

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024  
and  
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners of  
Boca Grande Fire Control District  
Boca Grande, Florida

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the General Fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Boca Grande Fire Control District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Boca Grande Fire Control District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the General Fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Boca Grande Fire Control District as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Boca Grande Fire Control District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Boca Grande Fire Control District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Boca Grande Fire Control District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 8, the Budgetary Comparison Statement - General Fund on page 27, the Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios on page 28-29, Schedule of Contributions and Notes on page 30-31, the Schedule of Components of Pension Expense on page 32, and the Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios on page 33 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 24, 2025 , our consideration of the Boca Grande Fire Control District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Boca Grande Fire Control District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Boca Grande Fire Control District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Sarasota, Florida

June 24, 2025

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

The discussion of the Boca Grande Fire Control District's performance provides an overview of the operations and financial condition for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. Please review it in conjunction with the financial statements that begin on page 9.

**Financial Highlights of Fiscal 2024**

- In fiscal 2024, the District reported revenues that adequately funded financially sound operations.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$2,930,203, an increase of \$909,029 in comparison with the prior year.
- The District's total net position increased by \$549,020, principally due to an increase in property tax revenue and insurance reimbursements.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

- 1) Government-wide financial statements: The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.
- 2) Fund financial statements: Unlike government-wide financial statements, the focus of fund financial statements is directed to specific activities of the District rather than the District as a whole. The District has two types of funds: governmental and fiduciary.
- 3) Notes to the Financial Statements: The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 13-26 of this report.

The District is a single-program government and has only one governmental fund, the General Fund. For simplification purposes, the District's government-wide and governmental fund financial statements are presented together in two statements: (1) *Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet* and (2) *Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances/Net Position*. Both statements use an adjustments column to reconcile the fund financial data to the government-wide data. The fiduciary funds are presented separately.

(1) *Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet*. The government-wide statement of net position column presents information on all of the District's assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as total net position. Over time, increases or decreases in total net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating. The District's only governmental fund, the General Fund, is also presented in a column. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

(2) *Statements of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances/Net Position*. The government-wide statement of activities column presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. The governmental General Fund column is used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide column, the governmental fund column focuses on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources.

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**Overview of the Financial Statements (continued)**

The governmental fund portion of both statements is prepared on an accounting basis that is significantly different from that used to prepare the government-wide portion. In general, the governmental fund portion has a short-term emphasis and, for the most part, measures and accounts for cash and other assets that can easily be converted to cash. For example, amounts reported on the balance sheet include items such as cash and receivables collectible within a short period of time, but do not include capital assets such as land and buildings. Fund liabilities include amounts that are to be paid within a short period after the end of the fiscal year. The difference between the General Fund's total assets and total liabilities is labeled as the fund balance, and generally indicates the amount that can be used to finance the next year's activities. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for governmental funds reports only those revenues and expenditures that were collected or paid during the current period or very shortly after the end of the year.

The government-wide portion of the statements are prepared in a manner similar to the approach used by a private-sector business in that revenues are recognized when earned or established criteria are satisfied and expenses are reported when incurred. Accordingly, revenues are reported even when they may not be collected for several months after the end of the accounting period and expenses are recorded even though they may not have used cash during the current period.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financials, it is useful to compare the information presented for the governmental fund column with the government-wide column. As previously noted, both statements mentioned above provide an adjustments column to reconcile the fund financial data to the government-wide data.

*Fiduciary Funds*

Fiduciary fund financial statements consist of a statement of fiduciary net assets and a statement of changes in fiduciary net assets. Assets held by the District for other parties, either as a trustee or as an agent, and that cannot be used to finance the District's own operating program are reported in the fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that which is used for the government-wide financial statements.

**Government-wide Financial Analysis**

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The District's assets exceeded liabilities by \$5,008,902 at the end of fiscal 2024.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

**Government-wide Financial Analysis (continued)**

**Boca Grande Fire Control District's Net Position**

	2024	2023
Current and other assets	\$ 3,314,508	\$ 2,291,536
Capital assets, net of depreciation	4,637,832	4,523,072
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>7,952,340</b>	<b>6,814,608</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>4,585,173</b>	<b>4,128,312</b>
Current and other liabilities	384,305	270,362
Non-current liabilities	6,072,235	5,177,233
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>6,456,540</b>	<b>5,447,595</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>1,072,071</b>	<b>1,035,443</b>
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	4,527,650	4,523,072
Unrestricted	481,252	(265,804)
Restricted	-	202,614
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 5,008,902</b>	<b>\$ 4,459,882</b>

The District's current and other assets at September 30, 2024 were \$7,952,340, the largest portion of which reflects cash and capital assets. The District's total liabilities at September 30, 2024 were \$6,456,540, the largest portion of which reflects accrued compensation and net pension liabilities.

For the year ended September 30, 2024 the District had an increase in net position of \$549,020.

**Changes in Net Position**

	2024	2023
General Revenues		
Property taxes	\$ 6,172,178	\$ 5,500,613
Other	1,343,888	1,021,943
Total revenues	7,516,066	6,522,556
Expenses		
Fire protection	6,967,046	6,773,741
Total expenses	6,967,046	6,773,741
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ 549,020	\$ (251,185)
Net Position - Beginning	4,459,882	4,711,067
Net Position - Ending	\$ 5,008,902	\$ 4,459,882

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**Government-wide Financial Analysis (continued)**

*Revenues*

During fiscal 2024, total recognized revenues increased by \$993,510 from fiscal 2023. The changes were as follows:

- Property tax revenue increased by \$671,565.
- Investment earnings increased by \$85,383.
- Rental income increased by \$1,490.
- Miscellaneous income increased by \$235,072, due to insurance reimbursements and donations for emergency backup communications equipment.

The District's principal source of income is derived from tax collections it levies on residents of the District in Lee and Charlotte Counties. The taxes are indicated as separate items on the counties' tax bills sent out every November and are collected for the District by the two counties. The increase in tax collections in fiscal 2024 from fiscal 2023 reflects an increase in property values from 2023.

The interest income reported annually represents earnings on cash balances maintained in banks or in certificates of deposit. The increase in interest earnings in fiscal 2024 from fiscal 2023 reflects higher interest rates on investments during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

*Expenses*

During fiscal 2024, fire protection service expenses totaled \$6,967,046. Personnel services expenses increased 5.14% in fiscal 2024 from fiscal 2023 (\$5,452,011 vs. \$5,185,313). The department is in full compliance with state requirements that call for all fire departments to be staffed so that on any fire call there will always be two firefighters standing by to support the two firefighters that are responding in a burning building.

