

DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Board of Commissioners
Duette Fire and Rescue District
Manatee County, Florida**

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Duette Fire and Rescue District (District), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District'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 from 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. 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 and the major fund of the District as of September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 7 and 20 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 22, 2021 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Bristow & Stanell, P.A.*

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June 22, 2021
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Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Duette Fire and Rescue District (the District), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$1,250,013 (*net position*).
- The District's total net position decreased by \$51,059.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental fund (general fund) reported ending fund balances of \$200,354, which is an increase of \$2,330. Of this total amount, \$200,354 is *available for spending* at the District's discretion (*unassigned fund balance*).

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Duette Fire and Rescue District's financial statements. The District's financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the District's assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, with the difference between them reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

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

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by fire assessments (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The District is engaged in only governmental activities. The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 8 and 9 of this report.

Fund financial statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District utilizes a general fund.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. These funds are reported using the modified accrual method of accounting and the current financial resources focus. As a result, long-term assets and liabilities are not included. The District uses a General fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund. All general tax revenues are accounted for in this fund. From this fund all general operating expenditures and personal service expenditures, as well as budgeted capital outlay are paid.

A reconciliation to facilitate the comparison between the governmental fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements is presented.

The District adopts an annual budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 10 to 13 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the information provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin on page 14 of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Duette Fire and Rescue District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$1,250,013 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

A significant portion of the District's net position, \$1,049,659, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide fire protection and emergency services to citizens within the boundaries of the District; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. The District also had significant assets in cash and cash equivalents at year-end.

The following table presents a condensed statement of net position as of September 30, 2020, with comparable totals as of September 30, 2019.

Net Position

	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
	2020	2019
Current and other assets	\$ 241,751	\$ 217,061
Capital assets	1,049,659	1,103,048
Total assets	1,291,410	1,320,109
Other liabilities	41,397	19,037
Total liabilities	41,397	19,037
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	1,049,659	1,103,048
Unrestricted	200,354	198,024
Total net position	\$ 1,250,013	\$ 1,301,072

Unrestricted net position of \$200,354 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The District's net position decreased by \$51,059 during the current fiscal year. Personal service costs were \$52,058 and operating costs were \$107,353. The District also incurred \$56,927 in depreciation expense. Revenues amounted to \$165,279, including fire assessments of \$163,779, and impact fees of \$1,500.

The following table presents the change in net position for the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019.

Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
	2020	2019
General revenues:		
Fire assessments	\$ 163,779	\$ 154,084
Impact fees	1,500	-0-
Other (including capital grants and contributions)	-0-	50,000
Total revenues	165,279	204,084
Expenses:		
Fire protection services	159,411	143,528
Depreciation	56,927	56,245
Total expenses	216,338	199,773
Increase (Decrease) in net position	(51,059)	4,311
Net Position - Beginning	1,301,072	1,296,761
Net Position – End	\$ 1,250,013	\$ 1,301,072

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

The District utilizes only a Governmental Fund, which is the General Fund.

Governmental funds. The focus of the District's *governmental fund* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the District's general fund reported ending fund balances of \$200,354. Of this total, \$200,354 is *unassigned fund balance*, and is available for spending at the District's discretion.

As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare *unassigned fund balance* to total general fund expenditures. *General fund balance* represents approximately 123 percent of total general fund expenditures.

The fund balance of the District's general fund increased by \$2,330 during the current fiscal year. Current year revenues included fire assessments (non-advalorem taxes) in the amount of \$163,779 and impact fees of \$1,500. Current year expenditures included personal service costs of \$52,058, operating costs of \$106,307, and capital outlay of \$4,584.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

During the year, the General Fund budget was not amended. Budgeted revenues were \$169,351. For the current fiscal year, actual revenues were less than budgeted revenues by \$4,072 due to less fire assessments collected than expected, net of impact fees collected. Original and final budgeted expenditures were \$160,618. Actual expenditures were less than the final budgeted amount by \$33 on the budget basis.

The General Fund budget is presented as required supplementary information on page 20.

Capital Assets

The District's investment in capital assets at year end amounts to \$1,049,659 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, and machinery and equipment. During the current year, the District's investment in capital assets decreased by \$53,389. This was comprised of depreciation expense, which exceeded capital asset additions.

Capital Assets

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Land	\$ 24,718	\$ 24,718
Building and improvements	925,021	956,289
Machinery and equipment	99,920	122,041
Total (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>\$ 1,049,659</u>	<u>\$ 1,103,048</u>

Additional information on the District's capital assets are included in the notes to the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets

For fiscal year 2021, budgeted revenues are \$196,580. Budgeted expenditures are \$212,357. No other significant changes were made or are expected in fiscal year 2021.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Duette Fire and Rescue District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the District at, Duette Fire and Rescue District, 35800 S.R. 62 E., Duette, Florida 34219.

**DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 241,751
Capital assets:	
Land	24,718
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	1,024,941
Total assets	1,291,410
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	41,397
Total liabilities	41,397
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	1,049,659
Unrestricted	200,354
Total net position	\$ 1,250,013

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

**DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

	Governmental Activities
Public safety–fire protection	
Personal services	\$ 52,058
Operating expenses	107,353
Depreciation	56,927
Total program expenses	216,338
Program revenues:	
Capital grants and contributions	-
Net program expenses (revenues)	216,338
General revenues:	
Fire assessments	163,779
Impact fees	1,500
Total general revenues	165,279
Decrease in net position	(51,059)
Net position – beginning	1,301,072
Net position – ending	\$ 1,250,013

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

DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 241,751
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 241,751</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 39,837
Accrued expenses	1,560
Total liabilities	<u>41,397</u>
FUND BALANCES	
Spendable:	
Unassigned	200,354
Total fund balances	<u>200,354</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 241,751</u>

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

**DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET
OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

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

Fund Balance–Total Governmental Funds	\$ 200,354
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	<u>1,049,659</u>
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u><u>\$ 1,250,013</u></u>

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

**DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

	GENERAL FUND
REVENUES	
Fire assessments	\$ 163,779
Impact fees	1,500
Total revenues	165,279
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
Personal services	52,058
Operating expenditures	106,307
Capital outlay	4,584
Total expenditures	162,949
Net change in fund balances	2,330
FUND BALANCES – Beginning	198,024
FUND BALANCES – Ending	\$ 200,354

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

**DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

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

Net changes in fund balances – total governmental funds	\$	2,330
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeds capital outlay in the current period.		(53,389)
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CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$	(51,059)
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		Depreciation expense	\$	(56,927)
Capital additions shown as expenditures in the general fund				3,538
			<u>\$</u>	<u>(53,389)</u>

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

**DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies followed by the Duette Fire and Rescue District, Manatee County, Florida:

- (a) Reporting Entity – Duette Fire and Rescue District (the District) is a public municipal corporation in the State of Florida created by House Bill 1375 of the Legislature of the State of Florida on June 23, 2006. The District began operations effective October 1, 2008. The District is an independent special district. No component units exist.

Revenue is provided by special assessments against taxable real estate lying within the territorial bounds of the District as defined by the State of Florida. Disbursements are made for maintenance and upkeep of the fire station, purchase of firefighting and rescue equipment, payment of wages, employee benefits, and administrative expenses.

The State of Florida passed legislation, which took effect June 1985, and provides for the District to collect impact fees to defray the cost of improvements required to provide fire and emergency service to the new users of the District. Any impact fees collected are to be used exclusively for the acquisition, purchase or construction of new facilities and equipment required to provide these services to the new users in the District.

- (b) Basis of Presentation – The District’s financial statements include Government-wide (which reports the District as a whole) and Fund financial statements (which report only on the General Fund). The Financial Statements present only governmental activities, as the District conducts no business type activities. The District does not have fiduciary funds.

Basis of Accounting: Financial Statements – Government Wide Statements– The Government-Wide Financial Statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities) are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For the most part, interfund activity has been removed from these statements. The District’s net position is reported in three parts (as applicable): net investment in capital assets, restricted net position, and unrestricted net position. The statement of activities reports direct expenses of the program offset by program revenues. Program revenues include capital and operating grants, contributions, and charges for services, as applicable. Taxes (fire assessments) and other items properly not included in program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements – The District’s accounts are organized on the basis of funds, which are a self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. The District utilizes governmental funds, which follow the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when they become measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

**DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements – Continued

The District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are generally recorded when a fund liability is incurred. The District reports the following governmental fund, considered to be a major fund:

Governmental Funds

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. All general tax revenues are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the personal service and operating costs, as well as budgeted capital expenditures.

- (c) Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- (d) Budgets and Budgetary Accounting – The District prepares an annual operating budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1. Prior to September 1 of each year, the Secretary/Treasurer of the District's Board of Commissioners prepares a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget is based on an analysis of prior year actual revenues and expenditures along with anticipated spending and revenue sources. Once the proposed budget is compiled, it is brought before the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Expenditures should not exceed total appropriations. Appropriations lapse at the end of the year.

- (e) Property Taxes – Property taxes become due and payable on November 1 of each year. The county tax collector remits the District's portion as such revenues are received. The District collects nearly all of its tax revenues during the period November 1 through April 1, at which time the taxes become delinquent. The maximum rates of tax are set by the Legislature of the State of Florida. Actual assessment amounts are based on the square footage of a structure and type of occupancy and is determined by the Board of Commissioners of the District.

