

**POPLAR SPRINGS FIRE SERVICE AREA, INC**  
**MOORE, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**



**POPLAR SPRINGS FIRE SERVICE AREA, INC  
MOORE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**POPLAR SPRINGS FIRE SERVICE AREA, INC**

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## Accountant's Compilation Report

To the Board of Commissioners  
Poplar Springs Fire Service Area, Inc.  
Moore, South Carolina

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Poplar Springs Fire Service Area, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Poplar Springs Fire Service Area, Inc.'s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedule, and the pension plan schedules, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and, although not a required 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 and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. The supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management. The required supplementary information and the supplementary information was subject to our compilation engagement. We have not audited or reviewed the required supplementary information or the supplementary information and do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

We are not independent with respect to Poplar Springs Fire Service Area, Inc.

*Greene Finney, LLP*

Greene Finney, LLP  
Mauldin, South Carolina  
October 16, 2019

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**POPLAR SPRINGS FIRE SERVICE AREA, INC  
MOORE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

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This management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") of Poplar Springs Fire Service Area, Inc (the "Organization") financial performance provides an overview of the Organization's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2019. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to present the Organization's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the financial statements, the notes to the financial statements, the required supplementary information, and the supplementary information to enhance their understanding of the Organization's financial performance.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Key financial highlights for the year ended June 30, 2019 are as follows:

- On the government-wide financial statements, the assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Organization exceeded its liabilities at June 30, 2019, by approximately \$829,000 (net position). Of this amount, approximately \$659,000 is unrestricted and may be used to meet the Organization's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Organization's total net position increased by approximately \$150,000. The primary reason for the increase in total net position is due to revenues exceeding the expenses of the Organization.
- As of the close of the current year, the Organization's General Fund reported ending fund balance of approximately \$1,427,000, an increase of approximately \$208,000 from the prior year ending fund balance. Of the fund balance, approximately \$1,409,000 is unassigned (89% of June 30, 2019 expenditures) and thus is available for spending at the government's discretion.
- For the year ended June 30, 2019, the Organization's General Fund revenues and other financing sources were approximately \$2,151,000. General Fund expenditures and other financing uses were approximately \$1,944,000, which includes approximately \$209,000 in capital outlay and approximately \$170,000 in debt service.
- The Organization's capital assets increased by approximately \$55,000 (4%) during the current year. The primary reasons for the increase were additions of approximately \$183,000 partially offset by depreciation expense of approximately \$127,000. There was also approximately \$347,000 of mostly depreciated assets that were disposed of during 2019.
- The Organization's long-term obligations increased by approximately \$53,000 (4%) during the current year to approximately \$1,391,000 at June 30, 2019, due to new lease proceeds of approximately \$510,000 partially offset by normally scheduled principal payments and the payoff of a loan and lease purchase of approximately \$457,000.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of two parts: the *Financial Section* (which includes management's discussion and analysis, the financial statements, the required supplementary information, and the supplementary information) and the *Compliance Section*.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements.** The financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Organization. The first two statements are *government-wide financial statements* that provide a broad overview of the Organization's overall financial status, in a manner similar to a private-sector enterprise.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of the Organization's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two 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 Organization is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing how the Organization's net position changed during the most recent 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, for some items, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

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**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Organization that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (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 governmental activities of the Organization include fire safety and emergency response services. The Organization does not have any business-type activities.

The government-wide financial statements can be found as listed in the table of contents.

**Fund Financial Statements.** The remaining financial statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on *individual parts* of the Organization, reporting the Organization's operations in more detail than the government-wide 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 Organization, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related requirements. There are three categories of funds that are typically used by state and local governments: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds. The Organization utilizes only governmental funds in reporting its operations.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term uses of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate the comparison between the governmental fund and governmental activities.

The Organization maintains only one individual governmental fund. Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the General Fund which is considered to be a major fund. The governmental fund financial statements can be found as listed in the table of contents.

**Notes to the Financial Statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found as listed in the table of contents.

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**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Required Supplementary Information Other Information.** The Organization adopts an annual appropriated budget for its only fund the General Fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided as required supplementary information for the General Fund. In addition, a detailed schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance has been provided as supplementary information for the General Fund. Required pension schedules have been included which provide relevant information regarding the Organization’s participation in the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System. These schedules can be found as listed in the table of contents.

| <b>Figure A-1<br/>Major Features of the Organization’s Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements</b> |  |  |
|--|--|--|
|  | Government-Wide<br>Financial Statements  | Governmental Fund Financial Statements   |
| Scope  | Entire Organization  | The activities of the Organization that are governmental in nature   |
| Required financial statements  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Statement of Net Position</li> <li>▪ Statement of Activities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Balance Sheet</li> <li>▪ Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance</li> </ul>  |
| Accounting basis and measurement focus   | Accrual accounting and economic resources focus  | Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus  |
| Type of balance sheet information  | All balance sheet types – both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term                               | Generally, only assets and deferred outflows of resources (if any) that are expected to be used and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources (if any) that come due during the year or soon thereafter. No capital assets or long-term debt are included. |
| Type of inflow/outflow Information   | All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid                               | Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter   |

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**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 Organization, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities (net position) by approximately \$829,000 and \$679,000 at the close of the most recent two years, respectively. Table 1 provides a summary of the Organization's net position at June 30, 2019 and 2018:

**Table 1 - Net Position**

|                                       | Governmental Activities |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
|                                       | 2019                    | 2018              |
| <b>Assets</b>                         |                         |                   |
| Current and Other Assets              | \$ 1,592,772            | \$ 1,360,340      |
| Capital Assets, Net                   | 1,560,982               | 1,505,986         |
| Total Assets                          | <u>3,153,754</u>        | <u>2,866,326</u>  |
| <b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b> |                         |                   |
| Deferred Pension Charges              | <u>259,125</u>          | <u>281,087</u>    |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                    |                         |                   |
| Current Liabilities                   | 115,047                 | 103,169           |
| Net Pension Liability                 | 970,825                 | 896,302           |
| Long-term Liabilities                 | 1,431,211               | 1,375,754         |
| Total Liabilities                     | <u>2,517,083</u>        | <u>2,375,225</u>  |
| <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>  |                         |                   |
| Deferred Pension Credits              | <u>66,862</u>           | <u>93,052</u>     |
| <b>Net Position</b>                   |                         |                   |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets      | 170,248                 | 168,272           |
| Restricted for Debt Service           | -                       | 126,004           |
| Unrestricted                          | 658,686                 | 384,860           |
| Total Net Position                    | <u>\$ 828,934</u>       | <u>\$ 679,136</u> |

The increase in total assets for fiscal year 2019 compared to fiscal year 2018 was primarily due to an increase capital assets of approximately \$55,000 and an overall increase in net position due to revenues exceeding expenses. The increase in total liabilities for fiscal year 2019 compared to fiscal year 2018, was primarily due to the increase of the long-term liabilities of approximately \$55,000 due to the Organization entering into a new capital leases, partially offset by the principal payments and the payoff of a loan and lease purchase on the long-term liabilities.

Governmental accounting principles require the Organization to classify its net position in up to three categories. The Organization uses the following categories to classify its net position:

- ◆ Net investment in capital assets – This represents amounts invested in capital assets, less accumulated depreciation and amortization on those assets. At June 30, 2019 and 2018 the amount invested in capital assets was approximately \$170,000 (21%) and \$168,000 (25%), respectively.

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**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)**

- ◆ Restricted – This represents the portion of net position required to have set aside based on the Organization’s USDA loan. At June 30, 2019 and 2018, the amount of restricted net position was approximately \$-0- and \$126,000 (19%), respectively.
- ◆ Unrestricted – This represents the portion of net position that can be used to finance the daily operations of the Organization for which no restrictions are imposed. The balance of unrestricted net position and as percent of the total net position as of June 30, 2018 and 2017 was approximately \$659,000 (79%) and \$385,000 (57%), respectively.