**Budgetary Highlights**

Actual fiscal year expenditures were \$518,761 more than budgeted, and actual revenues were \$1,322,070 more than budgeted. These differences can be briefly summarized and highlighted as follows:

Revenues: Actual revenues received in fiscal 2024 were higher than final budget projections (21.37%) due to the items detailed below:

- Tax collections received were \$47,933 more than budgeted.
- Interest and rental income were \$124,959 more than budgeted.
- Other income was \$1,149,178 more than budgeted, due to grants and donations received for emergency communications equipment and insurance reimbursements for hurricane related repairs.

Expenditures: Actual expenditures in fiscal 2024 were 6.68% higher than final budget projections due to the items detailed below:

- Salaries and employee benefits were \$9,748 less than budget.
- Insurance was \$59,321 under budget.
- Tax collector fees were \$20,778 under budget.
- All other expenses were \$375,036 over budget, mostly due to hurricane-related repairs.
- Capital outlay was \$108,626 over budget, due to equipment purchased from grant funding that was not originally budgeted.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

**Government-wide Financial Analysis (continued)**

**Capital Assets**

The District's investment in capital assets, net of related debt, as of September 30, 2024, amounts to \$4,527,650. This investment in capital assets includes furniture and fixtures, fire trucks and equipment, computer software and equipment, building improvements, land, and other equipment. Capital assets acquired during the fiscal year had a cost basis of \$448,808, and outstanding notes payable on capital assets purchased was \$110,182, resulting in a net capital outlay of \$338,626 for the year ended September 30, 2024.

At September 30, 2024, the District had assets with a total cost basis of \$8,571,163 and related accumulated depreciation of \$3,933,331.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets**

The following factors were considered when establishing the District's budget for fiscal year 2024:

- The taxable value of property increased \$557,977,223 from last year's gross taxable value for operating purposes.
- The tentative ad valorem property tax millage rate for fiscal year 2025 has been set at 1.6060 mills.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide users with a general overview of the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Office of the Finance Director, P.O. Box 532, Boca Grande, Florida, 33921.

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	General Fund	Adjustments (Note 3)	Statement of Net Position
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,017,367	\$ -	\$ 3,017,367
Accounts receivable	20,589	-	20,589
Prepayments	276,552	-	276,552
Land	-	380,356	380,356
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	-	4,257,476	4,257,476
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,314,508</b>	<b>4,637,832</b>	<b>7,952,340</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred outflows of pension resources	-	4,585,173	4,585,173
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current portion of notes payable	-	14,805	14,805
Accounts payable	1,662	-	1,662
Accrued compensation	382,643	-	382,643
Non-current liabilities:			
Notes payable, net of current portion	-	95,377	95,377
Net pension liability	-	5,549,855	5,549,855
Net OPEB liability	-	412,198	412,198
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>384,305</b>	<b>6,072,235</b>	<b>6,456,540</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred inflows of pension resources	-	1,072,071	1,072,071
<b>FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION Fund</b>			
<b>balances:</b>			
Nonspendable	276,552	(276,552)	-
Restricted	-	-	-
Assigned	1,561,905	(1,561,905)	-
Unassigned	1,091,746	(1,091,746)	-
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>2,930,203</b>	<b>(2,930,203)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 3,314,508</b>		
<b>Net position:</b>			
Investment in capital assets		4,527,650	4,527,650
Restricted		-	-
Unrestricted		481,252	481,252
<b>Total net position</b>		<b>\$ 5,008,902</b>	<b>\$ 5,008,902</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	General Fund	Adjustments (Note 4)	Statement of Activities
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 6,172,178	\$ -	\$ 6,172,178
Investment earnings	153,077	-	153,077
Rental income	33,882	-	33,882
Miscellaneous	1,149,178	7,751	1,156,929
Total revenues	7,508,315	7,751	7,516,066
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Fire protection:			
Current			
Personnel services	5,087,423	364,588	5,452,011
Materials and services	1,168,775	-	1,168,775
Depreciation	-	341,798	341,798
Interest expense	4,462	-	4,462
Capital outlay	338,626	(338,626)	-
Total expenditures	6,599,286	367,760	6,967,046
Excess of revenues over expenditures	909,029	(909,029)	-
Change in Net Position	-	549,020	549,020
<b>FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION</b>			
Beginning of the year	2,021,174	2,438,708	4,459,882
End of the year	\$ 2,930,203	\$ 2,078,699	\$ 5,008,902

See accompanying notes to financial statements

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUND

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	<u>Employee Retirement Plan</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 68,978
Investments, at fair value	19,094,703
Accounts receivable	<u>322,290</u>
Total assets	<u>19,485,971</u>
LIABILITIES	
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION	
Held in trust for pension benefits and other purposes	<u>\$ 19,485,971</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	<u>Employee Retirement Plan</u>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>	
Contributions:	
State of Florida	\$ 133,539
Employer	1,273,456
Employee	89,230
Total contributions	<u>1,496,225</u>
Investment earnings:	
Net increase in fair value of investments	2,740,810
Interest and dividends	364,944
Net investment earnings	<u>3,105,754</u>
Total additions	<u>4,601,979</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
Benefits paid directly to participants	489,130
Administration expenses	15,300
Accounting and legal fees	26,368
Insurance	6,962
Investment fees	84,109
Total deductions	<u>621,869</u>
Change in net position	3,980,110
Net position - beginning of the year	<u>15,505,861</u>
Net position - end of the year	<u>\$ 19,485,971</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

# BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Boca Grande Fire Control District (“the District”) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted (GAAP) in the United States of America 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.

#### Reporting Entity and Its Operations

The Boca Grande Fire Control District was created by law under Chapter 22372 (1943) of the State of Florida, in 1943. The original charter was amended by Chapter 2004-471 in 2004. It is a special taxing district created for the purpose of providing firefighting and emergency services to Gasparilla and Cole Islands, which are within both Charlotte and Lee Counties. There are no component units combined with the District to form the reporting entity.

The District’s Board of Commissioners is comprised of three directors elected for terms of four years by the voters within the District’s boundaries.

#### Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of changes in net position) report information on all the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the general expenses of the District are offset by their general revenues. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the 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.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurements focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. 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 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.

Property taxes and interest 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. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The pension trust fund is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member (firefighter) contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The District’s contributions are recognized when due and a formal commitment to provide the contribution has been made. Contributions received from the State of Florida are recognized when collected. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

# BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Additionally, the government reports the following fund types:

The *pension (and other employee benefit) trust fund* accounts for the activities of the District's employees' pension trust funds, which accumulate resources for pension benefit payments to qualified pension employees.