The key dates in the property tax cycle are as follows:

Assessment roll validated	July 1
Beginning of fiscal year for which taxes have been levied	October 1
Tax bills rendered and due	November 1
Property taxes payable:	
Maximum discount	November 30
Delinquent	April 1

**DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

(e) Property Taxes – Continued

Tax certificates sold	May 31
Fiscal year begins	October 1
Fiscal year ends	September 30

Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year for which the taxes have been levied to the extent they result in current receivables. Under the system outlined above, no material amount of taxes is receivable after the end of the fiscal year.

(f) Net Position – Net position is reported in three parts as applicable: net investment in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, restricted resources are used first, and then unrestricted resources, as they are needed.

(g) Fund Balance – Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54 established fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. Fund balance classifications, under GASB 54, are Nonspendable and Spendable. Spendable is then further classified as Restricted, Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned. These classifications reflect not only the nature of funds, but also provide clarity to the level of restriction placed upon fund balance. Fund balance can have different levels of restraint, such as external versus internal compliance requirements. Unassigned fund balance is a residual classification within the General Fund. The General Fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned balance.

In accordance with GASB Statement 54, the District classified governmental fund balance as follows:

Nonspendable – includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual requirements.

Spendable Fund Balance:

- **Restricted** – includes amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of State or Federal laws or enabling legislation, or which are externally restricted by providers, such as creditors or grantors.
- **Committed** – includes amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes that are determined by a formal action of the Board of Commissioners through a resolution or the budget process.
- **Assigned** – includes amounts designated for a specific purpose by the Board of Commissioners through a resolution or the budget process, which are neither restricted or committed.

**DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

(g) Fund Balance – Continued

- Unassigned – includes residual positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the other above mentioned categories. Unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental fund if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned for those specific purposes.

The District uses restricted amounts first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as in grant agreements requiring dollar for dollar spending. Additionally, the District would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made. The District does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy.

<u>Spendable:</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
Unassigned	\$ 200,354
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 200,354</u>

(h) Cash and Investments – Florida Statute 218.415 authorizes the District to invest in the following:

- (a) Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund or an intergovernmental investment pool authorized through the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act.
- (b) Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating company.
- (c) Interest bearing time deposits or savings accounts in state-certified Qualified Public Depositories as defined in Section 280.02 Florida Statutes.
- (d) Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

The District maintains one cash account. The account is unrestricted and available for use as determined by the annual budget. The account consists of a demand deposit account.

The District bank account is with a banking institution that posts collateral as required by state statutes (Qualified Public Depositories). As a result, all amounts which exceed FDIC insured limits are collateralized pursuant to Chapter 280 of the Florida Statutes. At September 30, 2020, the carrying amount of the District’s deposits were \$241,751 and the bank balance was \$242,125.

The District 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. However, at September 30, 2020 the District only had a demand deposit account.

**DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

- (i) Compensated Absences – The District does not have a policy for compensated absences. As a result, no liability has been established.
- (j) Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$500 and an estimated useful life of longer than one year. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value of the asset or extend the useful life of the asset are expensed as incurred. The District does not have infrastructure assets.

Property, plant and equipment of the District are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Years</u>
Building	20 – 39
Fire engines	10
Vehicles	5
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3 – 7

- (k) Long-Term Obligations – In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities. In the fund financial statements, no long-term obligations are reported as they are not due to be paid from current financial resources.

NOTE B – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2020 was:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 24,718	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 24,718
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>24,718</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>24,718</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	1,219,464	-0-	-0-	1,219,464
Machinery and equipment	<u>377,449</u>	<u>3,538</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>380,987</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>1,596,913</u>	<u>3,538</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,600,451</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(263,175)	(31,268)	-0-	(294,443)
Machinery and equipment	<u>(255,408)</u>	<u>(25,659)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(281,067)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(518,583)</u>	<u>(56,927)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(575,510)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>1,078,330</u>	<u>(53,389)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,024,941</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,103,048</u>	<u>\$ (53,389)</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 1,049,659</u>

**DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE C – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District has obtained commercial insurance from independent third parties to mitigate the costs of these risks; coverage may not extend to all situations. There has been no significant reduction in coverage from the prior year. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage over the past three years.

