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COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. FOUR
CANKTON, LOUISIANA
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

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ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

The Board of Commissioners
Coulee Croche Fire Protection
District No. Four
Cankton, Louisiana

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. Four, a component unit of the Village of Cankton, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and for the years then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

As explained in Note 1 to the financial statements, management has elected not to implement the new financial reporting requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments.

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Opelousas, Louisiana
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COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR
CANKTON, LOUISIANA
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL</u> <u>FUND TYPE</u> <u>GENERAL</u>	<u>ACCOUNT GROUP</u> <u>GENERAL</u> <u>FIXED</u> <u>ASSETS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>(Memorandum</u> <u>Only)</u> <u>2007</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$41,149		\$41,149
Certificates of deposit	34,065		34,065
Taxes receivable	17,123		17,123
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,027)		(1,027)
Property and equipment	<u> </u>	\$164,236	<u>164,236</u>
<u>Total assets</u>	<u>91,310</u>	<u>164,236</u>	<u>255,546</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>			
Investment in general fixed assets		\$164,236	\$164,236
Fund balance Unreserved			
Undesignated	\$91,310		91,310
<u>Total fund equity</u>	<u>91,310</u>	<u>164,236</u>	<u>255,546</u>
 <u>Total liabilities and fund equity</u>	 <u>91,310</u>	 <u>164,236</u>	 <u>255,546</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR
CANKTON, LOUISIANA
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 2006

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL</u> <u>FUND TYPE</u> <u>GENERAL</u>	<u>ACCOUNT GROUP</u> <u>GENERAL</u> <u>FIXED</u> <u>ASSETS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>(Memorandum</u> <u>Only)</u> <u>2006</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$27,541		\$27,541
Certificates of deposit	33,179		33,179
Taxes receivable	16,888		16,888
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,351)		(1,351)
Property and equipment	<u> </u>	\$163,900	<u>163,900</u>
<u>Total assets</u>	<u>76,257</u>	<u>163,900</u>	<u>240,157</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>			
Investment in general fixed assets		\$163,900	\$163,900
Fund balance Unreserved			
Undesignated	\$76,257		76,257
<u>Total fund equity</u>	<u>76,257</u>	<u>163,900</u>	<u>240,157</u>
<u>Total liabilities and fund equity</u>	<u>76,257</u>	<u>163,900</u>	<u>240,157</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR
CANKTON, LOUISIANA
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Taxes		
Property taxes	\$18,643	\$15,112
Intergovernmental		
Fire insurance tax	10,885	10,218
Interest		
Interest earned on property taxes	24	95
Interest earned on checking	278	179
Interest earned on CD	886	770
Other		
Volunteer Fire Department reimbursements		5,138
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>30,716</u>	<u>31,512</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Public safety		
Current operating		
Accounting	850	825
Gas, oil, repairs, and maintenance	7,663	12,334
Insurance	5,440	4,667
Lease		10
Miscellaneous	30	182
Travel		230
Supplies	135	571
Telephone	1,209	951
Utilities		96
Capital outlay		
Equipment	336	11,738
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>15,663</u>	<u>31,604</u>
<u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER</u>		
<u>(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</u>	15,053	(92)
<u>FUND BALANCES, beginning of year</u>	<u>76,257</u>	<u>76,349</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES, end of year</u>	<u>91,310</u>	<u>76,257</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR
CANKTON, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BASIS) - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	GENERAL FUND		VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Taxes			
Property taxes	\$17,377	\$18,084	\$707
Intergovernmental			
Fire insurance tax	10,885	10,885	
Interest			
Interest earned on property taxes	26	24	(2)
Interest earned on checking	304	278	(26)
Interest earned on CD	970	886	(84)
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>29,562</u>	<u>30,157</u>	<u>595</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Public safety			
Current operating			
Accounting	850	850	
Gas, oil, repairs, and maintenance	7,959	7,663	296
Insurance	5,440	5,440	
Supplies		135	(135)
Telephone	1,209	1,209	
Miscellaneous	42	30	12
Capital outlay			
Equipment	378	336	42
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>15,878</u>	<u>15,663</u>	<u>215</u>
<u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES</u>			
<u>OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>13,684</u>	<u>14,494</u>	<u>810</u>