The funds of the District are considered a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenue, and expenditures. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

#### Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The accompanying statements present a comparison of the legally adopted budget of the General Fund, both original and amended, with actual results presented on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

#### Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is not employed since any excess funds over budgeted amounts are not restricted and may be used in future years.

#### Management Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Net Position

Net Position is classified and displayed in three components:

**Invested in capital assets** - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and related debt.

**Restricted net position** - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by 1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Grants and other contributions of cash and other assets are reported as temporarily restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net position is reclassified to unrestricted net position and reported in the statement of activities as net position released from restrictions. Contributions received with donor-imposed restrictions that are met in the same year in which the contributions are received are classified as unrestricted contributions.

**Unrestricted net position** - All other components of net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets".

#### Accumulated Compensated Absences

The amount of compensated absences recorded as expenditures in governmental funds is the amount accrued during the year that will be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

#### Investments

Investments are reported at fair market value at the balance sheet date in accordance with Statement No. 31 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Investment income includes interest on deposits, dividends, and the change in the fair value of investment during the fiscal year.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investments (continued)

The District has not adopted an investment policy for its General Fund as described in Chapter 218.415, Florida Statutes. However, the District has adhered with the “alternative investment guidelines” provided by Chapter 218.417 (17), Florida Statutes.

Investments held within the pension trust fund are reported at their fair value as determined by active trading markets. The District’s board has adopted a policy that allows the pension fund to hold up to 70% (plus or minus 5%) of its portfolio in common stock, capital stock, or convertible security investments and 30% (plus or minus 5%) in debt securities and cash. At September 30, 2024, the pension trust fund was invested in a diversified investment portfolio that is managed by a professional investment management company.

Land and Other Capital Assets

Purchased capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. Donated capital assets are capitalized at their estimated fair value at the time of acquisition. The District does not have "infrastructure" general fixed assets. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives of the depreciable assets:

Building and improvements	40 years
Equipment	5-20 years

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets and liabilities, the statement of net position included a separate section for deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources. These represent an increase in or consumption of net position that applies to a future period, which will not be recognized as an outflow (expense/expenditure) or an inflow (revenue) of resources until then. The District currently has two items that qualify for such treatment, both related to the net pension liability. Contributions to the pension plan that were made after the measurement date and changes in assumptions that are being recognized over time have been reported as deferred outflows of resources, and the difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments have been reported as a deferred inflow of resources.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

Not later than two months prior to the end of the fiscal year, a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1 is submitted to the Board. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The District holds public hearings to obtain taxpayer comments and a final budget must be prepared and adopted by October 1, through the approval of the Board.

The appropriated budget is prepared for the General Fund.

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NOTE 3 - EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AND THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

When capital assets (land, buildings, equipment) that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the costs of those assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, the statement of net position includes those capital assets among the assets of the District as a whole. Additionally, the District has recorded a net pension liability and related deferred outflows of resources of and deferred inflows of resources of on the statement of net position, which are not reported in the general fund. The reconciliation of the General Fund Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position is as follows:

Total Fund Balance - governmental funds	\$	2,930,203
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		4,637,832
Deferred outflows of resources		4,585,173
Net pension liability		(5,549,855)
Net OPEB liability		(412,198)
Deferred inflows of resources		(1,072,071)
Notes payable		(110,182)
Ending Net Position - governmental activities	\$	<u>5,008,902</u>

NOTE 4 - EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES AND THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The difference in expenditures/expenses results from the recording of depreciation and the removal of capital outlay costs, which are capitalized and not expensed for the government-wide financial presentation. Additionally, the pension and OPEB costs for the fiscal year have been adjusted to properly reflect the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability of the year, as determined by the respective actuarial valuations. The reconciliation of the General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities is as follows:

Net change in fund balance - governmental funds	\$	909,029
Depreciation recorded		(341,798)
Gain on disposal of assets		7,751
Capital outlay costs removed		338,626
Pension adjustment		(530,726)
OPEB adjustment		166,138
Net change in net position - governmental activities	\$	<u>549,020</u>

NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

At September 30, 2024, the District's cash deposits in bank accounts of \$3,048,611 was insured by Federal Depository Insurance up to \$250,000 per financial institution. Because the District has all of their funds in Qualified Public Depositories, excess funds not covered by the FDIC are insured by the multiple financial collateral pool required by Sections 280.07 and 280.08, Florida Statutes. Hence, there is no custodial credit risk for the deposits of the District.

Fire Pension Trust Fund

The District's board adopted a written investment policy on January 1, 2000, which was revised in June 2017 and now allows the pension fund to hold up to 70% (plus or minus 5%) of its portfolio in common stock, capital stock, or convertible security investments and 30% (plus or minus 5%) in debt securities and cash.

At September 30, 2024, the pension trust fund was invested primarily in equity securities, municipal bonds, and corporate bond mutual funds.

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NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

Fire Pension Trust Fund (continued)

Investments held within the pension trust fund are reported at their fair value as determined by active trading markets. The fair value of the investments at September 30, 2024, was:

	<u>2024</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 402,259
Corporate bonds	5,675,018
Equity securities	12,843,006
Other assets	<u>174,420</u>
	<u>\$ 19,094,703</u>

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAX

The District is deemed a special tax district and is authorized to levy an ad valorem tax on the taxable value of real property within its jurisdiction. Florida Statutes allow the District to levy a higher millage if approved by public referendum. Property taxes are recognized in the fiscal year when they become measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined; "available" means collectible within the current fiscal year or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. The District's ad valorem taxes are assessed as part of the annual assessments of Lee and Charlotte Counties, which levy their taxes November 1 of each year. Collection of taxes is scheduled for November through the following March. Taxes become delinquent April 1 and tax certificates placing liens on the property are sold May 31.

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLE BALANCE

The aggregate receivables balance on September 30, 2024 was \$20,589 for the General Fund. The General Fund's receivables balance was comprised of property tax receivables from Lee & Charlotte counties, utility receivables from lessees, and a reimbursement receivable from the State of Florida.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District's risk management activities are provided by commercial insurance coverage for all major categories of risk. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or for prior years.

NOTE 9 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The District offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to all District employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

Plan amendments have been made, so that the plan is in compliance with IRC Section 457, as amended by the 1996 changes to the tax code. The assets are now held in various custodial accounts. All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property, or rights are solely the property and rights of the various participants of the plan.