NOTE D – CONTINGENCIES

Management of the District is evaluating the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Management of the District is in the process of implementing risk mitigation as to the risk of impact, if any, of COVID-19 related to all aspects of the District's business transactions and human interaction within and outside of the District. However, the District cannot, at this time, make a determination on the ultimate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-
BUDGET TO ACTUAL
NON-GAAP BUDGET BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
Fire protection services -				
Fire assessments	\$ 169,351	\$ 169,351	\$ 163,779	\$ (5,572)
Impact fees	-	-	1,500	1,500
Total revenues	169,351	169,351	165,279	(4,072)
EXPENDITURES				
Personal services	54,100	54,100	52,058	2,042
Operating expenditures	100,518	100,518	103,943	(3,425)
Capital outlay	6,000	6,000	4,584	1,416
Total expenditures	160,618	160,618	160,585	33
Net change in fund balance	8,733	8,733	4,694	(4,039)
Fund Balance, Beginning	198,024	198,024	198,024	-
Fund Balance, Ending	\$ 206,757	\$ 206,757	\$ 202,718	\$ (4,039)

Note 1 – Budgetary Basis

The General Fund budget is prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, except as disclosed in Note 2.

Note 2 – Reconciliation between Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis and GAAP Basis

The District's budget did not include expenditures for SCBA air packs.

	Actual on GAAP Basis	To Budgetary Basis	Actual on Budget Basis
Operating expenditures	\$ 106,307	\$ (2,364)	\$ 103,943
Total expenditures	\$ 162,949	\$ (2,364)	\$ 160,585
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 2,330	\$ 2,364	\$ 4,694

OTHER AUDITOR'S REPORTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

**Board of Commissioners
Duette Fire and Rescue District
Manatee County, Florida**

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 and the major fund of Duette Fire and Rescue District, Florida, (District) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 22, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District'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 the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weakness may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Duette Fire and Rescue District's financial statements are free of 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Christopher Smith, Leonard,
Bristow + Stanell, P.A.*

CHRISTOPHER, SMITH, LEONARD,
BRISTOW & STANELL, P.A.

June 22, 2021
Bradenton, Florida

MANAGEMENT LETTER

**Board of Commissioners
Duette Fire and Rescue District
Manatee County, Florida**

We have audited the financial statements of Duette Fire and Rescue District, (the District) as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated June 22, 2021.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our 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*, and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated June 22, 2021, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no recommendations made in the preceding audit report.

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.566(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not Duette Fire and Rescue District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Duette Fire and Rescue District was not in a state of financial emergency as it did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Duette Fire and Rescue District's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Additional Matters

Section 10.544(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Commissioners, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

*Christopher, Smith, Leonard,
Bristow + Stanell, P.A.*

**CHRISTOPHER, SMITH, LEONARD,
BRISTOW & STANELL, P.A.**

June 22, 2021
Bradenton, Florida

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON INVESTMENT COMPLIANCE

Board of Commissioners
Duette Fire and Rescue District
Manatee County, Florida

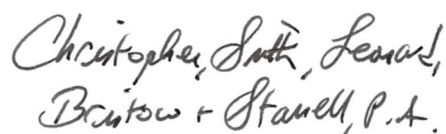
We have examined the Duette Fire and Rescue District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2020. Management of the District is responsible for the District's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those requirements require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the District complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the District complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied in all material respects, with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds for the year ended September 30, 2020.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District and the Auditor General, State of Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Smith, Leonard, Bristow & Stanell, P.A.".

CHRISTOPHER, SMITH, LEONARD,
BRISTOW & STANELL, P.A.

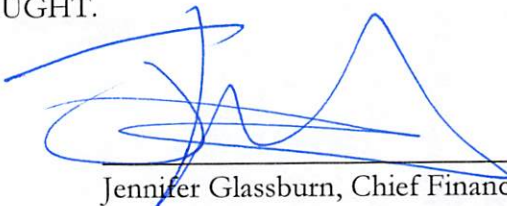
June 22, 2021
Bradenton, Florida

DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
35800 State Road 62, Duette, Florida 34219
941-776-9900

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Jennifer Glassburn, who being duly sworn, deposes and says on oath that:

1. I am the Chief Financial Officer (Treasurer) of Duette Fire and Rescue District which is a local governmental entity of the State of Florida;
2. Duette Fire and Rescue District adopted Resolution No. 2019-06 implementing an impact fee; and
3. Duette Fire and Rescue District has complied and, as of the date of this Affidavit, remains in compliance with Section 163.31801, Florida Statutes.

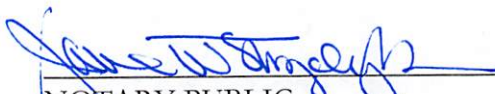
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.



Jennifer Glassburn, Chief Financial Officer

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MANATEE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 29th day of June, 2021.



NOTARY PUBLIC
Print Name Jane W Strzelczyk

Personally known _____ or produced identification FL Dr. License

Type of identification produced: FL Drivers License

My Commission Expires:

