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**TOWN OF SLEDGE, MISSISSIPPI**

COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S  
SPECIAL REPORT ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES  
FOR SMALL MUNICIPALITIES (TOWNS)

Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman  
Town of Sledge  
Sledge, Mississippi

We have applied certain agreed-upon procedures, as discussed below, to the accounting records of the Town of Sledge, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2017, and for the year then ended, as required by the Office of the State Auditor, under the provisions of Section 21-35-31, Mississippi Code Ann. (1972). This report is solely for the use of the governing body of the Town of Sledge, Mississippi, and the Office of the State Auditor and should not be used for any other purposes. Our procedures and findings are as follows:

1. We reconciled cash on deposit with the following bank to balances in the respective general ledger accounts and obtained confirmation of the related balances from the bank:

<u>BANK</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>BALANCE PER GENERAL LEDGER</u>
Southern Bancorp	Health Council	\$ 7,534
Southern Bancorp	General	73,578
Southern Bancorp	Water & Sewer	144,465
Southern Bancorp	Fire	43,393
Southern Bancorp	CDBG	90
Total		269,060
Southern Bancorp	Payroll	1,984
Total		\$ 271,044

The bank balance and the balance per general ledger are the same. The Town of Sledge has \$21,044 of cash that exceeds FDIC coverage; therefore, the \$21,044 is at risk. Southern Bancorp is not listed as being a member of the Mississippi Public Funds Guaranty Pool as listed by Lynn Fitch, State Treasurer.

2. The Town did not possess any securities held for investment during the year.
3. We performed the following procedures with respect to taxes on real and personal property (including motor vehicles) levied during the fiscal year:
  - a. Verified use of certified county assessment rolls and traced levies to governing body minutes;
  - b. Traced distributions of taxes collected to proper funds; and
  - c. Traced property tax levies to governing body minutes.

The distribution of taxes to funds was found to be in accordance with prescribed tax levies, and uncollected taxes were determined to be properly handled.

Ad valorem tax collections were found to be within the limitations of Sections 27-39-320 to 27-39-323, Mississippi Code Ann. (1972).

The Town collected sufficient funds from the water department to service the note payable to U.S. Department of Agriculture.

4. We obtained a statement of payments made by the Department of Finance and Administration to the municipality. Payments indicated were traced to deposits in the respective bank accounts and recorded in the general ledger without exception. Payments traced were as follows:

<u>PAYMENT PURPOSE</u>	<u>RECEIVING FUND</u>	<u>LEDGER AMOUNT</u>
General Municipal Aid	General	\$ 272
Sales Tax Allocation	General	17,905
Gasoline Tax	General	1,635
Homestead Exemption	General	9,700
Nuclear Plant	General	3,150
Fire Protection	General	3,551
Grantor Payments	Special Revenue	35,355
Total		\$ <u>71,568</u>

5. We selected a sample of purchases made by the municipality during the fiscal year. Each sample item was evaluated for proper approval and compliance with purchasing requirements set forth in Title 31, Chapter 7, Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), if applicable.

The sample consisted of the following:

Number of items	80
Total Dollar Value of Sample	<u>\$64,161</u>

We found the municipality's purchasing procedures to be in agreement with the requirements of the above mentioned sections.

6. No agreed-upon procedures were required for municipal fines as the Town of Sledge does not have a municipal court.
7. We have read the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire completed by the municipality.

Because the above procedures do not constitute an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we do not express an opinion on any of the specific accounts or classes of transactions referred to above. In connection with the procedures referred to above, no matters came to our attention that caused us to believe the items specified in Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 should be adjusted. Had we performed additional procedures or had we conducted an audit of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you. This report should not be associated with the financial statements of the Town of Sledge, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2017.