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NOTE 10 - LAND AND OTHER CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 380,356	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 380,356
Deposit on equipment	856,734	-	50,000	806,734
Total capital assets not being depreciated	1,237,090	-	50,000	1,187,090
Other capital assets				
Buildings & improvements	3,984,687	-	-	3,984,687
Computer equipment & software	9,579	-	-	9,579
Fire trucks & apparatus	2,263,175	210,654	55,587	2,418,242
Fire & radio equipment	530,247	312,139	-	842,386
Furniture & fixtures	-	-	-	-
Other equipment	98,165	31,014	-	129,179
Total other capital assets at historical cost	6,885,853	553,807	55,587	7,384,073
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings & improvements	1,848,936	112,967	-	1,961,903
Computer equipment & software	6,347	1,130	-	7,477
Fire trucks & apparatus	1,202,052	188,354	8,338	1,382,068
Fire & radio equipment	484,077	34,128	-	518,205
Furniture & fixtures	-	-	-	-
Other equipment	58,459	5,219	-	63,678
Total accumulated depreciation	3,599,871	341,798	8,338	3,933,331
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 4,523,072	\$ 212,009	\$ 97,249	\$ 4,637,832

NOTE 11 – LONG TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consisted of the following at September 30, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Note payable for vehicle purchased in April 2024. Monthly payments of \$1,137 are due through April 2030, and include interest at a rate of 11.84%.	\$ 55,563	\$ -
Note payable for vehicle purchased in April 2024. Monthly payments of \$1,118 are due through April 2030, and include interest at a rate of 11.84%.	54,619	-
	110,182	-
Less current maturities	(14,805)	-
Total long-term debt	\$ 95,377	\$ -

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NOTE 11 – LONG TERM DEBT (continued)

Debt service requirements based on current principal borrowed and interest rates to maturity for notes payable is as follows:

2025	\$	27,060
2026		27,060
2027		27,060
2028		27,060
2029		27,060
Thereafter		15,788
Total Payments		151,088
Less amounts representing interest		(40,906)
Principal	\$	110,182

NOTE 12- POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (OPEB)

Plan Description

The Boca Grande Fire Control District’s Retiree Health Care Plan (Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit post-employment health care plan that covers eligible retired employees of the District. The Plan, which is administered by the District, allows employees who retire and meet retirement eligibility requirements under the applicable retirement plan to continue medical insurance coverage as a participant in the District’s plan. For purposes of applying Paragraph 4 under Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, the Plan does not meet the requirements for an OPEB plan administered through a trust.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms:

At September 30, 2024 the following employees were covered by benefit terms:

Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	3
Inactive plan members entitled to, but not yet receiving, benefits	-
Active plan members	20
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Benefits Provided

A retired employee and his or her spouse are eligible to continue health insurance identical to active employees if they meet the eligibility for retirements under the applicable Plan. The retiree is responsible for paying the entire monthly premium for health coverage and that of any covered spouse or eligible dependents.

Total OPEB Liability

The District’s Total OPEB Liability was measured as of September 30, 2024, and the measurement and reporting period was October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. The District’s Total OPEB Liability was measured as of September 30, 2024.

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NOTE 12- POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (OPEB) (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The Total OPEB Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2021, updated to September 30, 2024, using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation:	2.50%
Salary increases:	2.50%
Discount rate:	4.06%
Initial trend rate:	7.00%
Ultimate trend rate:	4.00%
Years to ultimate:	51

For all lives, mortality rates were PubG-2010 Mortality Tables projected to the valuation date using Projection Scale MP-2020.

Discount Rate

Given the District's decision not to fund the program, all future benefit payments were discounted using a high-quality municipal bond rate of 4.06%. The high-quality municipal bond rate was based on the measurement date of the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index as published by S&P Dow Jones Indices. The S&P Municipal 20 Year High Grade Rate Index consists of bonds in the S&P Municipal Bond Index with a maturity of 20 years. Eligible bonds must be rated at least AA by Standard and Poor's Ratings Services, Aa2 by Moody's or AA by Fitch. If there are multiple ratings, the lowest rating is used.

OPEB Expense

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the District will recognize OPEB expense of \$55,890.

Changes in Total OPEB Liability

	Increases and (Decreases) in Total OPEB
Reporting Period Ending September 30, 2023	\$ 356,308
Changes for a year:	
Service cost	11,931
Interest	22,306
Differences between expected and actual experience	100,189
Changes of assumptions	(57,512)
Changes of benefit terms	-
Contributions - employer	-
Benefit payments	(21,024)
Other changes	-
New Changes	<u>55,890</u>
Reporting Period Ending September 30, 2024	<u>\$ 412,198</u>

Changes of assumptions reflect a change in the discount rate from 4.87% for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 to 4.06% for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Also reflected as assumption changes are updated health care costs and premiums.

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NOTE 12- POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (OPEB) (continued)

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the Total OPEB Liability of the District, as well as what the District’s Total OPEB Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	3.06%	4.06%	5.06%
Total OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$463,876	\$412,198	\$368,351

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates:

The following presents the Total OPEB Liability of the District, as well as what the District’s Total OPEB Liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1% Increase
	3.00% - 6.00%	4.00% - 7.00%	5.00% - 8.00%
Total OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$366,591	\$412,198	\$465,473

NOTE 13 – FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS

Beginning in the year ended September 30, 2011, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 (GASB 54). GASB 54 requires that fund balances be reported within one of five different categories:

- Nonspendable: such as fund balance associated with inventories, prepayments, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale.
- Restricted: includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
- Committed: includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Trustees (the District’s highest level of decision-making authority).
- Assigned: includes amounts intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
- Unassigned: the residual classification for the government’s General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

The District is currently only reporting fund balances in four different categories: nonspendable, restricted assigned, and unassigned. When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in either restricted, assigned or unassigned fund balance classifications could be used, the District’s policy is to consider restricted amounts to have spent first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the district has established a nonspendable fund balance of \$276,552 for prepayments.

The District’s restricted fund balance is comprised of donations that are restricted by the donor. There was no restricted fund balance as of September 30, 2024.