Table 2 shows the change in net position for the fiscal year 2019 and 2018:

**Table 2 - Change in Net Position**

| <b>Revenues</b>                       | <b>Governmental Activities</b> |                  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
|                                       | <b>2019</b>                    | <b>2018</b>      |
| General Revenue:                      |                                |                  |
| Property Taxes                        | \$ 1,569,813                   | \$ 1,371,999     |
| Other                                 | 8,897                          | 20,016           |
| Gain on Disposition of Capital Assets | 75,287                         | 89,565           |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                 | <b>1,653,997</b>               | <b>1,481,580</b> |
| <b>Program Expenses</b>               |                                |                  |
| Fire Safety and Emergency Response    | 1,436,429                      | 1,248,686        |
| Interest and Other Charges            | 67,770                         | 51,683           |
| <b>Total Program Expenses</b>         | <b>1,504,199</b>               | <b>1,300,369</b> |
| Change in Net Position                | 149,798                        | 181,211          |
| Net Position, Beginning of Year       | 679,136                        | 497,925          |
| Net Position, End of Year             | \$ 828,934                     | \$ 679,136       |

**Governmental Activities.** Governmental activities increased the Organization’s net position in fiscal year 2019 by approximately \$150,000 or 23% compared to fiscal year 2018 increase of approximately \$181,000 or 36%. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- Property tax revenues increased over the prior year as a result of higher assessed values and increase in millage.
- Expenses were higher than the prior year mainly due to higher salary and employee benefits.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S FUND**

As noted earlier, the Organization uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Fund**

The analysis of the governmental fund serves the purpose of determining available fund resources, how they were spent and what is available for future expenditures. Did the government generate enough revenue to pay for current obligations? What is available for spending at the end of the year?

The Organization has only one governmental fund – the General Fund.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the Organization's General Fund, a major fund, reported fund balance of approximately \$1,427,000 compared to approximately \$1,219,000 for the prior year. The increase is primarily attributable to revenues exceeding expenditures as the Organization had higher revenue related to property taxes and the sale of two fire trucks.

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 year. At June 30, 2019, the Organization's unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was approximately \$1,409,000, which is 89% of General Fund expenditures.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The Organization's budget is prepared according to South Carolina law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The only budgeted fund of the Organization is the General Fund. During the course of fiscal year 2019, one amendment was made to the Organization's budget. The amendment increased other financing sources by approximately \$510,000 and increased other financing uses by approximately \$355,000. The Organization's amendment also increased expenditures by approximately \$88,000. Actual revenues and other financing sources were higher than budgeted revenues by approximately \$257,000 primarily due to higher than expected property taxes and sale of capital assets. Actual expenditures and other financing uses were higher than budgeted expenditures by approximately \$176,000 primarily due to higher principal payments and payments to refunding escrow agent.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

The Organization had approximately \$1,561,000 and \$1,506,000 in capital assets at the close of fiscal years 2019 and 2018, respectively. Table 3 shows capital asset balances by category at June 30, 2019 and 2018:

**Table 3 - Capital Assets**

|                                | Governmental Activities |                     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
|                                | 2019                    | 2018                |
| Land                           | \$ 7,956                | \$ 7,956            |
| Buildings and Improvements     | 1,065,577               | 925,279             |
| Vehicles                       | 2,216,674               | 2,468,373           |
| Equipment                      | 764,564                 | 811,886             |
| Furniture and Fixtures         | 33,855                  | 39,585              |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | (2,527,644)             | (2,747,093)         |
| Totals                         | <u>\$ 1,560,982</u>     | <u>\$ 1,505,986</u> |

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**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)**

*Capital Assets (Continued)*

The total increase in the Organization’s capital assets for fiscal year 2019 was approximately \$55,000. The increase is composed of approximately \$183,000 in new equipment and improvements partially offset by depreciation expense of approximately \$127,000.

More detailed information about the Organization’s capital assets is included in Note III.C in the notes to the financial statements.

*Debt Administration*

At the end of fiscal years 2019 and 2018, the Organization had outstanding long-term obligations of approximately \$1,391,000 and \$1,338,000, respectively. Table 4 shows details of the lease purchase obligations at June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2018:

**Table 4 - Long-Term Obligations**

|                                   | Governmental Activities |                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
|                                   | 2019                    | 2018                |
| \$800,000 USDA Loan               | \$ -                    | \$ 323,770          |
| 2017 Lease Purchase - Fire Trucks | 904,539                 | 953,491             |
| 2017 Lease Purchase - Generator   | -                       | 60,453              |
| 2019 Lease Purchase               | 486,195                 | -                   |
| Total                             | <u>\$ 1,390,734</u>     | <u>\$ 1,337,714</u> |

The State limits the amount of general obligation debt that the Organization can issue to 8% of the assessed value of all taxable property within the Organization’s corporate limits. The Organization does not have any outstanding general obligation debt at June 30, 2019.

More detailed information about the Organization’s long-term obligations is presented in Note III.D in the notes to the financial statements.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS**

The Poplar Springs Fire Service Area is comprised of 50 square miles serving the southwestern portion of the County. The District has seen tremendous growth during the past 3-5 years and is continuing today with the addition of several large manufacturing facilities such as BMW warehousing and distribution and the expansion of several facilities. The District has also seen a steady rise in residential growth to include several subdivisions with traditional single-family homes, Townhomes and Patio homes along with several large apartment complexes. The general economy of the area appears stable and growing. With this continued growth, the department has experienced an upward trend in Tax Revenue each of the past several years along with an increased demand for services from its citizens.

**2020 BUDGET**

Many factors were considered by the District’s Personnel and Board of Commissioners during the process of developing the 2020 Budget. The Budget was prepared to continue the vision and mission of the Organization. The department has budgeted expenditures for 2020 of approximately \$1,812,000 based on the assessed value of \$64,463,845 and a millage rate of 18.4 mills also augmented by the Departments reserve fund.

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**CONTACTING THE ORGANIZATION'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide those interested with a general overview of the Organization's finances and to show the Organization's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Chief Tommy Norris at 3400 Moore Duncan Hwy, Moore, SC 29369, by telephone at 864-574-6554, or visit the Organization's website at [www.poplarspringsfd.com](http://www.poplarspringsfd.com).



# Basic Financial Statements

**POPLAR SPRINGS FIRE SERVICE AREA, INC  
MOORE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

**JUNE 30, 2019**

|  | <u>Governmental<br/>Activities</u> |
|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                              |                                    |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                  | \$ 1,477,870                       |
| Due From County Treasurer                  | 10,726                             |
| Property Taxes Receivable, Net             | 86,659                             |
| Prepays                                    | 17,517                             |
| Capital Assets:                            |                                    |
| Non-Depreciable                            | 7,956                              |
| Depreciable, Net                           | 1,553,026                          |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                        | <b><u>3,153,754</u></b>            |
| <b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>      |                                    |
| Deferred Pension Charges                   | <u>259,125</u>                     |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                         |                                    |
| Accounts Payable                           | 25,636                             |
| Accrued Expenses                           | 53,944                             |
| Accrued Interest Payable                   | 35,467                             |
| Net Pension Liability                      | 970,825                            |
| Non-Current Liabilities:                   |                                    |
| Due Within One Year                        | 109,645                            |
| Due in More Than One Year                  | 1,321,566                          |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                   | <b><u>2,517,083</u></b>            |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>       |                                    |
| Deferred Pension Credits                   | <u>66,862</u>                      |
| <b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b> | <b><u>66,862</u></b>               |
| <b>NET POSITION</b>                        |                                    |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets           | 170,248                            |
| Unrestricted                               | 658,686                            |
| <b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>                  | <b><u>\$ 828,934</u></b>           |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.  
See accompanying accountant's compilation report.

