891	17,875	151,766
2030-2033	109,574	11,838	121,412
Total	<u>\$ 474,262</u>	<u>\$ 102,446</u>	<u>\$ 576,708</u>

NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description. The Town contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by state law and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information.

That report may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Funding Policy. PERS members are required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary and the Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members and employers are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The Town's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$50,199, \$45,978, and \$41,326, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

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NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Except as described below, the Town carries commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Participation in Public Entity Risk Pool:

The Town participates in the Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan (MMLD), an insurance-purchasing pool. The Town, along with other municipalities as a group, purchased insurance to insure against losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded the Town's insurance coverage since it joined the pool.

The Town is a member of the Mississippi Municipal Workers Compensation Group (MMWCG). The group is a risk-sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. MMWCG covers risks of loss arising from injuries to the Town's employees. The Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission requires that an indemnity agreement be executed by each member in a workers' compensation self-insurance pool for the purpose of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the employers comprising the group to meet the workers' compensation obligations of each member. Each member of the MMWCG contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust.

The funds in the trust account are used to pay any claim up to \$500,000. For a claim exceeding \$500,000, MMWCG has insurance, which will pay the excess up to the statutory limit. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the pool members would be required to pay for the deficiencies. The Town has not had an additional assessment for excess losses incurred by the pool.

NOTE 10 - MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Mississippi Compliance Questionnaire was completed and entered into the minutes as prescribed by law. A review of the questionnaire revealed that all items were answered yes or not applicable.

NOTE 11 - RECONCILIATION OF BUDGETARY BASIS TO ACCRUAL

Mississippi law requires that municipalities' budget on a modified-cash basis. Claims that have been incurred prior to the end of the year and that are paid within 30 days are recorded under the accrual basis. Prior year claims that are paid after 30 days revert to the cash basis. All revenue is accounted for under the cash basis. All budgeted amounts lapse at year end.

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NOTE 11 – RECONCILIATION OF BUDGETARY BASIS TO ACCRUAL (CONTINUED)

The required budgetary basis is therefore not considered a generally accepted accounting principle.

The following schedule reconciles the fund balances on the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis for the general fund:

<u>General Fund:</u>	
Fund balance (budgetary basis)	\$1,768,393
Adjustment to GAAP basis:	
Accrued revenues	<u>(16,034)</u>
Fund balance (GAAP basis), Sept. 30	<u>\$1,752,359</u>

NOTE 12 - JOINT VENTURES

The Town of Richton is a participant with the Perry County Board of Supervisors in a joint venture to operate the Richton-Perry County Airport. The joint venture was created to operate the airport and is governed by a five-member board, two appointed by the Town of Richton Council, two appointed by the Perry County Board of Supervisors, and one appointed by the mayor of the Town of Richton and the president of the Perry County Board of Supervisors. Financial statements can be obtained from the Chairman of the Airport Board, P.O. Box 1500, Richton, MS 39476.

NOTE 13 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes.

Management of the Town of Richton, Mississippi evaluated the activity of the district through December 22, 2014, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued), and determined that no subsequent events have occurred that require disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

SCHEDULE 1a

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variances	
				Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$ 232,804	\$ 233,904	\$ 236,303	\$ 1,100	\$ 2,399
License and permits	69,600	71,700	75,053	2,100	3,353
Intergovernmental revenues	817,380	831,880	372,716	14,500	(459,164)
Fines and forfeitures	32,000	32,000	38,239	-	6,239
Miscellaneous	20,475	27,375	36,263	6,900	8,888
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,172,259</u>	<u>1,196,859</u>	<u>758,574</u>	<u>24,600</u>	<u>(438,285)</u>
EXPENDITURES					
General government	227,293	238,293	226,797	(11,000)	11,496
Public safety	327,273	331,073	310,380	(3,800)	20,693
Public works	65,839	71,754	53,473	(5,915)	18,281
Culture & recreation	691,200	691,200	43,631	-	647,569
Capital outlay	-	-	25,370		(25,370)
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,311,605</u>	<u>1,332,320</u>	<u>659,651</u>	<u>(20,715)</u>	<u>672,669</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(139,346)</u>	<u>(135,461)</u>	<u>98,923</u>	<u>3,885</u>	<u>234,384</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	<u>(139,346)</u>	<u>(135,461)</u>	<u>98,923</u>	<u>3,885</u>	<u>234,384</u>
FUND BALANCE -BEGINNING	<u>1,669,470</u>	<u>1,669,470</u>	<u>1,669,470</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>\$ 1,530,124</u>	<u>\$ 1,534,009</u>	<u>\$ 1,768,393</u>	<u>\$ 3,885</u>	<u>\$ 234,384</u>

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TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE CORP OF ENGINEERS GRANT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

SCHEDULE 1b

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original	Final
				to Final	to Actual
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 99,868	\$ 99,868	\$ 47,006	\$ -	\$ (52,862)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>99,868</u>	<u>99,868</u>	<u>47,006</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(52,862)</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Public Works	-	-	7,781	-	(7,781)
Capital Outlay	<u>67,363</u>	<u>67,363</u>	<u>55,552</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,811</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>67,363</u>	<u>67,363</u>	<u>63,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,030</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>32,505</u>	<u>32,505</u>	<u>(16,327)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(48,832)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	32,505	32,505	(16,327)	-	(48,832)
FUND BALANCE -BEGINNING	<u>111,009</u>	<u>111,009</u>	<u>111,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 143,514	\$ 143,514	\$ 94,682	\$ -	\$ (48,832)

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this statements.

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

(1) Basis of Presentation.

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, the actual data on the budgetary basis, variances between the original budget and the final budget, and variances between the final budget and the actual data on the budgetary basis.

(2) Budget amendments and revisions.

The budget is adopted by the Board of Aldermen. Amendments can be made of the approval of the Board. A budgetary comparison is presented for the general fund consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

Coverage with Scott Municipal Insurance:

Mayor	\$25,000
Aldermen	\$25,000

Coverage with USF&G:

Town Clerk	50,000
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Coverage with St. Paul Travelers:

Deputy Clerk	50,000
Police Chief	50,000
Court Clerk	50,000
Deputy Court Clerk	50,000

TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
REPORTS ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND
OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Honorable Mayor, Members of the
Board of Aldermen and Town Clerk
Town of Richton, Mississippi

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, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Richton, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Town of Richton, Mississippi's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 22, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Town of Richton, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Richton, Mississippi's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Richton, Mississippi'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.

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Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as Finding 2014-1 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Richton, Mississippi's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item Finding 2014-1.

Town of Richton, Mississippi's Response to Findings

Town of Richton, Mississippi's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Town of Richton, Mississippi's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.

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December 22, 2014



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

December 22, 2014

Honorable Mayor, Members of the
Board of Aldermen and Town Clerk
Town of Richton, Mississippi

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities and each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Richton as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated December 22, 2014. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures performed to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations and our audit of the financial statements disclosed no immaterial instances of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, town officials and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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**TOWN OF RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

FINDING 2014-1

Finding:

There is a limited accounting staff to properly segregate the duties normally required for an efficient internal control structure. However, due to the limited number of personnel, an adequate segregation of duties is not possible without additional costs.

Recommendation:

The cost of hiring additional personnel versus the benefit of a proper segregation of duties must be weighed.

Response:

Lack of segregation of duties has been a recurring deficiency. Since the cost to hire additional personnel is cost prohibited, this will continue to be a deficiency in future audits. Sufficient internal controls are present.