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NOTE 13 – FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS (continued)

The District’s assigned fund balance is fund balance classification occurring by Board of Commissioners authority. Amounts have been assigned for reserve replacements. The board has allocated the following amounts as assigned General Fund balance:

Apparatus	\$	786,176
Equipment		370,636
Building		329,663
Exercise Equipment		10,585
Computers and Equipment		33,689
Appliances		31,156
Total		\$ 1,561,905

NOTE 14 – FIREFIGHTERS’ PENSION PLAN

The District maintains a single-employer, public employee retirement system. Assets are held separately and may be used only for the payment of benefits to the members of the respective plans. The Plan's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employee and employer contributions are recognized as revenues in the period in which employee services are performed. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

The District produces an annual stand-alone financial report for the Firefighter Pension Fund, which can be obtained from the Boca Grande Fire Control District's Pension Board. Also, regulatory reports are filed with the Division of Retirement of the State of Florida.

Plan Administration

The Boca Grande Fire Control District (“the District”) was created by law under Chapter 43.22372 of the State of Florida. The Pension Fund of the Boca Grande Fire Control District is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan organized and operated under the provisions of Chapter 175 of the Florida Statutes – Firefighter Pensions (“Chapter 175”). The District started the Pension Fund in 1999. Full-time employees who are classified as full-time Firefighters shall participate in the Plan as a condition of employment. Regulatory reports are filed with the Division of Retirement of the State of Florida. In March 2009, the Plan became a "Local Law" Plan in accordance with the applicable sections of Chapter 175.

The Pension Fund is administered by a five-person Board of Trustees (“The Board”). This board is composed of two residents of Boca Grande appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the District, two firefighters elected by the members of the Department’s firefighters participating in the Pension Fund, and one individual selected by the other four Board members. The trustees serve two-year terms and may succeed themselves after a term is completed. The Board meets quarterly to set policy and discuss and act upon matters pertinent to the Pension Fund. It operates independently from the District’s Board of Commissioners.

Plan Membership

Membership of the plan consisted of the following as of September 30, 2024:

Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits		3
Inactive plan members entitled to, but not yet receiving, benefits*		6
Active plan members		<u>21</u>
Total		<u>30</u>

\* The 6 members are not vested, they are just waiting to receive refunds of contributions.

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NOTE 14 – FIREFIGHTERS’ PENSION PLAN (continued)

Benefits Provided

The Plan provides retirement, termination, disability, and death benefits, as follows:

Normal Retirement

Date: Earlier of age 50 and 10 years of credited service, or 25 years of credited service, regardless of age.  
Benefit: 3.00% of average final compensation times credited service.

Vesting

Schedule: 100% after 10 years of credited service.  
Benefit Amount: Member will receive the vested portion of his/her accrued benefit payable at the otherwise normal or early (reduced) retirement date.

Disability

Eligibility: Service Incurred - Covered from date of employment.  
Non-Service Incurred - 10 years of credited service.  
Benefit: Benefit accrued to date of disability but not less than 42% of average final compensation, (service incurred).

Cost of Living Adjustments

Normal, Early and Line-of-Duty Disability Retirees will receive annual COLA'S each October 1st equal to the actual increase in CPI for the previous one-year period ending in June, with a maximum increase of 3.0%.

Pre-Retirement Death Benefits

Vested: Monthly accrued benefit payable to designated beneficiary for 10 years at the otherwise normal retirement date.  
Non-Vested: Refund of accumulated contributions without interest.

Chapter 175 Share Account

Pursuant to Chapter 2015-39, Laws of Florida, a share plan exists but is currently not funded as the District and Membership mutually consented to allow the City to use all annual state monies to offset its funding requirements.

Contributions

Member Contributions: 4.00% of Salary.  
District and State Contributions: Remaining amount necessary to pay current costs and amortize past service cost, if any, as provided in Part VII of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

Net Pension Liability

The District’s net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined as of that date. The measurement period for the pension expense was October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. The reporting period is October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2022 updated to September 30, 2023 using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	6.25%
Discount rate and investment rate of return	6.00%

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NOTE 14 – FIREFIGHTERS’ PENSION PLAN (continued)

Mortality Rates

Healthy Active Lives

Female: PubS.H-2010 for Employees, set forward one year.

Male: PubS.H-2010 (Below Median) for Employees, set forward one year.

Healthy Retiree Lives

Female: PubS.H-2010 for Healthy Retirees, set forward one year.

Male: PubS.H-2010 (Below Median) for Healthy Retirees, set forward one year.

Beneficiary Lives

Female: PubG.H-2010 (Below Median) for Healthy Retirees.

Male: PubG.H-2010 (Below Median) for Healthy Retirees, set back one year.

Disabled Lives:

80% PubG.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees / 20% PubS.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees.

All rates are projected generationally with Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018. The Plan's actuary feels this assumption sufficiently accommodates future mortality improvements.

The above assumption rates were mandated by Chapter 2015-157, Laws of Florida. This law mandates the use of the assumptions used in either of the two most recent valuations of the Florida Retirement System (FRS). The above rates are those outlined in Milliman’s July 1, 2021 FRS valuation report for special risk employees.

The most recent actuarial experience study used to review the other significant assumptions was dated July 29, 2022.

Long Term Expected Rate of Return

The Long-Term Expected Rate of Return on Pension Plan investments can be determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of Pension Plan investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. For 2024 the inflation rate assumption of the investment advisor was 3.00%. These ranges are combined to produce the Long-Term Expected Rate of Return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Equity securities	70.00%	5.0%
Debt securities	30.00%	1.5%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the Discount Rate assumed that current Plan Member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that Sponsor contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the Member rate. Based on those assumptions, the Pension Plan'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 (6.00%) was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the Total Pension Liability. No projected benefit payments were discounted using a high-quality municipal bond rate of 4.87%. The high-quality municipal bond rate was based on the daily rate closest to, but not later than the measurement date of the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index.

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NOTE 14 – FIREFIGHTERS’ PENSION PLAN (continued)

Changes in Net Pension Liability

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability
Reporting Period Ending September 30, 2023	\$ 18,233,111	\$ 13,412,186	\$ 4,820,925
Changes for a year:			
Service cost	660,975	-	660,975
Interest	1,187,285	-	1,187,285
Differences between expected and actual experience	326,978	-	326,978
Changes of assumptions	1,040,727	-	1,040,727
Contributions - employer	-	901,300	(901,300)
Contributions- state	-	127,754	(127,754)
Contributions - employee	-	94,626	(94,626)
Net investment income	-	1,409,777	(1,409,777)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(393,360)	(393,360)	-
Administrative expenses	-	(46,422)	46,422
New Changes	2,822,605	2,093,675	728,930
Reporting Period Ending September 30, 2024	\$ 21,055,716	\$ 15,505,861	\$ 5,549,855

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate:

	Current		
	1% Decrease 5.00%	Discount Rate 6.00%	1% Increase 7.00%
Sponsor's Net Pension Liability	\$9,028,598	\$5,549,855	\$2,777,213

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information amount the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued Plan financial report.