POPLAR SPRINGS FIRE SERVICE AREA, INC  
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

| FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS                         | PROGRAM REVENUES    |                      |                                    | NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE & CHANGE IN NET POSITION |                                 |                    |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
|  | Expenses            | Charges for Services | Operating Grants and Contributions | Capital Grants and Contributions               | Primary Governmental Activities | Totals             |
| <b>PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:</b>                 |                     |                      |                                    |  |                                 |                    |
| Governmental Activities:                   |                     |                      |                                    |  |                                 |                    |
| Fire Safety and Emergency Response         | \$ 1,436,429        | -                    | -                                  | -  | (1,436,429)                     | \$ (1,436,429)     |
| Interest and Other Charges                 | 67,770              | -                    | -                                  | -  | (67,770)                        | (67,770)           |
| <b>TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT</b>            | <b>\$ 1,504,199</b> | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>                           | <b>-</b>                                       | <b>(1,504,199)</b>              | <b>(1,504,199)</b> |
| General Revenues:                          |                     |                      |                                    |  |                                 |                    |
| Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes |                     |                      |                                    |  | 1,569,813                       | 1,569,813          |
| Unrestricted Investment Earnings           |                     |                      |                                    |  | 579                             | 579                |
| Donation Revenue                           |                     |                      |                                    |  | 6,115                           | 6,115              |
| Miscellaneous Revenue                      |                     |                      |                                    |  | 2,203                           | 2,203              |
| Gain on Disposition of Capital Assets      |                     |                      |                                    |  | 75,287                          | 75,287             |
| Total General Revenues                     |                     |                      |                                    |  | 1,653,997                       | 1,653,997          |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>              |                     |                      |                                    |  | <b>149,798</b>                  | <b>149,798</b>     |
| NET POSITION, Beginning of Year            |                     |                      |                                    |  | 679,136                         | 679,136            |
| <b>NET POSITION, End of Year</b>           |                     |                      |                                    |  | <b>\$ 828,934</b>               | <b>\$ 828,934</b>  |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.  
See accompanying accountant's compilation report.

**POPLAR SPRINGS FIRE SERVICE AREA, INC  
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**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND**

**JUNE 30, 2019**

|  | <b>GENERAL<br/>FUND</b>    |
|--|----------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                            |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents  | \$ 1,477,870               |
| Due From County Treasurer  | 10,726                     |
| Property Taxes Receivable, Net   | 86,659                     |
| Prepays  | 17,517                     |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>  | <b><u>\$ 1,592,772</u></b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>   |                            |
| Accounts Payable   | \$ 25,636                  |
| Accrued Expenses   | 53,944                     |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>   | <b><u>79,580</u></b>       |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                                       |                            |
| Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes                                       | 86,659                     |
| <b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                                 | <b><u>86,659</u></b>       |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                 | <b><u>166,239</u></b>      |
| <b>FUND BALANCES</b>   |                            |
| Nonspendable   |                            |
| Prepays  | 17,517                     |
| Unassigned   | 1,409,016                  |
| <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>   | <b><u>1,426,533</u></b>    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b> | <b><u>\$ 1,592,772</u></b> |

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**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

**JUNE 30, 2019**

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|---|--------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUND</b>  | <b>\$ 1,426,533</b>      |
| Amounts reported for the governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because of the following:   |                          |
| Outstanding property taxes which will be collected in the future, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, are deferred in the governmental fund.  | 86,659                   |
| Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in the governmental fund. The cost of the assets was \$4,088,626 and the accumulated depreciation was \$2,527,644.  | 1,560,982                |
| The District's proportionate shares of the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to its participation in the State pension plan are not recorded in the governmental fund but are recorded in the Statement of Net Position. | (778,562)                |
| Accrued interest on the bonds in governmental accounting is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported as a liability in the governmental fund.  | (35,467)                 |
| Long-term liabilities are not due or payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the governmental fund. Long-term liabilities at year-end are reported in the Statement of Net Position and consisted of the following:                              |                          |
| Long-Term Debt (including Lease Purchases)  | (1,390,734)              |
| Compensated Absences  | (40,477)                 |
| <b>TOTAL NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>   | <b>\$ <u>828,934</u></b> |

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**POPLAR SPRINGS FIRE SERVICE AREA, INC  
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

|   | <b>GENERAL<br/>FUND</b> |
|---|-------------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                             |                         |
| Property Taxes                              | \$ 1,556,747            |
| Interest                                    | 579                     |
| Donations                                   | 6,115                   |
| Miscellaneous                               | 2,203                   |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                       | <b>1,565,644</b>        |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                         |                         |
| Current:                                    |                         |
| Fire Safety and Emergency Response          | 1,210,034               |
| Capital Outlay                              | 209,048                 |
| Debt Service:                               |                         |
| Principal                                   | 102,816                 |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges                 | 58,552                  |
| Issuance Costs                              | 8,289                   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                   | <b>1,588,739</b>        |
| <b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>(23,095)</b>         |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>       |                         |
| Lease Proceeds                              | 510,000                 |
| Payment to Refunding Escrow Agent           | (354,848)               |
| Sale of Capital Assets                      | 75,675                  |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b> | <b>230,827</b>          |
| <b>CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>               | <b>207,732</b>          |
| FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year             | 1,218,801               |
| <b>FUND BALANCE, End of Year</b>            | <b>\$ 1,426,533</b>     |

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**POPLAR SPRINGS FIRE SERVICE AREA, INC  
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**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

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**TOTAL CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND** **\$ 207,732**

Amounts reported for the governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because of the following:

|  |           |
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| Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental fund. They are considered revenues in the Statement of Activities.  | 13,066    |
| Repayment of principal for lease purchases is an expenditure in the governmental fund, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.   | 456,980   |
| Bond and capital lease proceeds provide current financial resources to the governmental fund, but issuing debt or entering into capital leases also increases long term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets.  | (510,000) |
| Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental fund because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. | (244)     |
| Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental fund.   | (2,437)   |
| Governmental funds report only proceeds received from the sale or involuntary conversion of capital assets, without any consideration for the net book value of the asset(s) that were sold/destroyed. The Statement of Activities reports gains or losses based on the proceeds and the net book value of the asset(s) sold/destroyed.  | (388)     |
| Changes in the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources for the current year are not reported in the governmental fund but are reported in the Statement of Activities.  | (70,295)  |
| The governmental fund reports capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets that are considered capital asset additions (\$182,843) is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense (\$127,459). This is the amount by which capital asset additions exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.       | 55,384    |

**TOTAL CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES** **\$ 149,798**

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*Poplar Springs Fire Service Area, Inc.* (the “Organization”) was created in 1979 as an eleemosynary corporation to provide fire protection services for the Poplar Springs Fire Service Area (the “Area”). Under the terms of a contract with Spartanburg County (the “County”), in consideration for the Organization furnishing fire protection services within the Area, the County collects and distributes to the Organization certain ad valorem taxes, as determined by the County, collected within the Area. A significant concentration of the Organization's support is provided through this contractual arrangement with Spartanburg County. The Organization acts as an independent contractor and not as agent of Spartanburg County. The annual contract automatically renews each year for the period July 1 through June 30. The Area may terminate this contract by giving written notice in January of any year prior to the July 1 renewal. Under the bylaws of the Organization, it is governed by a Board of Commissioners appointed by County Council.

**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. The Reporting Entity**

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”), as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Organization’s accounting policies are described below.

As required by GAAP, the financial statements present the Organization’s financial information with any of its component units. The primary criterion for determining inclusion or exclusion of a legally separate entity (component unit) is financial accountability, which is presumed to exist if the Organization both appoints a voting majority of the entity’s governing body, and either 1) the Organization is able to impose its will on the entity or, 2) there is a potential for the entity to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the Organization. If either or both of the foregoing conditions are not met, the entity could still be considered a component unit if it is fiscally dependent on the Organization and there is a potential that the entity could either provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on the Organization.

In order to be considered fiscally independent, an entity must have the authority to do all of the following: (a) determine its budget without the Organization having the authority to approve or modify that budget; (b) levy taxes or set rates or charges without approval by the Organization; and (c) issue bonded debt without approval by the Organization. An entity has a financial benefit or burden relationship with the Organization if, for example, any one of the following conditions exists: (a) the Organization is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the entity’s resources, (b) the Organization is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the obligation to finance the deficits or, or provide financial support to, the entity, or (c) the Organization is obligated in some manner for the debt of the entity. Finally, an entity could be a component unit even if it met all the conditions described above for being fiscally independent if excluding it would cause the Organization’s financial statements to be misleading.

Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are in substance, part of the government's operations and data from these units are combined with data of the primary government in the fund financial statements. Discretely presented component units, on the other hand, are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize they are legally separate from the Organization. Based on the criteria above, the Organization does not have any component units.

The Organization is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Organization files information returns with federal and state taxing authorities. The Organization's informational returns, for the years ending 2019, 2018 and 2017, are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, generally for the three years after they were filed.



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I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Basis of Presentation

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Organization (the primary government). *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The Organization does not have any business-type activities.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment.

*Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment, or governmental function, is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Organization.

The **government-wide financial statements** are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as would Proprietary and Fiduciary Fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using a different measurement focus from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared (see further detail below). Governmental fund financial statements therefore, include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide financial statements and the financial statements for governmental funds.

**Governmental fund financial statements** are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Property taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest, and other revenues associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. 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. For this purpose, the government generally considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as capital outlay expenditures in the governmental fund. Proceeds of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Organization's practice to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the Organization. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds (if any) are aggregated and presented in a single column.

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**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

The accounts of the government are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. There are a minimum number of funds maintained to keep the accounts consistent with legal and managerial requirements. The following fund category is used by the Organization.

*Governmental funds* are those through which all of the governmental functions of the Organization are financed. The Organization's expendable financial resources and related assets and deferred outflows (if any) and liabilities and deferred inflows (if any) are accounted for through a governmental fund. The governmental fund is accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. The following is the Organization's only governmental fund:

The *General Fund, a major fund*, is the operating fund of the Organization and accounts for all revenues and expenditures of the Organization. This is a budgeted fund, and any fund balance is considered a resource available for use.

**C. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Equity**

**1. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments**

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The Organization considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with original maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Securities with an initial maturity of more than three months (from when initially purchased) are reported as investments.

***Investments***

The Organization's investment policy is designed to operate within existing statutes (which are identical for all funds, fund types and component units within the State of South Carolina) that authorize the Organization to invest in the following:

- (a) Obligations of the United States and its agencies, the principal and interest of which is fully guaranteed by the United States;
- (b) Obligations issued by the Federal Financing Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, the Bank of Cooperatives, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Federal Land Banks, the Federal Home Loan Banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal Housing Administration, and the Farmers Home Administration, if, at the time of investment, the obligor has a long-term, unenhanced, unsecured debt rating in one of the top two ratings categories, without regard to a refinement or gradation of rating category by numerical modifier or otherwise, issued by at least two nationally recognized credit rating organizations;

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**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Equity (Continued)**

**1. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments (Continued)**

***Investments (Continued)***

- (c) (i) General obligations of the State of South Carolina or any of its political units; or (ii) revenue obligations of the State of South Carolina or its political units, if at the time of investment, the obligor has a long-term, unenhanced, unsecured debt rating in one of the top two ratings categories, without regard to a refinement or gradation of rating category by numerical modifier or otherwise, issued by at least two nationally recognized credit rating organizations;
- (d) Savings and Loan Associations to the extent that the same are insured by an agency of the federal government;
- (e) Certificates of deposit where the certificates are collaterally secured by securities of the type described in (a) and (b) above held by a third party as escrow agent or custodian, of a market value not less than the amount of the certificates of deposit so secured, including interest; provided, however, such collateral shall not be required to the extent the same are insured by an agency of the federal government;
- (f) Repurchase agreements when collateralized by securities as set forth in this section; and
- (g) No load open-end or closed-end management type investment companies or investment trusts registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, where the investment is made by a bank or trust company or savings and loan association or other financial institution when acting as trustee or agent for a bond or other debt issue of that local government unit, political subdivision, or county treasurer if the particular portfolio of the investment company or investment trust in which the investment is made (i) is limited to obligations described in items (a), (b), (c), and (f) of this subsection, and (ii) has among its objectives the attempt to maintain a constant net asset value of one dollar a share and to that end, value its assets by the amortized cost method.

The Organization's cash investment objectives are preservation of capital, liquidity, and yield. The Organization reports its cash, cash equivalents, and investments (if any) at fair value which is normally determined by quoted market prices.

**2. Receivables and Payables**

All account and property taxes receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles (when material).

**3. Prepaid Items**

The costs of prepaid items are accounted for using the consumption method (expensed when consumed).

**4. Capital Assets**

Capital assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental fund. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

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**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Equity (Continued)**

**4. Capital Assets (Continued)**

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost). Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Organization maintains a current capitalization threshold of \$2,000. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized. Interest is not capitalized during the construction of capital assets.

All reported capital assets, except land and construction in progress (if any), are depreciated. Construction projects begin being depreciated once they are complete, at which time the complete costs of the project are transferred to the appropriate capital asset category. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets.

Governmental activities depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

| <u>Description</u>                             | <u>Estimated Lives</u> |
|--|------------------------|
| Buildings and Improvements                     | 10-40 years            |
| Furniture and Fixtures, Equipment and Vehicles | 5-20 years             |

**5. Compensated Absences**

Organization employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts. Unused vacation and sick leave is carried forward. Upon termination of employment, an employee is reimbursed for accumulated vacation days based on a schedule. Unused sick leave is not reimbursed at termination but can only be used for a valid illness.

The Organization reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences." Since the Organization's sick leave is not paid out upon termination, there is no related compensated absence liability and expense reported in the government-wide financial statements. The Organization's vacation leave is recorded as a compensated absence liability and expense reported in the government-wide financial statements for amounts outstanding as of June 30, 2019.

**6. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, payables and accrued liabilities that will be paid from the governmental fund are reported on the governmental fund financial statements regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, long-term obligations that will be paid from the governmental fund are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they have matured (i.e. due and payable).

In the government-wide financial statements for the Organization, long-term debt and other long-term obligations (if any) are reported as liabilities on the Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method that approximates the effective interest method (if any). Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount amounts.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as expenditures.

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**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Equity (Continued)**

**7. *Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources***

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position and the Balance Sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Organization currently has one type of deferred outflows of resources. The Organization reports *deferred pension charges* in its Statement of Net Position in connection with its participation in the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System. These *deferred pension charges* are either (a) recognized in the subsequent period as a reduction of the net pension liability (which includes pension contributions made after the measurement date) or (b) amortized in a systematic and rational method as pension expense in future periods in accordance with GAAP.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position and the Balance Sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Organization currently has two types of deferred inflows of resources: (1) The Organization reports *unavailable revenue* only in the governmental funds Balance Sheet; it is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources (revenues) in the period the amounts become available. (2) The Organization reports *deferred pension credits* in its Statement of Net Position in connection with its participation in the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System. These *deferred pension credits* are amortized in a systematic and rational method and recognized as a reduction of pension expense in future periods in accordance with GAAP.

**8. *Fund Balance***

In accordance with GAAP, the Organization classifies its governmental fund balances as follows:

**Nonspendable** – includes amounts that inherently cannot be spent either because they are not in spendable form (i.e. prepaids, inventories, etc.) or because of legal or contractual requirements (i.e. principal on an endowment, etc.).

**Restricted** – includes amounts that are constrained by specific purposes which are externally imposed by (a) other governments through laws and regulations, (b) grantors or contributions through agreements, (c) creditors through debt covenants or other contracts, or (d) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed** – includes amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action made by the highest level of decision making authority before the end of the reporting period. For purposes of the Organization, the Board of Commissioners (“Board”) must commit fund balance by formal resolution before the end of the reporting period for fund balance to qualify in this category. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specified use of the committed fund balance by the same action (resolution).

**Assigned** – includes amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted nor committed and that such assignments are made by the highest level of decision making authority, or by parties delegated this authority, before the report issuance date. For purposes of the Organization, the Board assigns fund balance by an approved motion by the Board before report issuance for fund balance to qualify in this category.

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**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Equity (Continued)**

**8. Fund Balance (Continued)**

**Unassigned** – includes amounts that do not qualify to be accounted for and reported in any of the other fund balance categories. This classification represents the amount of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

The Organization generally uses restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) fund balance is available unless there are legal documents, contracts, or agreements that prohibit doing such. Additionally, the Organization generally would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

**9. Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows (if any) and liabilities and deferred inflows (if any) in the statement of net position. Net position is classified as net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets (if any). Outstanding debt which has not been spent is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

**10. Pension**

In government-wide financial statements, pensions are required to be recognized and disclosed using the accrual basis of accounting (see Note IV.A and the required supplementary information immediately following the notes to the financial statements for more information), regardless of the amount recognized as pension expenditures on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The Organization recognizes a net pension liability for each qualified pension plan in which it participates, which represents the excess of the total pension liability over the fiduciary net position of the qualified pension plan, or the Organization's proportionate share thereof in the case of a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan, measured as of the Organization's fiscal year-end. Changes in the net pension liability during the period are recorded as pension expense, or as deferred outflows or inflows of resources depending on the nature of the change, in the period incurred. Those changes in net pension liability that are recorded as deferred outflows or inflows of resources that arise from changes in actuarial assumptions or other inputs and differences between expected or actual experience are amortized over the weighted average remaining service life of all participants in the respective qualified pension plan and recorded as a component of pension expense beginning with the period in which they are incurred. Projected earnings on qualified pension plan investments are recognized as a component of pension expense. Differences between projected and actual investment earnings are reported as deferred outflows or inflows of resources and amortized as a component of pension expense on a closed basis over a five-year period beginning with the period in which the difference occurred.