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COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR
CANKTON, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BASIS) - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Taxes			
Property taxes	\$12,590	\$13,112	\$522
Intergovernmental			
Fire insurance tax	10,218	10,218	
Interest			
Interest earned on property taxes	85	95	10
Interest earned on checking	167	179	12
Interest earned on CD	659	770	111
Other			
Volunteer Fire Department reimbursements	5,138	5,138	
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>28,857</u>	<u>29,512</u>	<u>655</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Public safety			
Current operating			
Accounting	825	825	
Gas, oil, repairs, and maintenance	8,054	12,334	(4,280)
Insurance	4,667	4,667	
Lease	10	10	
Supplies	46	571	(525)
Telephone	951	951	
Utilities	96	96	
Miscellaneous	153	182	(29)
Travel		230	(230)
Capital outlay			
Equipment	15,170	11,738	3,432
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>29,972</u>	<u>31,604</u>	<u>(1,632)</u>
<u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES</u>			
<u>OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>(1,115)</u>	<u>(2,092)</u>	<u>(977)</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. FOUR
CANKTON, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying component unit financial statements of the Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. Four have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standards-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Management has elected not to implement the new financial reporting requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standards-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the Village, for reporting purposes, the Village of Cankton, Louisiana is the financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Village for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the Village to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Village.
2. Organizations for which the Village does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Village.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

The Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. Four consists of five commissioners. Two of the commissioners are appointed by the Police Jury and another two are appointed by the Village of Cankton. The fifth commissioner is selected by the other four members.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

REPORTING ENTITY - Continued

Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. Four leases land from the Village of Cankton under a 99 year lease for \$10 per year. Because the District receives a reimbursement from the Village of Cankton, leases land from the Village and the Village appoints two commissioners, the District is considered to be a component unit of the Village of Cankton, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Village of Cankton, the general government services provided by that government unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The fund presented in the financial statements in this report is described as follows:

Governmental Fund

General Fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and expendable trust funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues including grants, entitlements and shared revenues, are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Property taxes are recognized as revenue at the time that they are assessed. All other income is recognized as revenue when received.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - Continued

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. An exception to this general rule is for principal and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due.

Expenditures for insurance and similar services, which extend over more than one accounting period, are accounted for as expenditures in the period of acquisition.

Purchases of operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased and inventories of such supplies (if any) are not recorded as assets at the close of year-end.

CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments are recorded at cost, which approximates market. Louisiana statutes authorize the District to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates, time certificates of deposit in state and national banks, or any other federally insured investment.

FIXED ASSETS

All items of property, plant, and equipment (including infrastructure general fixed assets) are recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Such assets are maintained on the basis of original cost (cash paid plus trade-in allowance, if applicable) and no depreciation is computed or recorded thereon. All fire hydrants are capitalized by the Village of Cankton.

The account group is not a "fund." It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position. It is not involved with measurement of results of operations.

Construction period interest is capitalized if material amounts of interest resulting from borrowings in the course of the construction of fixed assets is incurred. No interest was capitalized for the years ended December 31, 2007 or 2006.

BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

Annually, the Fire District prepares and adopts a budget for the General Fund. Formal budget integration is not employed as a part of the accounting system; however, routine budget comparisons are made prior to expending funds. Budgets are prepared on a cash basis of accounting, and appropriations lapse at year-end. The budgeted amounts of the General Fund in the accompanying financial statements are from the amended budget which was adopted.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING - Continued

The revenues and expenditures shown on Page 4 are reconciled with the amounts reflected on the budget comparisons, Pages 5 and 6 as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Page 4 Revenues	\$30,716	\$31,512
Add: Property tax received	18,084	13,112
Less: Current year revenue - page 4	<u>(18,643)</u>	<u>(15,112)</u>
Page 5 or 6 Revenues	<u>30,157</u>	<u>29,512</u>
Page 4 Expenditures	<u>\$15,663</u>	<u>\$31,604</u>
Page 5 or 6 Expenditures	<u>\$15,663</u>	<u>\$31,604</u>

ENCUMBRANCES

The District does not employ the encumbrance system of accounting.

TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS

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

NOTE 2 - CASH

At December 31, 2007, the carrying amount and bank balance of cash in an interest bearing checking account was \$41,149. The bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

At December 31, 2006, the carrying amount and bank balance of cash in an interest bearing checking account was \$27,541. The bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

NOTE 3 - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>January 1,</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Additions/</u> <u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>December 31,</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Additions/</u> <u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>December 31,</u> <u>2007</u>
Buildings and improvements	\$4,954		\$4,954		\$4,954
Equipment and furniture	<u>147,208</u>	<u>\$11,738</u>	<u>158,946</u>	<u>\$336</u>	<u>159,282</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>152,162</u>	<u>11,738</u>	<u>163,900</u>	<u>336</u>	<u>164,236</u>

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NOTE 4 - AD VALOREM TAXES

The District's ad valorem tax is collected by an intermediary government and remitted on a monthly basis. The intermediary government maintains the tax roll for ad valorem taxes for the District. The District levied a general tax of 3.09 mills which was approved by voters on November 3, 1998.

The District's ad valorem tax, levied for the calendar year, is due on or before December 31 and becomes delinquent on January 1. A tax sale is usually held in September of the following year.

The Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. Four called an election on May 7, 2002. The two propositions on the ballot were ① renewal of the 1.03 mills property tax for 10 years and ② levy of an additional 2.06 mills property tax for 10 years for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, improving, maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities and paying the cost of obtaining equipment and water for fire protection purposes. Both propositions were approved by the voters. The additional 2.06 mills tax was effective with the 2002 property tax roll.

The 2004 tax year was a reassessment year; as a result the District assessed 2.96 mills.

Ad valorem taxes receivable at December 31, 2007 and 2006 were as follows:

	<u>Taxes Per</u> <u>Tax Roll</u>	<u>Retirement</u> <u>Contributions</u>	<u>Receipts</u> <u>November and</u> <u>December</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Uncollectible</u>	<u>Net Taxes</u> <u>Receivable</u>
2007	\$19,923	\$618	\$2,182	\$1,027	\$16,096
2006	17,473	585		1,351	15,537

The estimated allowance for uncollectible ad valorem tax is based on prior years' experience.

NOTE 5 - PER DIEM

Members of the governing board are not paid compensation or per diem.

NOTE 6 - FUND BALANCE

For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. Four did not have a deficit fund balance and the fund balance was unreserved.

NOTE 7 - COST-SHARING AGREEMENT

On November 7, 2000 the Board entered into an agreement with the Village of Cankton and the Cankton Volunteer Fire Department to share the cost equally of all vehicles used in the control of fires within the Fire District. These vehicles consist of the two pumper trucks owned by Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. Four. The costs include all repairs, operating costs, maintenance and insurance for said vehicles.

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NOTE 7 - COST-SHARING AGREEMENT - Continued

It was further resolved that the Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. Four will pay the monthly bills for the operation, etc., of these vehicles. The two other entities will reimburse their one-third share once a year on or about October 31, upon the submission of a statement from the District of the expenses for the year.

Affidavit and Revenue Certification

COULEE CROCHE FIRE PROTECTION DIRSTICT NO. FOUR ENTITY NAME

ST. LANDRY Parish

CANKTON City), Louisiana

**ANNUAL SWORN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
CERTIFICATION OF REVENUES \$50,000 OR LESS (if applicable)**

The annual sworn financial statements are required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 to be filed with the Legislative Auditor within 90 days after the close of the fiscal year. If applicable, the certification of revenues \$50,000 or less is required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513(l)(1)(c)(i). (The threshold is \$200,000 for Justices of the Peace and Constables.)

Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, ELMO BROUSSARD, JR. (name), who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position of COULEE CROCHE FIRE DISTRICT #4 (entity name) as of DECEMBER 31, 2007, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting described within the accompanying financial statements.

(Complete if applicable)

In addition, ELMO BROUSSARD, JR., (name), who, duly sworn, deposes and says that COULEE CROCHE FIRE DISTRICT #4 (entity name) received \$50,000 (\$200,000) or less in revenues and other sources for the year ended DECEMBER 31, 2007, and accordingly, is not required to have an audit for the previously mentioned year.

Elmo Broussard Jr.
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of March, 2008

Wilson J. Allen
NOTARY PUBLIC

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