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NOTE 14 – FIREFIGHTERS’ PENSION PLAN (continued)

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

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the District recognized a pension expense of \$1,671,383. On September 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 553,268	\$ 29,280
Changes of assumptions	787,550	80,911
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	919,789	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,406,995	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,667,602</b>	<b>\$ 110,191</b>

The outcome of the Deferred Outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Employer and State contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

Year ended September 30:

2025	\$ 664,781
2026	\$ 731,041
2027	\$ 861,872
2028	\$ (107,278)
2029	\$ -
Thereafter	\$ -

NOTE 15 – HURRICANE IAN

The District’s facilities and equipment were impacted by Hurricane Ian, which crossed through the area on September 28, 2022. The District has applied for FEMA assistance and submitted certain insurance reimbursement requests. The total cost of damages and overtime pay was approximately \$1,280,000, of which \$260,000 was incurred during the year ended September 30, 2024. Total insurance reimbursements approximately \$813,000 were received during the year ended September 30, 2024.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT - GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Budget Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Taxes	\$ 6,124,245	\$ 6,124,245	\$ 6,172,178	\$ 47,933
Interest income	30,000	30,000	153,077	123,077
Rental income	32,000	32,000	33,882	1,882
Other	-	-	1,149,178	1,149,178 *
	<u>6,186,245</u>	<u>6,186,245</u>	<u>7,508,315</u>	<u>1,322,070</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Salaries	3,061,645	3,061,645	3,120,504	(58,859)
Employee benefits	2,016,300	2,016,300	1,966,919	49,381
Uniforms	12,000	12,000	11,973	27
Maintenance and repairs	195,700	195,700	257,513	(61,813)
Insurance	287,000	287,000	227,679	59,321
Tax collector and property appraiser fees	191,000	191,000	170,222	20,778
Professional fees	20,000	20,000	20,292	(292)
Utilities and phone	35,300	35,300	36,407	(1,107)
Other	137,300	137,300	449,151	(311,851) **
Capital outlay	230,000	230,000	338,626	(108,626) *
	<u>6,186,245</u>	<u>6,186,245</u>	<u>6,599,286</u>	<u>(413,041)</u>
 NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE				
	-	-	909,029	909,029
Fund balance-beginning of the year	2,021,174	2,021,174	2,021,174	-
Fund balance-end of the year	<u>\$ 2,021,174</u>	<u>\$ 2,021,174</u>	<u>\$ 2,930,203</u>	<u>\$ 909,029</u>

\*The District received insurance proceeds totaling approximately \$883,000 included in other revenues that were reimbursements of hurricane related damages and replacement of equipment. Additionally, approximately \$241,000 was received from donors to be used for emergency backup communications, included in capital outlay costs.

\*\* The District expended approximately \$258,000 to repair damages incurred during Hurricane Ian.

See accompanying notes to financial statements

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Reporting Period Ending Measurement Date	Last 10 Fiscal Years				
	9/30/2024 9/30/2023	9/30/2023 9/30/2022	9/30/2022 9/30/2021	9/30/2021 9/30/2020	9/30/2020 9/30/2019
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>					
Service cost	\$ 660,975	\$ 673,024	\$ 622,627	\$ 599,280	\$ 633,736
Interest	1,187,285	1,060,117	962,780	873,588	766,524
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-	-	212
Differences between expected and actual experience	326,978	479,323	(73,199)	341,853	348,333
Changes of assumptions	1,040,727	14,008	-	(404,553)	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(393,360)	(30,174)	(29,324)	(28,497)	(27,694)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	2,822,605	2,196,298	1,482,884	1,381,671	1,721,111
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	18,233,111	16,036,813	14,553,929	13,172,258	11,451,147
<b>Total Pension Liability- Ending (a)</b>	<b>\$ 21,055,716</b>	<b>\$ 18,233,111</b>	<b>\$ 16,036,813</b>	<b>\$ 14,553,929</b>	<b>\$ 13,172,258</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>					
Contributions - employer	\$ 901,300	\$ 962,000	\$ 980,880	\$ 807,000	\$ 708,500
Contributions- state	127,754	114,660	134,623	122,233	115,157
Contributions - employee	94,626	75,255	70,449	64,943	61,305
Net investment income	1,409,777	(2,179,889)	1,960,219	908,977	484,948
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(393,360)	(30,174)	(29,324)	(28,497)	(27,694)
Administrative expenses	(46,422)	(55,010)	(45,177)	(45,641)	(49,839)
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	2,093,675	(1,113,158)	3,071,670	1,829,015	1,292,377
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	13,412,186	14,525,344	11,453,674	9,624,659	8,332,282
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)</b>	<b>\$ 15,505,861</b>	<b>\$ 13,412,186</b>	<b>\$ 14,525,344</b>	<b>\$ 11,453,674</b>	<b>\$ 9,624,659</b>
<b>Net Pension Liability- Ending (a) - (b)</b>	<b>\$ 5,549,855</b>	<b>\$ 4,820,925</b>	<b>\$ 1,511,469</b>	<b>\$ 3,100,255</b>	<b>\$ 3,547,599</b>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	73.64%	73.56%	90.58%	78.70%	73.07%
Covered Employee Payroll**	2,365,652	1,881,367	1,761,212	1,623,569	1,532,623
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	234.60%	256.25%	85.82%	190.95%	231.47%

**Notes to schedule:**

\*\* The Covered Employee Payroll numbers shown are in compliance with GASB 82, except for the 2016 Reporting Period Ending year.

*Changes of benefit terms:*

- For measurement date 09/30/2019, amounts reported as changes of benefit terms resulted from the provisions of Chapter 112.1816, Florida Statutes. The Statutes state that, effective July 1, 2019, a death or disability (under the Plan's definition of total and permanent disability) for a Firefighter due to the diagnosis of cancer or circumstances that arise out of the treatment of cancer will be treated as duty-related.