**11. 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. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of these balances as of the date of the financial statements. In addition, they affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions.

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**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Equity (Continued)**

*12. Comparative Data*

Comparative data (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by fund type) has not been presented in each of the statements since its inclusion would make the statement unduly complex and difficult to read.

**II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**A. Budgetary Information**

*Budgetary Practices* - Budgets are presented in the required supplementary information section of the financial statements for the General Fund. The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Prior to July 1 each year, the Board adopts an annual budget ordinance for the General Fund. The presented budgetary information is as originally adopted, as the Organization did not make any amendments to the original budget. The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budgets and Actual – contains the original and final budget compared to actual.

**III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACTIVITIES**

**A. Deposits and Investments**

*Deposits*

**Custodial Credit Risk for Deposits:** Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Organization’s deposits might not be recovered. The Organization does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk but follows the investment policy statutes of the State of South Carolina. As of June 30, 2019, none of the Organization’s bank balances of approximately \$1,478,000 (which had a carrying value of approximately \$1,478,000) were exposed to custodial credit risk.

The Organization does not typically have investments and thus has not developed a policy for credit risk, custodial credit risk, or concentration of credit risk for these types of investments.

**B. Receivables and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

Spartanburg County, South Carolina (the “County”) is responsible for levying and collecting sufficient property taxes to meet its funding obligation for the Organization. This obligation is established each year by the Board of the Organization and does not necessarily represent actual taxes levied or collected. The property taxes are considered both measurable and available for purposes of recognizing revenue and a receivable from the County at the time they are collected by the County.

Property taxes are levied and billed by the County on real and personal properties based on an assessed value of approximately \$56 million and a millage rate of 20.0 mills. These taxes are due without penalty through January 15. Penalties are added to taxes depending on the date paid as follows:

|                               |   |            |
|-------------------------------|---|------------|
| January 16 through February 1 | - | 3% of tax  |
| February 2 through March 15   | - | 10% of tax |
| After March 15                | - | 15% of tax |

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**B. Receivables and Deferred Inflows of Resources (Continued)**

Current year real and personal taxes become delinquent on March 16. The levy date for motor vehicles is the first day of the month in which the motor vehicle license expires. These taxes are due by the last day of the same month.

The Organization has recorded uncollected, current and delinquent property taxes at June 30, 2019, of approximately \$87,000 (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$3,000). Current and delinquent property taxes of approximately \$-0- have been recognized as revenue at June 30, 2019 because nothing was collected within 60 days of year end and had been received by the Organization or its fiscal agent (the County). The remaining delinquent property tax receivable of approximately \$87,000 has been recorded by the Organization as unavailable revenue (component of deferred inflows of resources) at June 30, 2019 on the governmental fund financial statements because they were not collected within 60 days after year end and are thus not considered available.

**C. Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the Organization for the year ended June 30, 2019, was as follows:

|  | Beginning<br>Balance | Increases      | Decreases      | Transfer | Ending<br>Balance   |
|--|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|---------------------|
| <b>Governmental Activities:</b>        |                      |                |                |          |                     |
| Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable:       |                      |                |                |          |                     |
| Land                                   | \$ 7,956             | -              | -              | -        | \$ 7,956            |
| Total Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable  | <u>7,956</u>         | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u> | <u>7,956</u>        |
| Capital Assets, Depreciable:           |                      |                |                |          |                     |
| Buildings and Improvements             | 925,279              | 140,298        | -              | -        | 1,065,577           |
| Vehicles                               | 2,468,373            | -              | 251,699        | -        | 2,216,674           |
| Equipment                              | 811,886              | 42,545         | 89,867         | -        | 764,564             |
| Furniture and Fixtures                 | 39,585               | -              | 5,730          | -        | 33,855              |
| Total Capital Assets, Depreciable      | <u>4,245,123</u>     | <u>182,843</u> | <u>347,296</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>4,080,670</u>    |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation for:    |                      |                |                |          |                     |
| Buildings and Improvements             | 579,238              | 28,051         | -              | -        | 607,289             |
| Vehicles                               | 1,477,612            | 60,875         | 251,699        | -        | 1,286,788           |
| Equipment                              | 655,895              | 36,816         | 89,479         | -        | 603,232             |
| Furniture and Fixtures                 | 34,348               | 1,717          | 5,730          | -        | 30,335              |
| Total Accumulated Depreciation         | <u>2,747,093</u>     | <u>127,459</u> | <u>346,908</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>2,527,644</u>    |
| Total Capital Assets, Depreciable, Net | <u>1,498,030</u>     | <u>55,384</u>  | <u>388</u>     | <u>-</u> | <u>1,553,026</u>    |
| Total Capital Assets, Net              | <u>\$ 1,505,986</u>  | <u>55,384</u>  | <u>388</u>     | <u>-</u> | <u>\$ 1,560,982</u> |

The Organization's only function is Fire Safety and Emergency Response, thus all depreciation expense is charged to that function.



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**D. Long Term Obligations**

The Organization may issue bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General Obligation Bonds (“GOB”) are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the Organization. Lease purchase (“LP”) obligations are special obligations of the Organization payable from the general revenues of the Organization which are generally issued to provide funding for major equipment or vehicle purchases. The full faith, credit and taxing powers of the Organization are not pledged for the payment of lease purchase obligations nor the interest thereon. Details on the Organization’s outstanding lease purchase obligations as of June 30, 2019 are as follows:

***Note Payable Obligations***

A \$953,491 lease purchase requiring annual payments of \$86,138, which includes principal and interest at 3.90 percent. The maturity date of the lease is July 25, 2032. The lease proceeds were used to purchase two new fire trucks. \$ 904,539

A \$510,000 lease purchase requiring monthly payments of \$5,314, which includes principal and interest at 4.55 percent. The maturity date of the lease is December 7, 2028. The lease proceeds were used to refinance the USDA Loan and a 2017 Lease Purchase and to make some improvements to fire stations. \$ 486,195

Following is a summary of the changes in the Organization’s long-term obligations for the year ended June 30, 2019:

| Long-Term Obligations                   | Beginning<br>Balance | Additions      | Reductions     | Ending<br>Balance | Due Within<br>One Year |
|---|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Governmental Activities:</b>         |                      |                |                |                   |                        |
| Lease Purchase Obligations:             |                      |                |                |                   |                        |
| \$800,000 USDA Loan                     | \$ 323,770           | -              | 323,770        | -                 | \$ -                   |
| 2017 Lease Purchase - Fire Trucks       | 953,491              | -              | 48,952         | 904,539           | 50,861                 |
| 2017 Lease Purchase - Generator         | 60,453               | -              | 60,453         | -                 | -                      |
| 2019 Lease Purchase                     | -                    | 510,000        | 23,805         | 486,195           | 38,545                 |
| <b>Total Lease Purchase Obligations</b> | <b>\$ 1,337,714</b>  | <b>510,000</b> | <b>456,980</b> | <b>1,390,734</b>  | <b>\$ 89,406</b>       |
| Accrued Compensated Absences            | 38,040               | 21,457         | 19,020         | 40,477            | 20,239                 |
| <b>Total Governmental Activities</b>    | <b>\$ 1,375,754</b>  | <b>531,457</b> | <b>476,000</b> | <b>1,431,211</b>  | <b>\$ 109,645</b>      |

General Fund resources have been used to liquidate all long-term obligations of the Organization.

