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TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderpersons of the
Town of Gloster
Gloster, Mississippi

We have audited the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Gloster, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, 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 statement 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. 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 statement.

Auditor's Responsibility - continued:

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash receipts and disbursements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Gloster, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2021, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 12, an adjustment to beginning cash fund balance was made to exclude certificates of deposit that are not considered cash equivalents. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statement, which describes the basis of accounting. This financial statement is prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Other Matters*Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement of the Town of Gloster, Mississippi. The schedules included in the other information section, which are the responsibility of management, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statement. The schedules included in the other information section have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Haddox Reid Eubank Belts PLLC

Ridgeland, Mississippi
March 1, 2023

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TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES			
	General Fund	American Rescue Act Fund	Other Nonmajor Funds	Total
RECEIPTS:				
Taxes - Ad valorem	\$ 206,081	-	-	206,081
Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	533	-	-	533
Franchise fees	21,051	-	-	21,051
Licenses and permits	2,783	-	-	2,783
Intergovernmental receipts:				
Sales tax	202,665	-	-	202,665
Capital grants	45,049	106,820	-	151,869
Operating grants	3,419	-	-	3,419
Other intergovernmental receipts	108,002	-	-	108,002
Charges for services:				
Sanitation	115,797	-	-	115,797
Water and sewer	-	-	-	-
Natural gas	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeits	37,096	-	-	37,096
Interest	5,117	225	43	5,385
Other	82,168	-	1,236	83,404
Total receipts	<u>829,761</u>	<u>107,045</u>	<u>1,279</u>	<u>938,085</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:				
General government	147,636	-	-	147,636
Public safety	441,142	-	-	441,142
Public works	240,579	-	-	240,579
Court	17,954	-	-	17,954
Culture and recreation	6,338	-	-	6,338
Enterprises:				
Water and sewer	-	-	-	-
Natural gas	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:				
Principal	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-
Total disbursements	<u>853,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>853,649</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>(23,888)</u>	<u>107,045</u>	<u>1,279</u>	<u>84,436</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES		
Water and Sewer Fund	Natural Gas Fund	Total
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
346,186	-	346,186
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
418,380	-	418,380
-	446,219	446,219
-	-	-
11,854	7,496	19,350
-	-	-
<u>776,420</u>	<u>453,715</u>	<u>1,230,135</u>
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
872,629	-	872,629
-	654,822	654,822
50,386	-	50,386
2,075	-	2,075
<u>925,090</u>	<u>654,822</u>	<u>1,579,912</u>
<u>(148,670)</u>	<u>(201,107)</u>	<u>(349,777)</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES - CONTINUED:
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				
	General Fund	American Rescue Act Fund	Other Nonmajor Funds	Total
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES):				
Interfund loans and transfers	\$ (23,508)	-	-	(23,508)
Proceeds from maturities of investments	-	-	102,150	102,150
Purchases of investments	-	-	(102,238)	(102,238)
Utility deposits (refunds) - net	-	-	-	-
Total other cash sources (uses)	<u>(23,508)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(88)</u>	<u>(23,596)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts and other cash sources over disbursements and other cash uses	(47,396)	107,045	1,191	60,840
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE -				
Beginning of year	<u>355,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,534</u>	<u>357,646</u>
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE -				
End of year	\$ <u>307,716</u>	<u>107,045</u>	<u>3,725</u>	<u>418,486</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES		
Water and Sewer Fund	Natural Gas Fund	Total
-	23,508	23,508
68,751	1,087,918	1,156,669
(68,810)	(591,521)	(660,331)
<u>2,375</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>2,875</u>
<u>2,316</u>	<u>520,405</u>	<u>522,721</u>
(146,354)	319,298	172,944
<u>906,473</u>	<u>156,330</u>	<u>1,062,803</u>
<u>760,119</u>	<u>475,628</u>	<u>1,235,747</u>

TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town of Gloster, Mississippi (the Town) was incorporated in 1892. The Town operates under a Mayor-Board of Alderpersons form of government and provides all of the rights and privileges provided by statute for municipalities.

A. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statement is reported using the cash basis of accounting as permitted by the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The cash basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because revenues (cash receipts) are recognized when received rather than when earned and expenditures or expenses (cash disbursements) are recognized when paid rather than when incurred or subject to accrual.

Governmental Activities

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

The **General Fund** is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all the financial resources and the legally authorized activities of the Town except those required to be accounted for in other specialized funds.

The **American Rescue Act Fund** is used to account for the proceeds legally restricted to expenditures related to COVID-19.

Business-Type Activities

The Town reports the following major proprietary funds:

The **Water and Sewer Fund** accounts for the activities of providing water and sewer services to citizens of the Town.