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To the Mayor and Board of Alderman  
Town of Sledge  
Sledge, Mississippi

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Sledge, which comprise the combined statement of revenue collected and expenses paid-all funds and the statement of revenue collected and expenses paid-water and sewer fund as of September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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TOWN OF SLEDGE, MISSISSIPPI  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID (ALL FUNDS)  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				PROPRIETARY FUNDS	
	GENERAL	FIRE	HEALTH COUNCIL	WATER AND SEWER	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
<b>REVENUES</b>						
General Property Taxes	\$ 74,479	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,479
Licenses and Permits	200	-	-	-	-	200
Franchise Tax on Utilities	8,732	-	-	-	-	8,732
CDBG Grant	-	-	-	-	22,784	22,784
Intergovernmental Revenue-						
Delta Health Council	-	-	1,175	-	-	1,175
General Municipal Aid	272	-	-	-	-	272
Department of Health	-	-	3,970	-	-	3,970
State Shared Revenue:						
Sales Tax	17,905	-	-	-	-	17,905
Gasoline Tax	1,635	-	-	-	-	1,635
Fire Insurance Premium	-	3,051	-	-	-	3,051
In Lieu Tax (Grand Gulf)	3,150	-	-	-	-	3,150
Homestead Exemption	9,700	-	-	-	-	9,700
Donations	500	-	5	-	-	505
Charges for Services:						
Water and Sewage Utility	-	-	-	131,591	-	131,591
Interest Income	-	19	-	-	-	19
<b>Total Revenue Receipts</b>	<u>116,573</u>	<u>3,070</u>	<u>5,150</u>	<u>131,591</u>	<u>22,784</u>	<u>279,168</u>
<b>Other Receipts:</b>						
Transfer from General Fund	-	-	-	-	100	100
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>116,573</u>	<u>3,070</u>	<u>5,150</u>	<u>131,591</u>	<u>22,884</u>	<u>279,268</u>

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



TOWN OF SLEDGE, MISSISSIPPI  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID (ALL FUNDS)  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			PROPRIETARY FUNDS		
	GENERAL	FIRE	HEALTH COUNCIL	WATER AND SEWER	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
<u>OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS</u>						
Payroll Expenses	\$ 64,776	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,778	\$ -	\$ 75,554
Taxes-Sales	-	-	-	313	-	313
Advertising	935	-	-	34	-	969
Conferences/Travel	9,045	-	-	-	-	9,045
Contract Labor	1,864	-	-	11,905	-	13,769
Donations	200	-	-	-	-	200
Fuel/Auto	2,683	-	-	-	-	2,683
Dues	234	-	-	200	-	434
Insurance	7,435	-	-	3,419	-	10,854
Office	1,167	-	-	1,469	15	2,651
Professional Services	4,525	-	-	1,401	22,784	28,710
Repairs/Maintenance	5,989	-	-	12,712	-	18,701
Supplies	2,809	-	3,215	-	-	6,024
Utilities	16,430	-	-	6,738	-	23,168
Allied Waste	-	-	-	32,284	-	32,284
Total Operating Disbursements	118,092	-	3,215	81,253	22,799	225,359
<u>NONOPERATING DISBURSEMENTS</u>						
Transfer to CDBG	100	-	-	-	-	100
Rural Development Principal	-	-	-	10,600	-	10,600
Rural Development Interest	-	-	-	240	-	240
Total Nonoperating Disbursement	100	-	-	10,840	-	10,940
Total Disbursements	118,192	-	3,215	92,093	22,799	236,299
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts over Disbursements	(1,619)	3,070	1,935	39,498	85	42,969
Cash Balance - Beginning of Year	75,197	40,323	5,599	104,967	5	226,091
Cash Balance - End of Year	\$ 73,578	\$ 43,393	\$ 7,534	\$ 144,465	\$ 90	\$ 269,060

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TOWN OF SLEDGE, MISSISSIPPI  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID - WATER & SEWER FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Revenue:	
Water Sales	\$ <u>131,591</u>
	<u>131,591</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Allied Waste	32,284
Dues & Subscriptions	200
Interest - Rural Development Loan	240
Office	1,469
Repairs & Maintenance	12,712
Taxes-Sales	313
Professional Services	1,401
Utilities	6,738
Utility Contractors	11,905
Insurance	3,419
Payroll Costs	10,778
Advertising	<u>34</u>
Total Water Expenses	<u>81,493</u>
Net Profit (Loss) - Ordinary	<u>50,098</u>
Nonoperating Expenses:	
Rural Development - Loan Principal	<u>10,600</u>
Net Revenue Over Expenses	\$ <u>39,498</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF SLEDGE, MISSISSIPPI  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

NOTE 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity.