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**D. Long Term Obligations (Continued)**

As of June 30, 2019, the annual requirements for the two lease purchase obligations are as follows:

| Year Ending<br>June 30 | Lease Purchases     |                | Totals              |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
|                        | Principal           | Interest       |                     |
| 2020                   | \$ 89,406           | 55,188         | \$ 144,594          |
| 2021                   | 96,885              | 53,023         | 149,908             |
| 2022                   | 101,022             | 48,887         | 149,909             |
| 2023                   | 105,336             | 44,573         | 149,909             |
| 2024                   | 109,801             | 40,108         | 149,909             |
| 2025-2029              | 591,565             | 126,091        | 717,656             |
| 2030-2033              | 296,719             | 28,381         | 325,100             |
| Totals                 | <u>\$ 1,390,734</u> | <u>396,251</u> | <u>\$ 1,786,985</u> |

**IV. OTHER INFORMATION**

**A. Retirement Plan**

The Organization participates in the State of South Carolina’s retirement plans, which are administered by the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (“PEBA”). The PEBA, created on July 1, 2012 and governed by an 11-member Board of Directors (“PEBA Board”), is the state agency responsible for the administration and management of the various retirement systems and retirement programs of the state of South Carolina, including the State Optional Retirement Program and the S.C. Deferred Compensation Program, as well as the state’s employee insurance programs. As such, the PEBA is responsible for administering the South Carolina Retirement Systems’ (“Systems”) five defined benefit pension plans. The Retirement Funding and Administration Act of 2017, which became effective July 1, 2017, increased the employer and employee contribution rates, established a ceiling on the SCRS and PORS employee contribution rates, lowered the assumed rate of return, required a scheduled reduction of the funding periods, and addressed various governance issues including the assignment of the PEBA Board as custodian of the retirement trust funds and assignment of the Retirement Systems Investment Commission (“RSIC”) and PEBA as co-trustees of the assets of the retirement trust funds. By law, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (“SFAA”), which consists of five elected officials, also reviews certain PEBA Board decisions regarding the actuary of the Systems.

The PEBA issues a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (“CAFR”) containing financial statements and required supplementary information for the System’ Pension Trust Funds. The CAFR is publicly available through the Retirement Benefits’ link on the PEBA’s website at [www.peba.sc.gov](http://www.peba.sc.gov), or a copy may be obtained by submitting a request to PEBA, 202 Arbor Lake Drive, Columbia, SC 29223. The PEBA is considered a division of the primary government of the State of South Carolina and therefore, retirement trust fund financial information is also included in the comprehensive annual financial report of the state.

*Plan Description*

The South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (“PORS”), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, was established effective July 1, 1962, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits for police officers and firefighters. PORS also covers peace officers, coroners, probate judges, and magistrates.

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**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

**A. Retirement Plan (Continued)**

*Plan Membership*

Membership requirements are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A brief summary of the requirements under each system is presented below.

- PORS - To be eligible for PORS membership, an employee must be required by the terms of his employment, by election or appointment, to preserve public order, protect life and property, and detect crimes in the state; to prevent and control property destruction by fire; or to serve as a peace officer employed by the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or the Department of Mental Health. Probate judges and coroners may elect membership in PORS. Magistrates are required to participate in PORS for service as a magistrate. PORS members, other than magistrates and probate judges, must also earn at least \$2,000 per year and devote at least 1,600 hours per year to this work, unless exempted by statute. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012, is a Class Two member. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012, is a Class Three member.

*Plan Benefits*

Benefit terms are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. PEBA does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms without a legislative change in the code of laws. Key elements of the benefit calculation include the benefit multiplier, years of service, and average final compensation. A brief summary of benefit terms for each system is presented below.

- PORS - A Class Two member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 25 years of service regardless of age. A Class Three member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 27 years of service regardless of age. Both Class Two and Class Three members are eligible to receive a deferred annuity at age 55 with five or eight years of earned service, respectively. An incidental death benefit is also available to beneficiaries of active and retired members of employers who participate in the death benefit program. Accidental death benefits are also provided upon the death of an active member working for a covered employer whose death was a natural and proximate result of an injury incurred while in the performance of duty.

The retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of one percent or five hundred dollars every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase.

*Plan Contributions*

Contributions are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. If the scheduled employee and employer contributions provided in statute, or the rates last adopted by the PEBA Board, are insufficient to maintain the period set in statute, the PEBA Board shall increase employer contribution rates as necessary.

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**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

**A. Retirement Plan (Continued)**

*Plan Contributions (Continued)*

After June 30, 2027, if the most recent annual actuarial valuation of the Systems for funding purposes shows a ratio of the actuarial value of system assets to the actuarial accrued liability of the system (the funded ratio) that is equal to or greater than eighty-five percent, then the PEBA Board, effective on the following July first, may decrease the then current contribution rates upon making a finding that the decrease will not result in a funded ratio of less than eighty-five percent. If contribution rates are decreased pursuant to this provision, and the most recent annual actuarial valuation of the system shows a funded ratio of less than eighty-five percent, then effective on the following July first, and annually thereafter as necessary, the PEBA Board shall increase the then current contribution rates until a subsequent annual actuarial valuation of the system shows a funded ratio that is equal to or greater than eighty-five percent.

The Retirement System Funding and Administration Act establishes a ceiling on employee contribution rates at 9 percent and 9.75 percent for the SCRS and the PORS, respectively. The employer contribution rates will continue to increase annually by 1 percent through July 1, 2022. The legislation's ultimate scheduled employer rate is 18.56 percent for the SCRS and 21.24 percent for the PORS. The amortization period is scheduled to be reduced one year for each of the next 10 years to a twenty-year amortization period.

As noted earlier, both employees and the Organization are required to contribute to the Plans at rates established and as amended by the PEBA. The Organization's contributions are actuarially determined but are communicated to and paid by the Organization's as a percentage of the employees' annual eligible compensation. Required employer and employee contribution rates for the past two years are as follows:

|  | PORS Rates    |               |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | 2017          | 2018          | 2019          |
| Employer Contribution Rate: <sup>^</sup> |               |               |               |
| Retirement*                              | 13.84%        | 15.84%        | 16.84%        |
| Incidental Death Benefit                 | 0.20%         | 0.20%         | 0.20%         |
| Accidental Death Contributions           | 0.20%         | 0.20%         | 0.20%         |
|  | <u>14.24%</u> | <u>16.24%</u> | <u>17.24%</u> |
| Employee Contribution Rate               | <u>9.24%</u>  | <u>9.75%</u>  | <u>9.75%</u>  |

<sup>^</sup> Calculated on earnable compensation as defined in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

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**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

**A. Retirement Plan (Continued)**

*Plan Contributions (Continued)*

The required contributions and percentages of amounts contributed by the Organization to the Plans for the past two years were as follows:

| Year Ended<br>June 30, | PORS Contributions |               |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
|                        | Required           | % Contributed |
| 2019                   | \$ 94,312          | 100%          |
| 2018                   | 77,016             | 100%          |
| 2017                   | \$ 62,740          | 100%          |

Eligible payrolls of the Organization covered under the Plans for the past two years were as follows:

| Year Ended<br>June 30, | PORS Payroll | Total<br>Payroll |
|------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| 2019                   | \$ 547,054   | \$ 547,054       |
| 2018                   | 474,236      | 474,236          |
| 2017                   | \$ 440,592   | \$ 440,592       |

*Actuarial Assumptions and Methods*

Actuarial valuations of the plan involve estimates of the reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and future salary increases. Amounts determined regarding the net pension liability are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. South Carolina state statute requires that an actuarial experience study be completed at least once in each five-year period. An experience report on the Systems was most recently issued for the period ending June 30, 2015.

The June 30, 2018 total pension liability (“TPL”), net pension liability (“NPL”), and sensitivity information shown in this report were determined by the consulting actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company (“GRS”), and are based on an actuarial valuation performed as of July 1, 2017. The TPL was rolled-forward from the valuation date to the Plans' fiscal year end, June 30, 2018, using generally accepted actuarial principles.

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**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

**A. Retirement Plan (Continued)**

*Actuarial Assumptions and Methods (Continued)*

The following table provides a summary of the actuarial assumptions and methods used in the July 1, 2015, valuations for the PORs.

|                             | PORS                             |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Actuarial Cost Method       | Entry Age Normal                 |
| Actuarial Assumptions:      |                                  |
| Investment Rate of Return*  | 7.25%                            |
| Projected Salary Increases* | 3.5% to 9.5% (varies by service) |
| Benefit Adjustments         | Lesser of 1% or \$500 annually   |

\* Includes inflation at 2.25%.