The **Natural Gas Fund** accounts for the activities of providing natural gas services to citizens of the Town.

When both restricted and unrestricted cash is available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted cash first, then unrestricted cash as it is needed.

TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED:

B. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes cash on hand and deposits held in demand deposit accounts at financial institutions. The Town considers all short-term, highly liquid investments with an original maturity of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS

The composition of the Town's cash and cash equivalents is as follows at September 30, 2021:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	
	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental activities:			
General Fund	\$ 305,391	2,325	307,716
American Rescue Act Fund	107,045	-	107,045
Cemetery Fund	3,249	-	3,249
Fire Protection Fund	476	-	476
Unemployment Compensation Fund	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>416,161</u>	<u>2,325</u>	<u>418,486</u>
Business-type activities:			
Water and Sewer Fund	760,119	-	760,119
Natural Gas Fund	<u>475,628</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>475,628</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>1,235,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,235,747</u>
Government-wide total	\$ <u>1,651,908</u>	<u>2,325</u>	<u>1,654,233</u>

Deposits at September 30, 2021 are summarized as follows:

	Reported	Bank
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Cash	\$ 1,654,233	1,659,617
Certificates of deposit	<u>762,569</u>	<u>762,569</u>
Total deposits	\$ <u>2,416,802</u>	<u>2,422,186</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

NOTE 2 - CASH AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT - CONTINUED:

The difference of \$5,384 was principally due to outstanding checks. Of the bank balance, \$500,000 was covered by Federal depository insurance.

Custodial Credit Risk-Deposits. Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of a 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 policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages the risk on behalf of the Town. As of September 30, 2021, \$1,922,186 of the Town's bank balance of \$2,422,186 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Collateralized by the State Public Funds Guaranty Pool: \$ 1,922,186

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 Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Mississippi Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the Town'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 a 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 (FDIC).

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 Sections 27-105-33(d) and 27-105-33(e) 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 the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town does not have a formal investment policy that addresses custodial risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages the risk on behalf of the Town. 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. The Town had no investments as of September 30, 2021.

TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

NOTE 2 - CASH AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT - CONTINUED:

Concentration of Credit Risk. Disclosure of investments by amount and issuer for any issuer that represents five percent or more of total investments is required. This requirement does not apply to investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government, investments in mutual funds and external investment pools, and other pooled investments. As of September 30, 2021, the Town had no investments.

Following is a list of the Town's eligible investments, which in accordance with state statute, are limited to the investment of funds in excess of sums required for immediate expenditure or current obligations:

Certificates of deposit with municipal depositories approved annually by the State Treasurer, bonds or direct obligations of the following:

- United States of America
- State of Mississippi
- County or Municipality of Mississippi
- School Districts of Mississippi

State statute allows the investment of funds received from the sale of bonds, notes, or certificates of indebtedness which are not immediately required for disbursement for the purpose issued, in direct obligations issued by or guaranteed in full by the United States of America, or in certificates of deposit with approved municipal depositories.

NOTE 3 - DEBT SERVICE

As of September 30, 2021, annual debt service requirements of business-type activities to maturity are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended <u>September 30,</u>	<u>Notes Payable</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2022	\$ 36,586	920
2023	20,624	379
2024	<u>10,450</u>	<u>53</u>
	<u>\$ 67,660</u>	<u>1,352</u>

TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAX

Property taxes for fiscal year 2021 were levied in September 2020 on the assessed valuation of property located in the Town as of the preceding January 1, the lien date. The Town levies property taxes annually based upon assessed valuations. Real property and personal property taxes are collected directly by the Town. Automobile ad valorem taxes and certain road taxes are collected by the Amite County tax collector and disbursed to the Town accordingly. Current cash receipts of taxes for the year ended September 30, 2021, were approximately 98% of the total tax levy.

The tax rate levied by the Town for fiscal year 2021 was set at 40.0 mills. The Town allocated the property tax per \$100 of assessed value in the amount of \$4.00 for the year entirely to the General Fund.

NOTE 5 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

General information about the 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 information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005, by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS, or by visiting online at www.pers.ms.gov.

Benefits Provided

Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi (the State), state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees of the public school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity's participation in PERS by the PERS' Board of Trustees. If approved, membership for the entity's employees is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Members and employers are statutorily required to contribute certain percentages of salaries and wages as specified by the Board of Trustees. A member who terminates employment from all covered employers and

TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

NOTE 5 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED:

General information about the Pension Plan - continued:

Benefits Provided - continued:

who is not eligible to receive monthly retirement benefits may request a full refund of his or her accumulated member contributions plus interest. Upon withdrawal of contributions, a member forfeits service credit represented by those contributions. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. A member may elect a reduced retirement allowance payable for life with the provision that, after death, a beneficiary receives benefits for life or for a specified number of years. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. In the event of death prior to retirement of any member whose spouse and/or children are not entitled to a retirement allowance, the deceased member's accumulated contributions and interest are paid to the designated beneficiary. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter.

For the year ended September 30, 2021, the Town's total payroll for all employees was \$757,693. Total covered payroll was \$676,012. Covered payroll refers to all compensation paid by the Town to active employees covered by the Plan.

Contributions

PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary and the Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate for the year ended September 30, 2021, was 17.40% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

NOTE 5 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED:

General information about the Pension Plan - continued:

Contributions - continued:

of PERS members are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The Town's contributions to PERS for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019, were \$117,626, \$101,960, and \$88,743, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

NOTE 6 - INTERFUND LOANS AND TRANSFERS

Interfund loans and transfers during the year were as follows:

<u>Type</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Transfer	Natural Gas Fund	General Fund	\$ 23,508

The above interfund loans and transfers are necessary to move funds collected in one fund to another fund in accordance with the Town's annual budget.

NOTE 7 - CONTINGENCIES

Federal Grants

In the normal course of operations, the Town receives grant funds from various Federal and state agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by the agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with the conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not believed to be material.

Impact of Global Pandemic

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as a global pandemic, which continues to spread throughout the world and in the United States. As of March 1, 2023, the Town is aware of changes in both its daily operations and the operation of commercial business located in the Town as a result of COVID-19 but is uncertain of the impacts of these changes on its future financial operations. The ultimate potential impact cannot be estimated at this time.

TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

NOTE 8 - 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. The Town carries commercial insurance for risks of loss other than workers' compensation and liability. Settled claims resulting from these commercially covered risks have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Risk of loss related to workers' compensation for injuries to Town employees is covered through the Mississippi Municipal Workers' Compensation Group, a public entity risk pool. The pool was formed on March 28, 1989, by the Mississippi Nonprofit Corporation Act, pursuant to Section 71-3-75, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), to provide public entities within the State of Mississippi workers' compensation and employers' liability coverage. The Town pays premiums to the pool quarterly for its workers' compensation insurance coverage based on total payroll. The participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. 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 losses incurred by the pool.

The Town is a member of the Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan, a public entity risk pool. The Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan covers liability claims against its members and is funded through member contributions. The Town has not had an additional assessment for excess losses.

NOTE 9 - CONCENTRATION OF UTILITY CUSTOMERS

Approximately 31% and 82% of the Town's fiscal year 2021 receipts for water/sewer sales and natural gas sales, respectively, are derived from one utility customer.

NOTE 10 - LESSOR GROUND LEASES

On April 16, 1997, the Town, as lessor, entered into an agreement with a commercial entity, the lessee, to lease grounds owned by the Town. The lease calls for an initial term of ten years commencing August 1, 1998. The lessee has five options to renew the lease, each for a period of five years for a total of an additional twenty-five years. The lessee has currently elected the third option to renew and the annual minimum future rentals are \$7,254 through July 31, 2023.

On April 29, 2013, the Town, as lessor, entered into an agreement with a commercial entity, the lessee, to lease grounds owned by the Town. The lease calls for an initial term of fifteen

TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

NOTE 10 - LESSOR GROUND LEASES - CONTINUED:

years commencing April 29, 2013. The leasee has two options to renew the lease, each for a period of five years for a total of an additional ten years. The annual minimum future rentals are \$8,000 through April 28, 2023 and \$9,000 for the period April 29, 2023 through April 28, 2028.

A summary of minimum future rental receipts on these leases are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	
2022	\$ 15,254
2023	15,254
2024	9,000
2025	9,000
2026-2028	<u>27,000</u>
Total minimum future rentals	\$ <u><u>75,508</u></u>

NOTE 11 - TAX ABATEMENTS

The Town has granted local businesses an ad valorem tax exemption as allowed under Section 27-31-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. Under the applicable Section of Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, county and municipal authorities are authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to exempt from ad valorem taxation, except ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, all or any portion of the value of products, including finished goods, owned by or remaining in the hands of any manufacturer, or its subsidiary, or any distributor or wholesale merchant, located within such county or municipality. The time of such exemption shall be for a period not to exceed ten years.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, the Town abated ad valorem taxes for local business in the amount of \$480,056 as allowed by Section 27-31-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. The exemptions expire in fiscal year 2023.