*Changes of assumptions:*

- For measurement date 09/30/2018, amounts reported as changes of assumptions resulted from lowering the investment return from 6.80% to 6.35% per year compounded annually, net of investment related expenses.
- For measurement date 09/30/2020, as mandated by Chapter 2015-157, Laws of Florida, the assumed rates of mortality were changed to the rates used in Milliman's July 1, 2019 FRS valuation report for special risk employees.
- For measurement date 09/30/2022, the Board approved the following assumption changes based on the July 29, 2022 actuarial experience study:
  1. Individual Salary Increases – Increased rates from 5.50% to 6.25% per year.
  2. Normal Retirement Rates – Amended the expected rates of Normal Retirement to be generally lower than previously assumed.
  3. Withdrawal Rates – Reduced rates by 25%.

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS - CONTINUED

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Reporting Period Ending Measurement Date	Last 10 Fiscal Years				
	9/30/2019 9/30/2018	9/30/2018 9/30/2017	9/30/2017 9/30/2016	9/30/2016 9/30/2015	9/30/2015 9/30/2014
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>					
Service cost	\$ 527,774	\$ 466,725	\$ 371,341	\$ 386,855	\$ 305,320
Interest	640,453	549,683	494,133	440,846	330,724
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-	844,690	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	583,934	284,643	(368,421)	(33,203)	-
Changes of assumptions	822,349	-	710,885	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(28,018)	(26,490)	(44,249)	(43,743)	(42,950)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	2,546,492	1,274,561	1,163,689	1,595,445	593,094
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	8,904,655	7,630,094	6,466,405	4,870,960	4,277,866
<b>Total Pension Liability- Ending (a)</b>	<b>\$ 11,451,147</b>	<b>\$ 8,904,655</b>	<b>\$ 7,630,094</b>	<b>\$ 6,466,405</b>	<b>\$ 4,870,960</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>					
Contributions - employer	\$ 603,700	\$ 489,400	\$ 336,963	\$ 286,700	\$ 289,200
Contributions- state	123,450	118,973	110,255	104,930	115,340
Contributions - employee	64,488	60,004	51,592	5,929	5,750
Net investment income	814,672	557,404	374,707	(83,023)	500,844
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(28,018)	(26,490)	(44,249)	(43,743)	(42,950)
Administrative expenses	(41,633)	(40,971)	(41,676)	(41,022)	(33,502)
Other	-	-	5,706	-	-
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	1,536,659	1,158,320	793,298	229,771	834,682
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	6,795,623	5,637,303	4,844,005	4,614,234	3,779,552
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)</b>	<b>\$ 8,332,282</b>	<b>\$ 6,795,623</b>	<b>\$ 5,637,303</b>	<b>\$ 4,844,005</b>	<b>\$ 4,614,234</b>
<b>Net Pension Liability- Ending (a) - (b)</b>	<b>\$ 3,118,865</b>	<b>\$ 2,109,032</b>	<b>\$ 1,992,791</b>	<b>\$ 1,622,400</b>	<b>\$ 256,726</b>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	72.76%	76.32%	73.88%	74.91%	94.73%
Covered Employee Payroll**	1,612,186	1,500,108	1,351,113	1,301,064	1,149,986
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	193.46%	140.59%	147.49%	124.70%	22.32%

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS AND NOTES  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Fiscal Year Ended	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contributions	Contribution Excess	Covered Employee Payroll**	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll
9/30/2024	\$ 1,251,128	\$ 1,406,995	\$ (155,867)	\$ 2,378,570	59.15%
9/30/2023	\$ 981,746	\$ 1,029,054	\$ (47,308)	\$ 2,365,652	43.50%
9/30/2022	\$ 976,429	\$ 1,076,660	\$ (100,231)	\$ 1,881,367	57.23%
9/30/2021	\$ 1,030,308	\$ 1,115,503	\$ (85,195)	\$ 1,761,212	63.34%
9/30/2020	\$ 853,997	\$ 929,233	\$ (75,236)	\$ 1,623,569	57.23%
9/30/2019	\$ 715,735	\$ 823,657	\$ (107,922)	\$ 1,532,623	53.74%
9/30/2018	\$ 699,688	\$ 727,150	\$ (27,462)	\$ 1,612,186	45.10%
9/30/2017	\$ 526,538	\$ 608,373	\$ (81,835)	\$ 1,500,108	40.56%
9/30/2016	\$ 447,218	\$ 447,218	\$ -	\$ 1,351,113	33.10%
9/30/2015	\$ 343,880	\$ 391,630	\$ (47,750)	\$ 1,301,064	30.10%

\*\* For the 2015 reporting ending year, the covered employee payroll was based on Pensionable Salary.

**Notes to Schedule**

Valuation Date: 10/01/2021

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of October 1, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Mortality:

*Healthy Lives:*

Female: RP2000 Generational, 100% Annuitant White Collar, Scale BB.

Male: RP2000 Generational, 10% Annuitant White Collar / 90% Annuitant Blue Collar, Scale BB.

*Disabled Lives:*

Female: 60% RP2000 Disabled Female set forward two years / 40% Annuitant White Collar with no setback, no projection scale.

Male: 60% RP2000 Disabled Male setback four years / 40% Annuitant White Collar with no setback, no projection scale.

The assumed rates of mortality were mandated by Chapter 2015-157, Laws of Florida. This law mandates the use of the assumptions used in either of the two most recent valuations of the Florida Retirement System (FRS). The above rates are those outlined in the July 1, 2015 FRS actuarial valuation report for special risk employees. We feel this assumption sufficiently accommodates future mortality improvements.

Interest Rate:

6.35% per year compounded annually, net of investment related expenses. This is supported by the target asset allocation of the trust and the expected long-term return by asset class.

Retirement Age:

Earlier of 1) Age 50 and the completion of 10 years of service or 2) the completion of 25 years of service, regardless of age. Also, any Member who has reached Normal Retirement is assumed to continue employment for one additional year. Per the actuarial report, this assumption is reasonable based on plan provisions.

Disability Rates:

See table on next page. It is assumed that 75% of disablements and active member deaths are service related. The assumed rates of disablement were developed from those used by other plans containing Florida municipal firefighters.

Termination Rates:

See table on next page. The assumed rates of termination were developed from those used by other plans containing Florida municipal firefighters.