The post-retiree mortality assumption is dependent upon the member's job category and gender. The base mortality assumptions, the 2016 Public Retirees of South Carolina Mortality table ("2016 PRSC"), were developed using the Systems' mortality experience. These base rates are adjusted for future improvement in mortality using published Scale AA projected from the year 2016.

| Former Job Class                                      | Males                              | Females                              |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Educators   | 2016 PRSC Males multiplied by 92%  | 2016 PRSC Females multiplied by 98%  |
| General Employees and Members of the General Assembly | 2016 PRSC Males multiplied by 100% | 2016 PRSC Females multiplied by 111% |
| Public Safety and Firefighters                        | 2016 PRSC Males multiplied by 125% | 2016 PRSC Females multiplied by 111% |

*Long-term Expected Rate of Return*

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is based upon 30 year capital market assumptions. The long-term expected rate of returns represent assumptions developed using an arithmetic building block approach primarily based on consensus expectations and market based inputs. Expected returns are net of investment fees.

The expected returns, along with the expected inflation rate, form the basis for the target asset allocation adopted at the beginning of the 2018 fiscal year. The long-term expected rate of return is produced by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target allocation percentage and adding expected inflation and is summarized in the following table. For actuarial purposes, the 7.25 percent assumed annual investment rate of return used in the calculation of the TPL includes a 5.00 percent real rate of return and a 2.25 percent inflation component.

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**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

**A. Retirement Plan (Continued)**

*Long-term Expected Rate of Return (Continued)*

| Asset Class                      | Target Asset Allocation | Expected Arithmetic Real Rate of Return | Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Global Equity</b>             | <b>47.0%</b>            |   |  |
| Global Public Equity             | 33.0%                   | 6.99%                                   | 2.31%  |
| Private Equity                   | 9.0%                    | 8.73%                                   | 0.79%  |
| Equity Options Strategies        | 5.0%                    | 5.52%                                   | 0.28%  |
| <b>Real Assets</b>               | <b>10.0%</b>            |   |  |
| Real Estate (Private)            | 6.0%                    | 3.54%                                   | 0.21%  |
| Real Estate (REITs)              | 2.0%                    | 5.46%                                   | 0.11%  |
| Infrastructure                   | 2.0%                    | 5.09%                                   | 0.10%  |
| <b>Opportunistic</b>             | <b>13.0%</b>            |   |  |
| GTAA/Risk Parity                 | 8.0%                    | 3.75%                                   | 0.30%  |
| Hedge Funds (non-PA)             | 2.0%                    | 3.45%                                   | 0.07%  |
| Other Opportunistic Strategies   | 3.0%                    | 3.75%                                   | 0.11%  |
| <b>Diversified Credit</b>        | <b>18.0%</b>            |   |  |
| Mixed Credit                     | 6.0%                    | 3.05%                                   | 0.18%  |
| Emerging Markets Debt            | 5.0%                    | 3.94%                                   | 0.20%  |
| Private Debt                     | 7.0%                    | 3.89%                                   | 0.27%  |
| <b>Conservative Fixed Income</b> | <b>12.0%</b>            |   |  |
| Core Fixed Income                | 10.0%                   | 0.94%                                   | 0.09%  |
| Cash and Short Duration (Net)    | 2.0%                    | 0.34%                                   | 0.01%  |
| Total Expected Real Return       | <u>100.0%</u>           |   | <u>5.03%</u>                                     |
| Inflation for Actuarial Purposes |                         |   | <u>2.25%</u>                                     |
| Total Expected Nominal Return    |                         |   | <u>7.28%</u>                                     |

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions*

The NPL is calculated separately for each system and represents that particular system's TPL determined in accordance with GASB No. 67 less that System's fiduciary net position. NPL totals, as of June 30, 2018 measurement date, for the PORS are presented in the following table:

| System | Total Pension Liability | Plan Fiduciary Net Position | Employers' Net Pension Liability (Asset) | Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability |
|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| PORS   | \$ 7,403,972,673        | 4,570,430,247               | \$ 2,833,542,426                         | 61.7%  |

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**A. Retirement Plan (Continued)**

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)*

The TPL is calculated by the Systems' actuary, and each plan's fiduciary net position is reported in the Systems' financial statements. The NPL is disclosed in accordance with the requirements of GASB No. 67 in the Systems' notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information. Liability calculations performed by the Systems' actuary for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of GASB Nos. 67 and 68 are not applicable for other purposes, such as determining the Plan's funding requirements.

At June 30, 2019, the Organization reported liabilities of approximately \$971,000 for its proportionate share of the net pension liabilities for the PORS. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liabilities for the Plan used to calculate the net pension liabilities were determined based on the most recent actuarial valuation report of July 1, 2017 that was projected forward to the measurement date. The Organization's proportion of the net pension liabilities were based on a projection of the Organization's long-term share of contributions to the Plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating South Carolina state and local governmental employers, actuarially determined. At the June 30, 2018 measurement date, the Organization's PORS proportion was 0.03426 percent, which was an increase of 0.00154 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the Organization recognized pension expense of approximately \$158,000 for the PORS. At June 30, 2019, the Organization reported deferred outflows of resources (deferred pension charges) and deferred inflows of resources (deferred pension credits) related to pensions from the following sources:

| Description   | Deferred<br>Outflows of<br>Resources | Deferred<br>Inflows of<br>Resources |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>PORS</b>   |                                      |                                     |
| Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience  | \$ 93,924                            | \$ -                                |
| Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments  | 19,414                               | -                                   |
| Changes in Proportionate Share and Differences Between Employer Contributions<br>and Proportionate Share of Total Plan Employer Contributions | 97,836                               | 66,862                              |
| Organization's Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date   | 47,951                               | -                                   |
| Total PORS  | <u>\$ 259,125</u>                    | <u>\$ 66,862</u>                    |

Approximately \$48,000 that were reported as deferred outflows of resources related to the Organization's contributions subsequent to the measurement date to the PORS, respectively, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liabilities in the year ended June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources (deferred pension charges) and deferred inflows of resources (deferred pension credits) related to the PORS will increase (decrease) pension expense as follows:

| Year Ended<br>June 30, | PORS              | Total             |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2019                   | \$ 88,348         | \$ 88,348         |
| 2020                   | 48,778            | 48,778            |
| 2021                   | 3,024             | 3,024             |
| 2022                   | 4,162             | 4,162             |
| Total                  | <u>\$ 144,312</u> | <u>\$ 144,312</u> |



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**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

**A. Retirement Plan (Continued)**

*Discount Rate*

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers in the PORS will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on provisions in the South Carolina Code of Laws. Based on those assumptions, each System’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity Analysis*

The following table presents the sensitivity of the Organization’s proportionate share of the net pension liability of the Plan to changes in the discount rate, calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what it would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% point lower (6.25 percent) or 1% point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

| System  | 1.00% Decrease<br>(6.25%) | Current Discount Rate<br>(7.25%) | 1.00% Increase<br>(8.25%) |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| The Organization's proportionate share of the net pension liability of the PORS | \$ 1,308,793              | 970,825                          | \$ 694,000                |
| Total Pension Liability   | \$ 1,308,793              | 970,825                          | \$ 694,000                |

*Plan Fiduciary Net Position*

Detailed information regarding the fiduciary net position of the Plan administered by the PEBA is available in the separately issued CAFR containing financial statements and required supplementary information for the PORS. The CAFR is publicly available through the Retirement Benefits’ link on the PEBA’s website at [www.peba.sc.gov](http://www.peba.sc.gov), or a copy may be obtained by submitting a request to PEBA, 202 Arbor Lake Drive, Columbia, SC 29223.

*Payable to Plans*

The Organization reported a payable of approximately \$22,000 to the PEBA as of June 30, 2019, representing required employer and employee contributions for the months of May and June 2019 for the PORS. This amount is included in Accrued Salaries and Fringe on the financial statements and was paid in July 2019.