NOTE 12 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

Beginning cash basis fund balance was restated in three funds due to the incorrect inclusion of certificates of deposit with one-year maturities in cash and cash equivalents. This caused a reduction of beginning cash fund balance as follows:

TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

NOTE 12 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT - CONTINUED:

Natural Gas Fund	\$ 1,087,918
Other Nonmajor Funds	102,150
Water and Sewer Fund	<u>68,751</u>
	<u>\$ 1,258,819</u>

NOTE 13 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Town had no additional subsequent events of a material nature requiring adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statement through March 1, 2023, the date the financial statement was approved by the Town's management and available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

SCHEDULE I**TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI****SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - ALL FUNDS
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	<u>Deposit Amount</u>
Certificates of Deposit with Trustmark National Bank	
Maturing 10/25/2021, Rate 0.05%	\$ 227,431
Maturing 4/12/2023, Rate .25%	<u>535,138</u>
	\$ <u><u>762,569</u></u>
 Fund Recap:	
Unemployment Compensation Fund	\$ 4,237
Cemetery Fund	98,001
Water and Sewer Fund	68,810
Natural Gas Fund	<u>591,521</u>
	\$ <u><u>762,569</u></u>

SCHEDULE II**TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI****SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	Balance Outstanding October 1, 2020	Issued	Redeemed	Balance Outstanding September 30, 2021
Water and Sewer Fund:				
Mississippi Drinking Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund due in monthly installments of \$1,387 at 3.00% interest, maturing December 2021.	\$ 20,395	-	(16,254)	4,141
Mississippi Drinking Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund due in monthly installments of \$1,234 at 3.00% interest, maturing July 2022.	26,394	-	(14,216)	12,178
Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund due in monthly installments of \$1,750 at 1.75% interest, maturing March 2024.	<u>71,257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,916)</u>	<u>51,341</u>
Total	\$ <u>118,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,386)</u>	<u>67,660</u>

SCHEDULE III**TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI****SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Surety</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
Betty Green	Aldersperson	CNA Surety	50,000
Michael McClain	Aldersperson	FCCI Insurance Group	50,000
Inez V. Bell	Aldersperson	Western Surety Company	50,000
Patricia Monroe	Aldersperson	CNA Surety	50,000
Tommie Lee, Sr.	Aldersperson	FCCI Insurance Group	50,000
Jerry Norwood	Mayor	Western Surety Company	50,000
Shalonda Weathersby	Town Clerk	CNA Surety	50,000
Patricia T. Brown	Deputy Clerk	FCCI Insurance Group	50,000
Tamiko Hamilton	Assistant Town Clerk	Western Surety Company	50,000
Town of Gloster	Miss. Dept. of Employment Security	FCCI Insurance Group	25,000

SCHEDULE IV**TOWN OF GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI****SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements/ Reclassifications</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:				
Capital assets:				
Land	\$ 143,910	-	-	143,910
Buildings and improvements	646,727	3,179	-	649,906
Vehicles and machinery	571,486	1,736	-	573,222
Infrastructure	3,265,085	8,702	-	3,273,787
Construction in progress	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities capital assets	\$ <u>4,627,208</u>	<u>13,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,640,825</u>
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:				
Capital assets:				
Land	\$ 1,125	-	-	1,125
Buildings	100,000	-	-	100,000
Vehicles and machinery	462,922	133,319	-	596,241
Water distribution system	4,424,748	19,939	-	4,444,687
Gas distribution system	<u>153,735</u>	<u>4,290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,025</u>
Total business-type activities capital assets	\$ <u>5,142,530</u>	<u>157,548</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,300,078</u>

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

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderpersons of the
Town of Gloster, Mississippi

We have audited the financial statement of the cash receipts and disbursements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Gloster, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, , and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2023. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Mississippi 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 financial statement of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund disclosed the following instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. Our findings and the Town's responses are as follows:

2021-001 – No Surety Bond for Police Chief

Criteria

Per Section 21-21-1, Miss. Code Ann., before performing any duties of his office, the police chief shall give bond, with sufficient surety, to be payable, conditioned, and approved as provided by law, in an amount to be determined by the municipal governing authority (no less than \$50,000).

Cause

There were no review procedures in place to ensure that the surety bond for the police chief was renewed.

Effect

The surety bond for police chief was not renewed upon expiration in July 2021.

Recommendation

Management and those charged with governance should establish controls necessary to effectively monitor surety bonds and ensure proper individuals are covered.

View of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

The Town agrees with the finding and will establish controls to closely monitor required deposits to prevent future violations.

This report is intended for the information of the Town of Gloster, Mississippi's management, Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderpersons, and the Mississippi 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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Ridgeland, Mississippi
March 1, 2023