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**2021 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 80,000 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.**

A map of the district is attached.

**General Description of Districts current and future maintenance and repairs needed:** Township 16 North, Range 7 East: Sections 20, 22, 23, 27, 26 and 34. Township 15 North, Range 7 East: Sections 3, 10, 15, 22, 25, 27, 34, and 36. . Township 14 North, Range 7 East: Section 1. . Township 13 North, Range 7 East: Sections 11, 14, 20, 32, 34.

**Total Existing Delinquent Assessments and Parties Responsible for Collection:** 228 Delinquent Assessments. Craighead County Tax Collector, 511 Union St., Suite 107, P.O. Box 9276, Jonesboro, AR 72401.

District Assessor's Contact Information: Craighead County Assessor, 511 S Union Street, Suite 130, Jonesboro, AR 72401, Phone: (870) 933-4570,

**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.

**Statement Itemizing Income and Expenditures of District:** See attached.

**District Commissioners:**

Jeff Finch, 2399 Hwy 135 South, Black Oak, AR 72414, Term Expires 12/31/2029; (870) 926-7930, Finchjeff15@yahoo.com

Bishop Whitley, P.O. Box 82, Black Oak, AR 72414, Term Expires 12/31/2021; (870) 926-1572, bwhitley2005@yahoo.com

Dan Dunkerson, 3357 Hwy 135 South, Black Oak, AR 72414, Term Expires 12/31/2023; (870) 926-4245, dunkersonfarms@outlook.com

Bobby Pitts, P.O. Box 896, Monette, AR 72447, Term Expires 12/31/2025; (870) 930-4125, bpitts128@gmail.com

Justin Gathright, P.O. Box 54, Monette, AR 72447, Term Expired 12/31/2027; (870) 926-5769, jgfarms01@gmail.com

There are currently no vacancies on the district board or commission.

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

**District Officers:**

Chair: Bishop Whitley

Vice Chair: Bobby Pitts

Treasurer: Dan Dunkerson

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 February 4, 2021, at 1:30 pm at City Hall, Black Oak, Arkansas. Its next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2022 at 1:00 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:

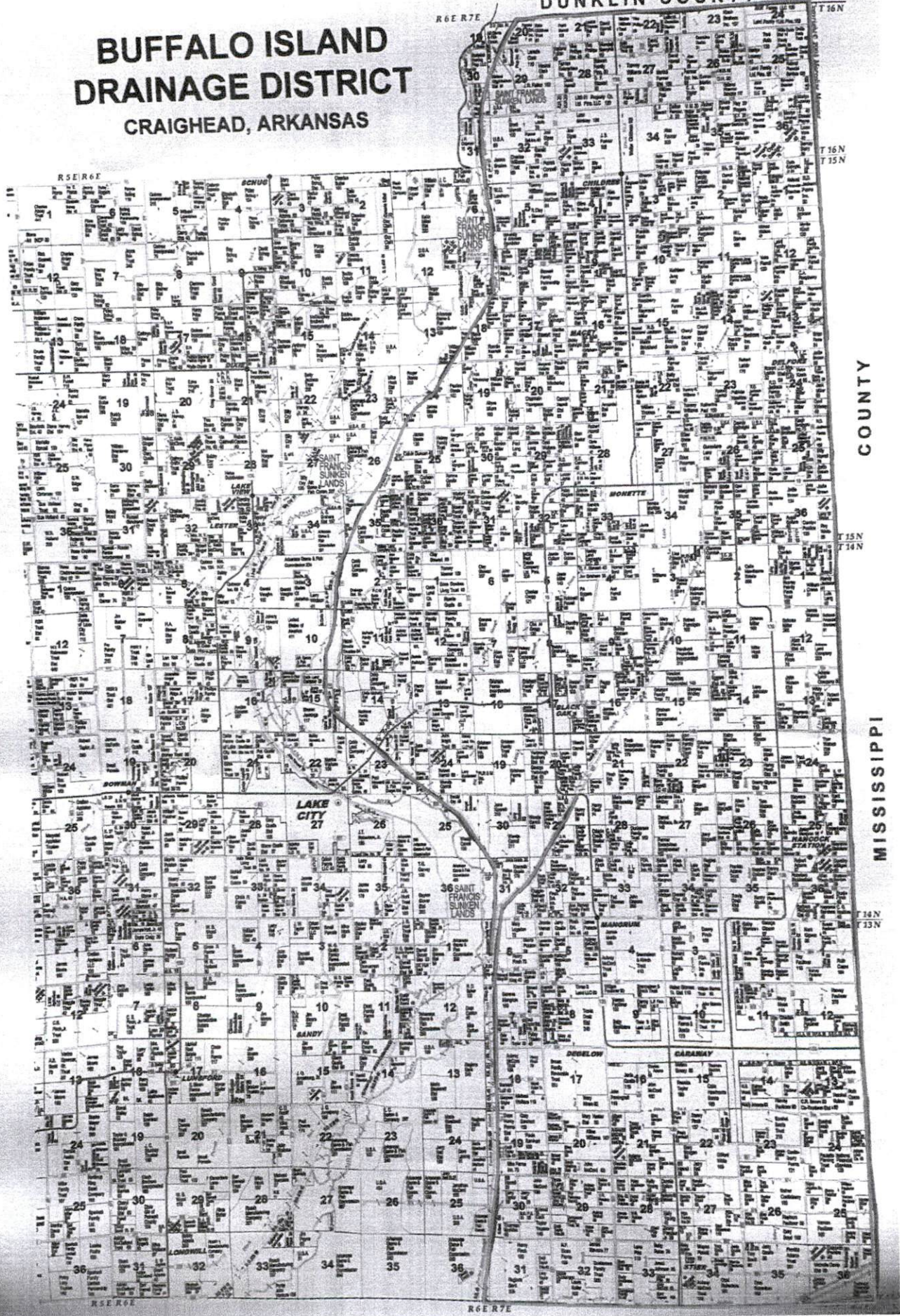
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BUFFALO ISLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 9  
OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY ARKANSAS