The Town uses a Mayor and Board of Alderman type government. In evaluating how to define the government, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP. The Town of Sledge has no component units.

The Town of Sledge is located in the Mississippi Delta. The Mississippi Delta has an agricultural based economy. The economic stability of the taxpayers and utility customers of the Town of Sledge is significantly affected by this environment.

The financial statement of the Town consists of all the funds of the Town.

B. Fund Accounting.

The government uses funds to report on the cash receipts and disbursements. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are classified into two categories: governmental and proprietary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types".

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities including the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service funds). The general fund is used to account for all activities of the general government not accounted for in some other fund. Special revenue funds account for revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

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Proprietary funds are used to account for activities similar to those found in the private sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration. Goods or services from such activities can be provided to outside parties (enterprise funds).

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, including other governments, or on behalf of other funds within the government. When these assets are held under the terms of a formal trust agreement, a pension trust fund, a nonexpendable trust fund or an expendable trust fund is used. The terms "nonexpendable" and "expendable" refer to whether or not the government is under an obligation to maintain the trust principal. Agency funds generally are used to account for assets that the government holds on behalf of others as their agent.

C. Basis of Accounting.

The financial statement is prepared on a cash receipts and disbursements basis, as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor. Consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

D. Report Classification.

Receipts and disbursements were classified according to requirements for small towns in the State of Mississippi as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor.

E. Cash.

The Town deposits excess funds in financial institutions selected by the board in accordance with state statutes. Cash consists of amounts on deposit in demand accounts and is valued at cost.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Various restrictions on these deposits are imposed by state statutes. These restrictions are summarized as follows:

All deposits with financial institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC), or any successors to such insurance corporations, must be collateralized in an amount equal to 105% of the uninsured amount. The collateral must be on deposit with the Town Clerk.

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 with any financial institution approved for the deposit of state funds.

F. Memorandum Only - Total Columns.

Total columns on the financial statement are captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial positions, results of operations or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither are such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 2. Property Tax.

Property taxes attach an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied as of January 1 and payable on or before February 1. Taxes are collected and remitted by the Quitman County Tax Collector.

The distribution of taxes to funds was in accordance with prescribed tax levies, and uncollected taxes were properly handled.

TOWN OF SLEDGE, MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

DEFINITION AND PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS	BALANCE OUTSTANDING	TRANSACTIONS DURING FISCAL YEAR		BALANCE OUTSTANDING
	1-OCT-16	ISSUED	REDEEMED	30-SEP-17
5% Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bond				
Original amount \$175,000.				
Interest payable annually starting 10/18/1985. Principal payable annually beginning 10/18/1987 and ending 10/18/2017. Total principal and interest payments were \$10,840 for the year.	\$ 10,600	\$ -	\$ 10,600	\$ -
Total	\$ 10,600	\$ -	\$ 10,600	\$ -

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TOWN OF SLEDGE, MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SURETY</u>	<u>BOND AMOUNT</u>
Joyce Eckford	Alderman	Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company of America	\$ 10,000
LaJoya Stokes	Alderman	Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company of America	10,000
Lorraine Watson	Alderman	Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company of America	10,000
Jeffrey Riley	Alderman	Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company of America	10,000
Harold Eckford	Alderman	Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company of America	10,000
Julie Branch	Mayor	Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company of America	50,000
Barbara Leach	City Clerk	Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company of America	50,000

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

Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman  
Town of Sledge  
Sledge, Mississippi

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Town of Sledge as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and have issued our report dated November 13, 2017. We have 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*.

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 and our audit of the general-purpose financial statements disclosed no material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

This report is intended for the information of the Town of Sledge's management and the Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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