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BAY & ST. FRANCIS DRAINAGE DISTRICT #29 OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS

COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK

ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2022
FOR "TRANSPARENCY" LAW UNDER ACT 359 OF 2022

The Board of Commissioners of Drainage District #29 met in annual session on January 17, 2022 at the farm offices of Mr. Garner.

On motion of Garner, seconded by Qualls, John Sloan was reelected President and Chairman, and Charles Frierson Secretary for the year.

On October 31, 2022, the District had a bank balance of \$227,434.00 at Centennial Bank. The District had tax delinquencies of \$1,403.62 as of January 3, 2023.

The District spent for maintenance on various ditches the amount of \$122,887.00 during the fiscal year. There were no outstanding contracts.

Report prepared February 27, 2023.

I, Charles Frierson, Secretary of the District, affirm that the above is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.



Exhibit "A" attached.

EXHIBIT "A"

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CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

Annual Taxpayer Transparency Improvement District Report* COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK

Name of recorded district Bay of St. Francis Drainage District #29

1. Formation Date July 31, 1926

2. Formation Statute SECTION 7607 OF C.M. Digest, et seq

3. Description of district's boundaries (Attachment: map of district)

MAP IN TWO PARTS ATTACHED SHOWING DITCHES INVOLVED.
OVERALL MAP OF DISTRICT BOUNDARY HAS NOT BEEN FOUND

4. District's commissioners, directors, or officers (name, phone number, address, email, term of Office)

a. JOHN SLOAN, TERM ENDS 12-31-2026; PH 479-7471; P.O. BOX 267,

JONESBORO AR 72403; E-MAIL JOHN.SLOAN@YAHOO.COM

b. GREGG GARNER, TERM ENDS 12-31-2022; 4694 Hwy 135 N,

LAKE CITY, AR 72437; E-MAIL GREGG@DELTA-FARMING.COM

c. DANNY QUALLS, TERM ENDS 12-31-2029; 200 Hwy 135 N Lake City, AR

72437; E-MAIL DANNY.QUALLS@GMAIL.COM

i. Vacancies on the district board or commission

NONE

Annual Meeting

3RD MONDAY JAN. 10:00 AM TO BE SELECTED

Date Time Location

7. General description of district's current and future maintenance and repairs

OVERALL MAINTENANCE OF THE FLOW OF WATER TO ALL
DITCHES SHOWN ON THE ABOVE ATTACHED MAP

8. Contracts (identity of parties to contracts and district's obligations)

a. None

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

9. Current Indebtedness or Bond Indebtedness (with reason for indebtedness and payout or maturity date)

a. None

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

10. Total existing delinquent assessments 113 PARCELS, 1 DELINQUENT OF \$378.50

Responsible Delinquent Collector CRAIGHEAD COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, 870933 4760

11. District Assessor (name, phone number, address, email)

None

12. Payee for distribution from County Treasurer (name, phone number, email)

CHARLES FRIERSON STD 9326643; COFRIER903@HOTMAIL.COM

13. Explanation of statutory penalties, interest, and cost

PENALTY OF 25% ADDED IF NOT PAID BY MATURITY DATE, w/interest 6%
AND COST OF COURT PROCEEDINGS; ACA 14-121-47b

14. Method used to calculate assessments (flat fee; per acre; per structure; etc.)

CONTINUED LEVY OF BENEFITS SET WHEN DISTRICT FORMED

15. Statement itemizing the income and expenditures of the district for the most recent fiscal year (Attachment: balance sheet/bank statement)

FISCAL YEAR ENDING 10/31/21; COPY OF ACCOUNTING STATEMENT
I FILED ATTACHED

Completed By:

CHARLES FRIERSON
Print Name

970 9326643
Phone Number


Signature

6/2/22
Date

*Required by Arkansas Code Act 359 of 2021

Form provided by: Wes Eddington
Craighead County Collector

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

District Commissioners
Bay – St. Francis Drainage District No. 29
of Craighead County Arkansas
Jonesboro, Arkansas

OPINION

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Bay – St. Francis Drainage District No. 29 of Craighead County Arkansas, which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets (modified cash basis) as of October 31, 2022, 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of the Bay – St. Francis Drainage District No. 29 of Craighead County Arkansas, as of October 31, 2022, 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 FOR OPINION

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 Bay – St. Francis Drainage District No. 29 of Craighead County Arkansas, 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 opinion.

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.

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 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. 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 Bay – St. Francis Drainage District No. 29 of Craighead County Arkansas'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 Bay – St. Francis Drainage District No. 29 of Craighead County Arkansas'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 matters that we identified during the audit.

*Despain, Luttrell, Short
& Company, CPA's, PA*

Jonesboro, Arkansas
December 16, 2022

BAY - ST. FRANCIS DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 29
OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY ARKANSAS

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

OCTOBER 31, 2022

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH

\$ 227,434

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

\$ 227,434

NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS

\$ 227,434

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BAY - ST. FRANCIS DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 29
OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY ARKANSAS

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

YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2022

CASH RECEIPTS	
TAX COLLECTIONS	\$ 65,860
INTEREST INCOME	190
	<u>66,050</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	
LEGAL FEES	1,610
PUBLIC NOTICE	136
FILING AND MEETING FEES	60
COMMISSIONER FEES	125
LEVEE AND DITCH MAINTENANCE WORK	122,887
ACCOUNTING FEES	600
	<u>125,418</u>
EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS OVER CASH DISBURSEMENTS	(59,368)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>286,802</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 227,434</u>

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**BAY – ST. FRANCIS DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 29
OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY ARKANSAS**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(MODIFIED CASH BASIS)**

OCTOBER 31, 2022

NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ORGANIZATION

Bay – St. Francis Drainage District No. 29 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 generally accepted accounting principles.

INCOME TAXES

The District is a non-taxable governmental entity.

NOTE 2: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through December 16, 2022, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.