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**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

**B. Risk Management**

The Organization is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees' and natural disasters. The Organization continues to carry commercial insurance coverage for property and casualty insurance and has effectively managed risk through various employee education and prevention programs. All risk management activities are accounted for in the General Fund. Expenditures and claims are recognized when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. In determining claims, events that might create claims, but for which none have been reported, are considered. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the last three years. There were no significant reductions of coverage compared to the prior year.

**C. Health Insurance**

The Organization maintains a fully-insured health insurance program for Organization employees. The Organization pays the required monthly premium and the insurer is responsible for all eligible claims. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the last three years. There were no significant reductions of coverage compared to the prior year.

**D. Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of the compilation report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**E. Tax Abatements**

*Other Tax Abatements*

The Organization's property tax revenues were reduced by approximately \$93,000 under agreements entered into by Spartanburg County.

## Required Supplementary Information

**POPLAR SPRINGS FIRE SERVICE AREA, INC  
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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGETS AND ACTUAL**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

|   | <b>BUDGET AMOUNTS</b> |                  | <b>ACTUAL</b>    | <b>VARIANCE</b>   |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|   | <b>ORIGINAL</b>       | <b>FINAL</b>     |                  |                   |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                             |                       |                  |                  |                   |
| Property Taxes                              | \$ 1,301,000          | 1,301,000        | 1,556,747        | \$ 255,747        |
| Interest Income                             | -                     | -                | 579              | 579               |
| Donation Income                             | -                     | -                | 6,115            | 6,115             |
| Miscellaneous Income                        | 10,000                | 10,000           | 2,203            | (7,797)           |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                       | <b>1,311,000</b>      | <b>1,311,000</b> | <b>1,565,644</b> | <b>254,644</b>    |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                         |                       |                  |                  |                   |
| Current:                                    |                       |                  |                  |                   |
| Fire Safety and Emergency Response          | 1,204,261             | 1,270,810        | 1,210,034        | 60,776            |
| Capital Outlay                              | 260,815               | 223,206          | 209,048          | 14,158            |
| Debt Service:                               |                       |                  |                  |                   |
| Principal                                   | 110,033               | 161,287          | 102,816          | 58,471            |
| Interest                                    | 52,475                | 52,475           | 58,552           | (6,077)           |
| Issuance Costs                              | -                     | 8,289            | 8,289            | -                 |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                   | <b>1,627,584</b>      | <b>1,716,067</b> | <b>1,588,739</b> | <b>127,328</b>    |
| <b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>(316,584)</b>      | <b>(405,067)</b> | <b>(23,095)</b>  | <b>381,972</b>    |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>       |                       |                  |                  |                   |
| Lease Proceeds                              | -                     | 510,000          | 510,000          | -                 |
| Payment to Refunding Escrow Agent           | -                     | (305,917)        | (354,848)        | (48,931)          |
| Sale of Capital Assets                      | 74,000                | 74,000           | 75,675           | 1,675             |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b> | <b>74,000</b>         | <b>278,083</b>   | <b>230,827</b>   | <b>(47,256)</b>   |
| <b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>          | <b>(242,584)</b>      | <b>(126,984)</b> | <b>207,732</b>   | <b>334,716</b>    |
| FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year             | 1,218,801             | 1,218,801        | 1,218,801        | -                 |
| <b>FUND BALANCE, End of Year</b>            | <b>\$ 976,217</b>     | <b>1,091,817</b> | <b>1,426,533</b> | <b>\$ 334,716</b> |

Note: The General Fund budgetary comparison schedule has been prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

|  | <u>2019</u> | <u>Year Ended June 30,</u> |             | <u>2016</u> |
|--|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|  |             | <u>2018</u>                | <u>2017</u> |             |
| Organization's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability   | 0.03426%    | 0.03272%                   | 0.03811%    | 0.03027%    |
| Organization's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability  | \$ 970,825  | 896,302                    | 966,549     | \$ 659,690  |
| Organization's Covered Payroll   | \$ 547,054  | 474,236                    | 440,592     | \$ 485,896  |
| Organization's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll | 177.46%     | 189.00%                    | 219.38%     | 135.77%     |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability                             | 61.73%      | 60.94%                     | 60.44%      | 64.57%      |

**Notes to Schedule:**

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30th of the year presented. Only four years of data were available; thus, only four years were presented.

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

|   | <u>2019</u> | <u>Year Ended June 30,</u> |             | <u>2016</u> |
|---|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|   |             | <u>2018</u>                | <u>2017</u> |             |
| Contractually Required Contribution                                     | \$ 94,312   | 77,016                     | 62,740      | \$ 66,722   |
| Contributions in Relation to the Contractually<br>Required Contribution |             |                            |             |             |
| Contributions from the District   | 94,312      | 72,021                     | 62,740      | 66,722      |
| Contributions from the State  | -           | 4,995                      | -           | -           |
| Contribution Deficiency (Excess)  | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>-</u>                   | <u>-</u>    | <u>\$ -</u> |
| Organization's Covered Payroll  | \$ 547,054  | 474,236                    | 440,592     | \$ 485,896  |
| Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll                        | 17.24%      | 16.24%                     | 14.24%      | 13.74%      |

**Notes to Schedule:**

Only four years of data were available; thus, only four years were presented.

## Supplementary Information

**POPLAR SPRINGS FIRE SERVICE AREA, INC  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - GENERAL FUND**

**DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
FINAL BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

|   | <b>FINAL<br/>BUDGET</b> | <b>ACTUAL</b>    | <b>VARIANCE</b>   |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>REVENUES:</b>                                    |                         |                  |                   |
| Property Taxes                                      | \$ 1,301,000            | 1,556,747        | \$ 255,747        |
| Interest Income                                     | -                       | 579              | 579               |
| Donation Income                                     | -                       | 6,115            | 6,115             |
| Miscellaneous Income                                | 10,000                  | 2,203            | (7,797)           |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                               | <b>1,311,000</b>        | <b>1,565,644</b> | <b>254,644</b>    |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>                                |                         |                  |                   |
| Current:  |                         |                  |                   |
| Personnel Services                                  | 25,000                  | 22,744           | 2,256             |
| Donations Expenditures                              | -                       | 6,479            | (6,479)           |
| Fringe Benefits                                     | 316,822                 | 293,911          | 22,911            |
| Fuel  | 25,000                  | 23,154           | 1,846             |
| Information Technology                              | 9,700                   | 8,193            | 1,507             |
| Insurance   | 56,000                  | 48,943           | 7,057             |
| Office Expense                                      | 8,000                   | 6,520            | 1,480             |
| Payroll Tax Expenditures                            | 46,900                  | 45,567           | 1,333             |
| Professional Dues                                   | 2,500                   | 2,362            | 138               |
| Public Relations                                    | 5,000                   | 3,333            | 1,667             |
| Repairs and Maintenance                             | 55,000                  | 52,376           | 2,624             |
| Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance                     | 30,500                  | 21,904           | 8,596             |
| Salary  | 613,000                 | 601,606          | 11,394            |
| Special Uniforms                                    | 19,000                  | 17,843           | 1,157             |
| Supplies  | 9,900                   | 8,948            | 952               |
| Training  | 12,000                  | 13,337           | (1,337)           |
| Utilities   | 36,488                  | 32,814           | 3,674             |
| Total Current                                       | 1,270,810               | 1,210,034        | 60,776            |
| Capital Outlay                                      | 223,206                 | 209,048          | 14,158            |
| Debt Service:                                       |                         |                  |                   |
| Principal   | 161,287                 | 102,816          | 58,471            |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges                         | 52,475                  | 58,552           | (6,077)           |
| Issuance Costs                                      | 8,289                   | 8,289            | -                 |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                           | <b>1,716,067</b>        | <b>1,588,739</b> | <b>127,328</b>    |
| <b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>\$ (405,067)</b>     | <b>(23,095)</b>  | <b>\$ 381,972</b> |

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - GENERAL FUND**

**DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
FINAL BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

|   | <u>FINAL<br/>BUDGET</u>    | <u>ACTUAL</u>           | <u>VARIANCE</u>          |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>       |                            |                         |                          |
| Lease Proceeds                              | \$ 510,000                 | 510,000                 | \$ -                     |
| Payment to Refunding Escrow Agent           | (305,917)                  | (354,848)               | (48,931)                 |
| Sale of Capital Assets                      | 74,000                     | 75,675                  | 1,675                    |
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