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULE OF PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS AND NOTES  
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

**Notes to Schedule (continued)**

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates (continued):

Salary Increases:	5.50% per year until the assumed retirement age, see table on the following page. This assumption was approved in conjunction with a special actuarial analysis dated August 5, 2014.
Payroll Growth:	3.00% per year. This is in compliance with Part VII of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.
Cost-Of-Living Adjustments:	2.90% per year.
Funding Method:	Frozen Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method
Asset Valuation Method:	Fair Market Value, net of investment related expenses

Age	% Becoming Disabled During the Year	% Terminating During the Year
20	0.03%	6.00%
30	0.04%	5.00%
40	0.07%	2.60%
50	0.18%	0.80%

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF COMPONENTS OF PENSION EXPENSE  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Net Pension Liability	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows	Pension Expense
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$ 4,820,925	\$ 4,128,312	\$ 1,035,443	\$ -
<b>Employer contributions made after 9/30/23</b>	-	1,362,686	-	-
<b>Total pension liability factors:</b>				
Service cost	660,975	-	-	660,975
Interest	1,187,285	-	-	1,187,285
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic or demographic assumptions	326,978	326,978	-	-
Current year amortization of experience difference	-	(339,612)	(18,329)	321,283
Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or other inputs	1,040,727	1,040,727	-	-
Current year amortization of change in assumptions	-	(263,683)	(80,911)	182,772
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(393,360)	-	-	-
<b>Net Change in Total Pension Liability</b>	<u>\$ 2,822,605</u>	<u>\$ 2,127,096</u>	<u>\$ (99,240)</u>	<u>\$ 2,352,315</u>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>				
Contributions - employer	\$ 901,300	\$ (901,300)	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions- state	127,754	(127,754)	-	-
Contributions - employee	94,626	-	-	(94,626)
Net investment income	873,388	-	-	(873,388)
Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	536,389	-	536,389	-
Current year amortization	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	-	(641,181)	(400,521)	240,660
Administrative expenses	(46,422)	-	-	46,422
<b>Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 2,093,675</u>	<u>\$ (1,670,235)</u>	<u>\$ 135,868</u>	<u>\$ (680,932)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u><u>\$ 5,549,855</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,585,173</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,072,071</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,671,383</u></u>

BOCA GRANDE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios  
for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

Reporting Period Ending Measurement Date	Last 10 Fiscal Years*						
	9/30/2024	9/30/2023	9/30/2022	9/30/2021	9/30/2020	9/30/2019	9/30/2018
<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>							
Service cost	\$ 11,931	\$ 6,305	\$ 11,893	\$ 13,705	\$ 11,822	\$ 14,270	\$ 15,456
Interest	22,306	16,585	13,212	11,231	17,390	16,727	14,785
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	100,189	-	24,625	(21,864)	24,762	-	-
Changes of assumptions	(57,512)	(4,328)	(208,004)	-	14,531	37,087	(32,535)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(21,024)	(7,204)	(7,864)	(6,124)	(7,040)	(2,613)	(2,403)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	55,890	11,358	(166,138)	(3,052)	61,465	65,471	(4,697)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	356,308	344,950	511,088	514,140	452,675	387,204	391,901
<b>Total OPEB Liability- Ending</b>	<b>\$ 412,198</b>	<b>\$ 356,308</b>	<b>\$ 344,950</b>	<b>\$ 511,088</b>	<b>\$ 514,140</b>	<b>\$ 452,675</b>	<b>\$ 387,204</b>
Covered Employee Payroll**	2,457,938	2,249,105	2,194,249	1,833,457	1,788,739	1,644,183	1,604,081
Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	16.77%	15.84%	15.72%	27.88%	28.74%	27.53%	24.14%

\*Pursuant to GASB 68, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, information will be presented for those years available.

**Notes to schedule:**

*Covered payroll:*

Covered payroll is projected to the measurement date based on actual covered payroll as of the valuation date using applicable salary increase assumptions.

*Changes of assumptions:*

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate each period. The following are the discount rates used in each period:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024:	4.06%
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2023:	4.87%
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022:	4.77%
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021:	2.43%
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2020:	2.14%
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019:	3.58%
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2018:	4.18%

Also reflected as assumption changes are updated mortality rates, updated health care costs and premiums, and updated health care cost trend rates.

*Benefit payments:*

The plan sponsor did not provide actual net benefits paid by the Plan for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2024. Expected net benefit payments produced by the valuation model for the same period are shown in the table above.

**OTHER REPORTS**



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL  
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING  
STANDARDS*

To the Board of Commissioners of  
Boca Grande Fire Control District  
Boca Grande, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Boca Grande Fire Control District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2025 .

### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Boca Grande Fire Control District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Boca Grande Fire Control District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Boca Grande Fire Control District's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Boca Grande Fire Control District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Suplee Shea Cramer & Miller, P.A*

Suplee Shea Cramer & Miller, P.A.

Sarasota, FL  
June 24, 2025



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES  
SECTION 218.415 – INVESTMENTS OF PUBLIC FUNDS

To the Board of Commissioners  
Boca Grande Fire Control District

We have examined the Boca Grande Fire Control District's (the District) compliance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes - Local Government Investment Policies*, during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with these requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the District complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2024.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Commissioners of the Boca Grande Fire Control District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Suplee Shea Cramer & Miller, P.A*

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Sarasota, Florida  
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## MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Commissioners of  
Boca Grande Fire Control District  
Boca Grande, Florida

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of the Boca Grande Fire Control District, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2025 .

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and Chapter 10.550, rules of the Auditor General.

### **Other Reporting Requirements**

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated June 24, 2025 , should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

### **Prior Audit Findings**

Section 10.554(1)(i) 1 ., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

### **Official Title and Legal Authority**

Section 10.554(1) (i) 4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The Boca Grande Fire Control District was established by Chapter 96-507 Laws of Florida. There are no component units.

### **Financial Condition and Management**

Sections 10.554(1)(i) 5.a. and 10.556(7) , Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the Boca Grande Fire Control District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1) , Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Boca Grande Fire Control District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), F lorida Statutes.

Pursuant to Section 10.554(1) (i) 5.b. and 10.556(8) , Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the Boca Grande Fire Control District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Boca Grande Fire Control District's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1) (i) 2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

**Specific Information for an Independent Special District**

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, the Boca Grande Fire Control District reported:

- a) The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the district’s fiscal year as 24.
- b) The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the district’s fiscal year as 2.
- c) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$2,916,958.
- d) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$86,453.
- e) There were no construction projects with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the district that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported
- f) A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the district amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes. The budget variance schedule is presented on page 26.

**Specific Information for an Independent Special District that imposes ad valorem taxes**

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)7, Rules of the Auditor General, the Boca Grande Fire Control District reported:

- a) The mileage rate or rates imposed by the district as 1.6060 mills.
- b) The total amount of ad valorem taxes collected by or on behalf of the district as \$6,172,178.
- c) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the district as \$0.

**Additional Matters**

Section 10.554(1)(i) 3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

**Purpose of this letter**

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Supervisors, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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