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EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Walker County Emergency
Services District No. 3
Walker County, Texas

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Walker County Emergency Services District No. 3 (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of September 30, 2023, 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.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Board of Commissioners
Walker County Emergency
Services District No. 3

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.



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February 9, 2024

**WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Management’s discussion and analysis of Walker County Emergency Services District No. 3’s (the “District”) financial performance provides an overview of the District’s financial activities for the year-ended September 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the District’s financial statements.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements and (2) notes to the financial statements. The fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements combine both: (1) the Statement of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and (2) the Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. This report also includes required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District’s annual report includes two financial statements combining the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements. The government-wide financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the District’s overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective like that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

The Statement of Net Position presents information that includes all the District’s assets, liabilities, and, if applicable, deferred inflows and outflows of resources with the difference 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 as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the District would extend to other non-financial factors.

The Statement of Activities reports how the District’s net position changed during the current twenty-one-month period. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The combined statements also include 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 has one governmental fund. The General Fund accounts for property tax revenues which are used for firefighting and emergency services as well as professional and administrative costs.

**WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Governmental funds are reported in each of the financial statements. The focus in the fund financial statements provides a distinctive view of the District's governmental funds. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of the District and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. The adjustments columns, the Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position and the Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities explain the differences between the two presentations and assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements.

OTHER INFORMATION

In addition to the financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information ("RSI"). The budgetary comparison schedule is included as RSI for the General Fund.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$800,936 as of September 30, 2023. The following is a comparative analysis of government-wide changes in net position:

**WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

	Statement of Net Position		
	2023	2022	Positive (Negative)
Current and Other Assets	\$ 523,172	\$ 326,807	\$ 196,365
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	301,161		301,161
Total Assets	\$ 824,333	\$ 326,807	\$ 497,526
Other Liabilities	\$ 23,397	\$ 3,204	\$ (20,193)
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 301,161	\$	\$ 301,161
Unrestricted	499,775	323,603	176,172
Total Net Position	\$ 800,936	\$ 323,603	\$ 477,333

The following table provides a summary of the District's operations for the period ending September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022.

	Statement of Activities		
	2023	2022	Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$ 761,696	\$ 374,956	\$ 386,740
Penalty and Interest	43,330	4,247	39,083
Total Revenues	\$ 805,026	\$ 379,203	\$ 425,823
Expenses for Services	327,693	193,693	(134,000)
Change in Net Position	\$ 477,333	\$ 185,510	\$ 291,823
Net Position, Beginning of Period	323,603	138,093	185,510
Net Position, End of Period	\$ 800,936	\$ 323,603	\$ 477,333

**WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S GOVERNMENTAL FUND

The District's fund balance as of September 30, 2023, was \$462,974, an increase of \$161,774, primarily due to property tax revenues exceeding operating expenditures.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Commissioners amended the budget during the current fiscal year to increase estimated capital outlay expenditures. Actual revenues were \$9,372 less than budgeted revenues and actual expenditures were \$254,576 less than budgeted expenditures, which resulted in a positive variance of \$245,204. For more information, refer to the budget versus actual comparison.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets as of September 30, 2023, total \$301,161 (net of accumulated depreciation) and includes Station 41 building. Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 5 of this report.

Capital Assets At Year-End, Net of Accumulated Depreciation			
	2023	2022	Change Positive (Negative)
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:			
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 33,065	\$	\$ 33,065
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation:			
Building	268,096		268,096
Total Net Capital Assets	\$ 301,161	\$ -0-	\$ 301,161

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Walker County Emergency Service District No. 3, P.O. Box 7468, Huntsville, Texas 77342.

WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 35,128	\$	\$ 35,128
Investments	451,243		451,243
Property Tax Receivables	36,801		36,801
Land		33,065	33,065
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)		<u>268,096</u>	<u>268,096</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 523,172</u>	<u>\$ 301,161</u>	<u>\$ 824,333</u>
 LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 23,397</u>	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>	<u>\$ 23,397</u>
 DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Property Taxes	<u>\$ 36,801</u>	<u>\$ (36,801)</u>	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>
 FUND BALANCE			
Unassigned	<u>\$ 462,974</u>	<u>\$ (462,974)</u>	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 523,172</u>		
 NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets		\$ 301,161	\$ 301,161
Unrestricted		<u>499,775</u>	<u>499,775</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION		<u>\$ 800,936</u>	<u>\$ 800,936</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial
statements are an integral part of this report.

**WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$ 462,974
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.	301,161
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Deferred inflows of resources related to property tax revenues for the 2022 tax levy becomes part of recognized revenue in the governmental activities of the District.	<u>36,801</u>
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Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 800,936</u></u>
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WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$ 747,298	\$ 14,398	\$ 761,696
Penalty and Interest	6,887		6,887
Miscellaneous Revenues	36,443		36,443
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 790,628	\$ 14,398	\$ 805,026
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
Service Operations:			
District Services - Crabbs Prairie			
Voluteer Fire Department	\$ 239,150	\$	\$ 239,150
Accounting and Auditing	9,631		9,631
Appraisal District Fees	9,866		9,866
Insurance	1,042		1,042
Legal - General	61,366		61,366
Other	1,910		1,910
Depreciation		4,728	4,728
Capital Outlay	305,889	(305,889)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 628,854	\$ (301,161)	\$ 327,693
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 161,774	\$ (161,774)	\$
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		477,333	477,333
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION - OCTOBER 1, 2022	301,200	22,403	323,603
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION - SEPTEMBER 30, 2023	\$ 462,974	\$ 337,962	\$ 800,936

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statements are an integral part of this report.

**WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$	161,774
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report tax revenues when collected. However, in the Statement of Activities, revenues are recorded in the accounting period for which the taxes are levied.		14,398
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Governmental funds do not account for depreciation. However, in the Statement of Net Position, capital assets are depreciated and depreciation expense is recorded in the Statement of Activities.		(4,728)
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Governmental funds report capital expenditures as expenditures in the period purchased. However, in the Statement of Net Position, capital assets are increased by new purchases and the Statement of Activities is not affected.		305,889
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Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	<u>477,333</u>
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report.

WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NOTE 1. CREATION OF DISTRICT

Walker County Emergency Services District No. 3, located in Walker County, Texas (the “District”), operates under Chapter 775 of V.T.C.A. Health & Safety Code. The District is a duly organized emergency services district created to protect life and property from fire and to conserve natural and human resources.

The District is governed by a Board of Commissioners consisting of five individuals residing within the District who are appointed by Walker County. The Board of Commissioners sets the policies of the District.

NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”).

The District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas. GASB has established the criteria for determining whether an entity is a primary government or a component unit of a primary government. The primary criteria are that it has a separate governing body, it is legally separate, and it is fiscally independent of other state and local governments. Under these criteria, the District is considered a primary government and is not a component unit of any other government. Additionally, no other entities meet the criteria for inclusion in the District’s financial statement as component units.

Financial Statement Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards Part II, Financial Reporting (“GASB Codification”).

The GASB Codification sets forth standards for external financial reporting for all state and local government entities, which include a requirement for a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. It requires the classification of net position into three components: Net Investment in Capital Assets; Restricted; and Unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

- Net Investment in Capital Assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.

WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

- Restricted Net Position – This component of net position consists of external constraints placed on the use of assets imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulation of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted Net Position – This component of net position consists of assets that do not meet the definition of Restricted or Net Investment in Capital Assets.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, generally it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. The District's Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities are combined with the governmental fund financial statements. The District is viewed as a special-purpose government and has the option of combining these financial statements.

The Statement of Net Position is reported by adjusting the governmental fund types to report on the full accrual basis, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. Any amounts recorded due to and due from other funds are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

The Statement of Activities is reported by adjusting the governmental fund types to report only items related to current year revenues and expenditures. Items such as capital outlay are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. Internal activities between governmental funds, if any, are eliminated by adjustment to obtain net total revenue and expense in the government-wide Statement of Activities.

Fund Financial Statements

As discussed above, the District's fund financial statements are combined with the government-wide financial statements. The fund financial statements include a Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and a Government Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance.

Governmental Fund

The District has one governmental fund and considers it to be a major fund.

WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

General Fund - To account for property tax revenues which are used for firefighting and emergency services as well as professional and administrative costs.

Basis of Accounting

The District uses the modified accrual basis of accounting for governmental fund types. The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues when both “measurable and available.” Measurable means the amount can be determined. Available means collectable within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The District considers revenue reported in governmental funds to be available if they are collectable within 60 days after year-end. Also, under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, which are recognized as expenditures when payment is due.

Property taxes considered available by the District and included in revenue include taxes collected during the year and taxes collected after year-end, which were considered available to defray the expenditures of the current year. Deferred inflows of resources related to property tax revenues are those taxes which the District does not reasonably expect to be collected soon enough in the subsequent period to finance current expenditures.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, emergency vehicles and equipment, are reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund incurred and as an expense in the government-wide Statement of Activities. Capital asset additions, improvements and preservation costs that extend the life of an asset are capitalized and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset after completion.

Capital assets are capitalized if they have an original cost of \$5,000 or more and a useful life of at least two years. Depreciation is calculated on each class of depreciable property using no salvage value and the straight-line method of depreciation. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

	Years
Infrastructure	30
Buildings	50
Building Improvements	20
Vehicles	2-15
Office Equipment	3-15

WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgeting

An annual unappropriated budget is adopted for the General Fund by the District's Board of Directors. The budget is prepared using the same method of accounting as for financial reporting. The original General Fund budget for the current year was amended. The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budgetary and Actual – General Fund presents the original and amended budget amounts compared to the actual amounts of revenues and expenditures for the current year.

Measurement Focus

Measurement focus is a term used to describe which transactions are recognized within the various financial statements. In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, the governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities associated with the activities are reported. Fund equity is classified as net position.

Governmental fund types are accounted for on a spending or financial flow measurement focus. Accordingly, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the Balance Sheet, and the reported fund balances provide an indication of available spendable or appropriable resources. Operating statements of governmental fund types report increases and decreases in available spendable resources. Fund balances in governmental funds are classified using the following hierarchy:

Nonspendable: amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The District does not have any nonspendable fund balances.

Restricted: amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation, or because of constraints that are imposed externally. The District does not have any restricted fund balances.

Committed: amounts that can be spent only for purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Directors. The Board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District. This action must be made no later than the end of the fiscal year. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the Board. The District does not have any committed fund balances.

WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Measurement Focus (Continued)

Assigned: amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. The District has not adopted a formal policy regarding the assignment of fund balances and does not have any assigned fund balances.

Unassigned: all other spendable amounts in the General Fund.

When expenditures are incurred for which restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of restricted funds, then committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds.

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount 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 expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3. TAX LEVY

The voters of the District approved the levy and collection of a tax not to exceed \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District. During the period ended September 30, 2023, the District levied an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.093489 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which resulted in a tax levy of \$762,014 on the adjusted taxable valuation of \$813,923,386 for the 2022 tax year.

All property values and exempt status, if any, are determined by the appraisal district. Assessed values are determined as of January 1 of each year, at which time a tax lien attaches to the related property. Taxes are levied around October/November, are due upon receipt and are delinquent the following February 1. Penalty and interest attach thereafter.

NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District's deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of Texas statutes.

WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Deposits (Continued)

Texas statutes require that any cash balance in any fund shall, to the extent not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor, be continuously secured by a valid pledge to the District of securities eligible under the laws of Texas to secure the funds of the District, having an aggregate market value, including accrued interest, at all times equal to the uninsured cash balance in the fund to which such securities are pledged. As of September 30, 2023, the carrying amount of the District’s deposits was \$35,128 and the bank balance was \$35,128. The District was not exposed to custodial credit risk at year-end. The carrying values of the deposits are included in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position at September 30, 2023, as listed below:

	<u>Cash</u>
GENERAL FUND	<u>\$ 35,128</u>

Investments

Under Texas law, the District is required to invest its funds under written investment policies that primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity and that address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management, and all District funds must be invested in accordance with the following investment objectives: understanding the suitability of the investment to the District’s financial requirements, first; preservation and safety of principal, second; liquidity, third; marketability of the investments if the need arises to liquidate the investment before maturity, fourth; diversification of the investment portfolio, fifth; and yield, sixth. The District’s investments must be made “with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person’s own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of capital and the probable income to be derived.” No person may invest District funds without express written authority from the Board of Commissioners.

Texas statutes include specifications for and limitations applicable to the District and its authority to purchase investments as defined in the Public Funds Investment Act. The District has adopted a written investment policy to establish the guidelines by which it may invest. This policy is reviewed annually. The District’s investment policy may be more restrictive than the Public Funds Investment Act.

The District invests in TexPool, an external investment pool that is not SEC-registered. The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has oversight of the pool. Federated Hermes, Inc. manages the daily operations of the pool under a contract with the Comptroller. TexPool measures its portfolio assets at amortized cost. As a result, the District also measures its investments in TexPool at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. There are no limitations or restrictions on withdrawals from TexPool.

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NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investments (Continued)

As of September 30, 2023, the District had the following investments and maturities:

Fund and Investment Type	Fair Value	Maturities of Less Than 1 Year
GENERAL FUND		
TexPool	\$ 451,243	\$ 451,243

Credit risk is the risk that the issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. At September 30, 2023, the District's investment in TexPool was rated AAAM by Standard and Poor's. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District considers the investment in TexPool to have a maturity of less than one year due to the fact the share position can usually be redeemed each day at the discretion of the District, unless there has been a significant change in value.

NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2023:

	October 1, 2022	Increases	Decreases	September 30, 2023
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated				
Land and Land Improvements	\$ - 0 -	\$ 33,065	\$	\$ 33,065
Capital Assets Subject to Depreciation				
Building	\$ - 0 -	\$ 272,824	\$	\$ 272,824
Accumulated Depreciation				
Building	\$ - 0 -	\$ 4,728	\$	\$ 4,728
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ - 0 -	\$ 268,096	\$ - 0 -	\$ 268,096
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ - 0 -	\$ 301,161	\$ - 0 -	\$ 301,161

NOTE 6. CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY SERVICES

The District has contracted with the Crabbs Prairie Volunteer Fire Department (the "Department") for fire protection and emergency services to the persons and commercial interests within the boundaries of the District. The term of the current contract ends on November 30, 2022; provided, however this agreement shall renew on December 1, 2022, and continue thereafter on a year-to-year basis unless terminated by either party, with or without cause, upon 90 days' written notice to the other party.

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NOTE 7. 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 for which the District carries commercial insurance. The District has not significantly reduced insurance coverage or had settlements which exceeded coverage amounts for the two years.

NOTE 8. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH WALKER COUNTY

The District has agreed with Walker County (“County”) to provide financial assistance related to the acquisition of vehicles and necessary medical equipment. The term of the current contract ends on September 30, 2023; or whenever funds are expended. The contribution amount provided by the County shall not exceed \$165,635. During the year-ended September 30, 2023, the District received \$31,563 related to mechanical chest compression devices.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 747,298	\$ (52,702)
Penalty and Interest			6,887	6,887
Investment and Miscellaneous Revenues			36,443	36,443
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 800,000</u>	<u>\$ 800,000</u>	<u>\$ 790,628</u>	<u>\$ (9,372)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Service Operations:				
District Services - Crabbs Prairie				
Voluteer Fire Department	\$ 300,850	\$ 307,850	\$ 239,150	\$ 68,700
Accounting and Auditing	9,000	10,520	9,631	889
Appraisal District Fees	10,000	10,000	9,866	134
Insurance	2,500	2,500	1,042	1,458
Legal - General	24,000	78,123	61,366	16,757
Other	7,080	1,437	1,910	(473)
Capital Outlay	480,000	473,000	305,889	167,111
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 833,430</u>	<u>\$ 883,430</u>	<u>\$ 628,854</u>	<u>\$ 254,576</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ (33,430)	\$ (83,430)	\$ 161,774	\$ 245,204
FUND BALANCE - OCTOBER 1, 2022	<u>301,200</u>	<u>301,200</u>	<u>301,200</u>	<u> </u>
FUND BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 30, 2023	<u>\$ 267,770</u>	<u>\$ 217,770</u>	<u>\$ 462,974</u>	<u>\$ 245,204</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