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OCTOBER 31, 2021

BUFFALO ISLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 9  
OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY ARKANSAS

OCTOBER 31, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

District Commissioners  
Buffalo Island Drainage District No. 9  
of Craighead County Arkansas  
Monette, Arkansas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Buffalo Island Drainage District No. 9 of Craighead County Arkansas, which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets (modified cash basis) as of October 31, 2021, and the related statement of cash receipts, disbursements, and changes in net assets (modified cash basis) for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible 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.

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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 auditors' 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 opinion.



OPINION

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of the Buffalo Island Drainage District No. 9 of Craighead County Arkansas as of October 31, 2021, and its cash receipts, disbursements, and changes in net assets for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

*Despain, Luther, Short  
& Company, CPAs, PA*

Jonesboro, Arkansas  
February 10, 2022

BUFFALO ISLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 9  
OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY ARKANSAS

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS  
(MODIFIED CASH BASIS)

OCTOBER 31, 2021

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
CASH	\$ 85,220
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ <u>85,220</u>

NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	\$ <u>85,220</u>
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SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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BUFFALO ISLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 9  
OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY ARKANSAS

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,  
AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
(MODIFIED CASH BASIS)

YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2021

CASH RECEIPTS	
TAX COLLECTIONS	\$ 118,896
INTEREST INCOME	153
	<u>119,049</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	
MAINTENANCE WORK	97,170
PUBLIC NOTICE	0
FILING FEES	30
OFFICE SUPPLIES	46
BANK CHARGES	100
INSURANCE	4,704
MEETING FEES	0
ACCOUNTING FEES	1,200
	<u>103,250</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF CASH RECEIPTS OVER CASH DISBURSEMENTS	15,799
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>69,421</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 85,220</u>

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BUFFALO ISLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 9  
OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY ARKANSAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(MODIFIED CASH BASIS)

OCTOBER 31, 2021

NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ORGANIZATION

The BUFFALO ISLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 9 OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY ARKANSAS (the District) is a governmental district formed to manage and supervise activities related to the drainage ditches within its district.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The District's accounts are maintained on a modified cash basis, and the financial statements reflect only cash received and disbursed. On the modified cash basis, expenditures for certificates of deposit are not treated as expenses but shown as current assets on the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets. The financial statements are not intended to present the financial position or results of operations in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

INCOME TAXES

The District is a non-taxable governmental entity.

NOTE 2: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 10, 2022, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.