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**2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
BUFFALO ISLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 9
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

Buffalo Island Drainage District No. 9 of Craighead County, Arkansas, submits its Annual Report as required by Act 386 of 2009 and Act 210 of 2011 of the Arkansas General Assembly (Arkansas Code Annotated Sections 14-86-103(c) and Sections 14-86-2101 – 2105).

District's name: Buffalo Island Drainage District No. 9 of Craighead County, Arkansas;

Formation Statute: The District was formed on August 23, 1999 when Drainage Districts Nos. 12, 17, 18 and 26 of Craighead County, Arkansas, merged with Drainage District No. 9 by Resolution, County Ordinance and Resolution Book 4, Pages 20-30, as provided for by Act 329 of 1999 of the Arkansas General Assembly codified at Arkansas Code Annotated Sections 14-121-1101 – 1110;

The District and its predecessor districts were formed under original Arkansas drainage improvement district law (Act 279 of 1909 as amended by Act 221 of 1911 and Act 177 of 1913 of the Arkansas General Assembly) now codified as part of Arkansas Annotated Code Sections 14-121-101 -- 1110;

Drainage District No. 9 was created on February 19, 1915, by County Court Order, County Court Record Book "M", Pages 77-79;

Drainage District No. 12 was created on August 4, 1914, by County Court Order, County Court Record Book "L", Pages 529-538;

Drainage District No. 17 was created on November 28, 1917, by County Court Order, County Court Record Book "N", Pages 28-29;

Drainage District No. 18 was created on April 25, 1918, by County Court Order, County Court Record Book "N", Pages 98-100; and

Drainage District No. 26 was created on October 20, 1923 by County Court Order, County Court Record Book "O", Pages 253-254.

No. of Parcels: approximately 30,000 acres

Miles of Ditches: approximately 130 miles

Annual Assessment Receipts: approximately \$110,000.00

Purpose: The District's predecessor drainage improvement districts nos. 9, 12, 17, 18 and 26 were originally formed to construct and maintain primary drainage ditches for their respective areas to drain the area known as Buffalo Island in eastern Craighead County, east of the St. Francis River. The District administers annual ditch work to maintain the original ditches.



Description of District: A District map is filed with the County Clerk. The following lands within the District's boundaries which are located to the east of the St. Francis River Levee within Craighead County are more particularly described as:

All of Township 13 North, Range 7 East.

In Township 14 North, Range 6 East of Craighead County, Arkansas:

All of Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 24; and

All parts of Sections 3, 10, 15, 23 and 25, lying east of the St. Francis River Levee.

In Township 14 North, Range 7 East of Craighead County, Arkansas:

All of Township 14 North, Range 7 East.

In Township 15 North, Range 6 East of Craighead County, Arkansas:

All of Sections 25 and 36; and

All parts of Sections 24, 26, and 35, lying east of the St. Francis River Levee.

In Township 15 North, Range 7 East of Craighead County, Arkansas:

All of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36; and

All parts of Sections 6, 7, and 18, lying east of the St. Francis River Levee.

In Township 16 North, Range 7 East of Craighead County, Arkansas:

All of Sections 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36; and

All parts of Sections 20, 29, and 31, lying east of the St. Francis River Levee.

A more detailed parcel listing can be obtained through the County Assessor's office.

Current Indebtedness: None

Current Contracts: None, The District administers annual ditch maintenance work which is contracted on an hourly rate basis as needed through a bi-annual bid process. Current per hour unit prices for ditch maintenance using 30' boom, 1-yard bucket excavator is \$110.00 per hour.

District Commissioners:

Jeff Finch, 2399 Hwy 135 South, Black Oak, AR 72414, Term Expires 12/31/2029;

Bishop Whitley, P.O. Box 82, Black Oak, AR 72414, Term Expires 12/31/2021;

Dan Dunkerson, 3357 Hwy 135 South, Black Oak, AR 72414, Term Expires 12/31/2023;

Bobby Pitts, P.O. Box 896, Monette, AR 72447, Term Expires 12/31/2025;

Justin Gathright, P.O. Box 54, Monette, AR 72447, Term Expired 12/31/2027;

The Commissioners' terms of office are staggered ten (10) year terms pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated Section 14-120-607.

District Officers:Chair: ~~Danny Finch~~ Bishop Whitley

Vice Chair: Bobby Pitts

Treasurer: ~~Bishop Whitley~~ Dan Dunigan

Secretary: Johnny Dunigan, P.O. Box 405, Monette, AR 72447

Annual Meeting:

The District has no set annual meeting date. It meets at least once per year, usually in late February or early March, and as needed. The District's last meeting was held on January 8, 2020, at 2:00 pm at Childress Gin, Childress, Arkansas. Its next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall, Black Oak, Arkansas. The District typically does not meet between May and October unless a special meeting is called.

District Payee: District Treasurer 3357 Hwy 135 South, Black Oak, AR 72414**Delinquent Penalty:**

Per the county's delinquent penalty and costs charges

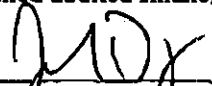
Method of Assessment:

The District has an annual per acre assessed benefit equivalent to \$0.01 per acre and an annual per acre maintenance service charge equivalent to \$1.49 per acre. There has been no change in either the assessment or the service charge since 1999.

Statement of Income:

See attached audited financial report.

Completed by:


Johnny Dunigan, District Secretary

Date:

2/4/2021



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March 18, 2021

VIA FACSIMILE at (870) 933-4519

Wes Eddington
P.O. Box 9276
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Re: Buffalo Island Drainage District No. 9 of Craighead County Arkansas

Mr. Eddington:

Attached please find the 2020 Annual Report of the Buffalo Island Drainage District No. 9 of Craighead County, Arkansas. This report qualifies pursuant to Arkansas Act 210 of 2011 "The Improvement District Transparency Act. I apologize for the delay in your receipt of this report. I gave it to the Secretary for filing on February 4, 2021, at our meeting and believed it would have been filed before March 1.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnny Dunigan".

Johnny Dunigan

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FAX TRANSMITTAL FORM

To: Wes Eddington,
Craighead County Tax Collector

From: Johnny Dunigan

Re: BI Drainage District No. 9

Date: March 18, 2021

Pages: 5 (including this cover page)

Fax: (870) 933-4519

Message: