

**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY
AT GULFPORT
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2019, 2018, AND 2017



MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
LIST OF OFFICIALS
JUNE 30, 2019

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(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

November 15, 2019

To the Board of Commissioners
Mississippi State Port Authority
at Gulfport
Gulfport, Mississippi

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying comparative financial statements of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, an agency of the State of Mississippi, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

To the Board of Commissioners
Mississippi State Port Authority
at Gulfport
November 15, 2019

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, an agency of the State of Mississippi, as of June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

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 9 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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. The supplementary information related to net pension liability and contributions and other post employment benefits (OPEB) is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and is included on pages 38 through 42. 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 Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's basic financial statements. The introductory list of officials is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

To the Board of Commissioners
Mississippi State Port Authority
at Gulfport
November 15, 2019

The introductory list of officials has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 15, 2019, on our consideration of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport'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 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 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 Mississippi State Port Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Change in Accounting Principle

In fiscal year 2017, the Authority adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, which are discussed in Notes 16 and 18. In fiscal year 2018 the Authority adopted new accounting guidance, GASB No.89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period* and GASB No.75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, see Note 7 and Note 14, accordingly. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS



MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As Management of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport (the Authority), we offer the readers of the financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017. We recommend that readers consider the information presented here, in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The Authority's net position increased \$8.6 million as a result of this year's operations. Last year the Authority's operations increased net position by \$86.3 million, and fiscal year 2017 had a \$54.5 million increase as compared to fiscal year 2016.
- Total operating revenues for 2019 were \$28.2 million which was a 6.2% increase over the prior year. In fiscal years 2018 and 2017, operating revenues were \$26.5 million and \$21.9 million, respectively.
- Maritime revenues increased 7.9% or \$1.4 million in fiscal year 2019, as compared to a 31.4% increase in fiscal year 2018. Maritime revenues in fiscal years 2019 and 2018 were \$19.2 million and \$17.8 million, respectively. Maritime revenues for fiscal year 2017 were \$13.5 million.
- As of June 30, 2019, the Authority's operating expenses totaled \$33.8 million, resulting in an operating loss of \$5.6 million. This compares to an operating loss of \$3.8 million in fiscal year 2018 and a \$8.2 million loss for fiscal year 2017. In fiscal year 2019, \$2.3 million of operating expenses were related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); these costs were reimbursed back to the Authority. In fiscal year 2018, CDBG grant related operating expenses totaled \$5.1 million, and in fiscal year 2017, CDBG grant related operating expenses were \$6.9 million.
- Depreciation expense for fiscal year 2019 was \$18.2 million as compared to \$14.0 million for fiscal year 2018 and \$11.9 million for fiscal year 2017. As the capital projects are completed, the depreciation expense will continue to increase until construction concludes.
- Regarding the Authority's Facility Restoration Plan, costs incurred during fiscal year 2019 were over \$26.4 million. \$12.7 million in CDBG grant related funds were used to finance a major portion of our construction projects. In fiscal year 2019, projects that were completed include: West Pier Site Work and Infrastructure Project, Terminal 3 Warehouse, Admin, Gate and Interchange Buildings, West Pier Security System, Renovations to the International Seamen Center, Terminal 3 Cross-Dock Inspection Structure and the purchase of an off-site commercial parcel of land.
- In fiscal year 2019, the FEMA grant related to Hurricane Katrina was officially closed. The MSPA received a final reimbursement of \$2.4 million from FEMA during fiscal year 2019 as part of the closeout. The Authority received no FEMA grant funds in fiscal year 2018 and \$57,000 in fiscal year 2017. As of June 30, 2019, the Authority is due approximately \$40,000 from FEMA for work previously completed.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists solely of the financial statements of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, and this discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's financial statements.

The financial statements include comparative: statements of net position, statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and statements of cash flows. These statements include assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting methods used by most private-sector companies. Current year revenues are recognized when earned and current year expenses are recognized when they are incurred, regardless of when the cash is received or disbursed.

Comparative Statements of Net Position

The comparative statements of net position present information on all of the Authority's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator as to whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating by reflecting the Authority's overall financial health. Restricted assets include customer deposits and an escrow for a lease/purchase option. The Authority internally restricts additional funds for debt service and/or emergency contingencies.

A summary of the Authority's statement of net position as of June 30, 2019, with comparative amounts for June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016, is as follows:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION				
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and investments	\$ 24,541,968	\$ 38,519,115	\$ 23,155,814	\$ 34,935,508
Accounts receivable	2,651,680	2,472,772	2,081,929	1,524,785
Other receivables	9,459,761	35,849,206	38,115,212	41,814,946
Prepaid expenses	157,401	142,858	105,242	52,229
Restricted assets:				
Cash and investments	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
Total current assets	<u>36,910,810</u>	<u>77,083,951</u>	<u>63,558,197</u>	<u>78,477,468</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	655,532,507	657,539,895	587,001,032	530,425,327
Other assets				
Investments	24,665,097	-	-	-
Investment in lease	12,481,426	13,177,344	13,856,097	14,518,109
Restricted - lease deposit	<u>-</u>	<u>450,000</u>	<u>450,000</u>	<u>450,000</u>
Total non-current assets	<u>692,679,030</u>	<u>671,167,239</u>	<u>601,307,129</u>	<u>545,393,436</u>
Total assets	<u>729,589,840</u>	<u>748,251,190</u>	<u>664,865,326</u>	<u>623,870,904</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred outflows	<u>692,484</u>	<u>1,007,147</u>	<u>1,565,613</u>	<u>1,006,133</u>

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Comparative Statements of Net Position (Continued)

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accruals	\$ 9,437,990	\$ 24,242,728	\$ 30,385,454	\$ 39,585,855
Retainages payable	1,198,101	8,012,089	5,521,113	7,574,074
Bonds payable	<u>-</u>	<u>6,045,000</u>	<u>2,950,000</u>	<u>2,830,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>10,636,091</u>	<u>38,299,817</u>	<u>38,856,567</u>	<u>49,989,929</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Compensated absences	300,393	286,085	264,127	263,814
Bonds payable	-	-	3,095,000	6,045,000
Net pension & OPEB liability	7,046,706	6,978,172	6,998,197	5,626,724
Payable from restricted assets:				
Customer deposits	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
Total non-current liabilities	<u>7,447,099</u>	<u>7,364,257</u>	<u>10,457,324</u>	<u>12,085,538</u>
Total liabilities	<u>18,083,190</u>	<u>45,664,074</u>	<u>49,313,891</u>	<u>62,075,467</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows	<u>177,085</u>	<u>154,268</u>	<u>21,656</u>	<u>165,767</u>
NET POSITION				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	653,928,453	629,056,688	547,577,608	477,205,747
Restricted	-	450,000	450,000	450,000
Unrestricted	<u>58,093,596</u>	<u>73,933,307</u>	<u>69,067,784</u>	<u>84,980,056</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 712,022,049</u>	<u>\$ 703,439,995</u>	<u>\$ 617,095,392</u>	<u>\$ 562,635,803</u>

Comparative Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

The comparative statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position present information showing the change in the Authority's net position during the most recent fiscal year, with the three prior years presented for comparison. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses in this statement include items that will result in cash received or disbursed in future fiscal periods.

In the comparative statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, Management separates the Authority's activities into two types, as follows:

Charges for services - Most of the Authority's maritime services that are provided are reported within this category, which includes: wharfage, dockage, usage, crane fees, harbor fees, line-handling, and security.

Revenue from leases - All revenue received from maritime and non-maritime lease activities are reported within this category; beginning in fiscal year 2017, this category of lease revenue includes Chemours' Guaranteed Construction Reimbursement payments.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Comparative Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position (continued)

A summary of the Authority's statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, with comparative amounts for June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016, is as follows:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
OPERATING REVENUES				
Charges for services	\$ 8,047,810	\$ 7,951,505	\$ 6,915,035	\$ 5,287,745
Revenue from leases	<u>20,103,480</u>	<u>18,561,539</u>	<u>15,005,945</u>	<u>10,850,719</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>28,151,290</u>	<u>26,513,044</u>	<u>21,920,980</u>	<u>16,138,464</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>33,752,145</u>	<u>30,312,635</u>	<u>30,108,384</u>	<u>26,961,618</u>
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(5,600,855)</u>	<u>(3,799,591)</u>	<u>(8,187,404)</u>	<u>(10,823,154)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)				
Revenue from County	951,445	934,671	963,013	981,856
Investment and other income	2,880,034	2,015,456	1,149,241	464,699
Transfers in from other State agencies/governments	13,278,064	90,293,095	74,199,492	122,022,589
Insurance proceeds	3,934	7,538	8,302	124,103
Interest and other expenses	(23,986)	(281,093)	(114,888)	-
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	<u>(2,906,582)</u>	<u>(2,825,473)</u>	<u>(13,373,286)</u>	<u>(110,245)</u>
Total non-operating revenue (expenses)	<u>14,182,909</u>	<u>90,144,194</u>	<u>62,831,874</u>	<u>123,483,002</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	8,582,054	86,344,603	54,644,470	112,659,848
TOTAL NET POSITION				
BEGINNING, before restatement	<u>703,439,995</u>	<u>617,095,392</u>	<u>562,635,803</u>	<u>449,975,955</u>
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	-	-	(184,881)	-
Net position - restated	<u>703,439,995</u>	<u>617,095,392</u>	<u>562,450,922</u>	<u>449,975,955</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION - ENDING	<u>\$ 712,022,049</u>	<u>\$ 703,439,995</u>	<u>\$ 617,095,392</u>	<u>\$ 562,635,803</u>

Comparative Statements of Cash Flows

The comparative statements of cash flows detail the cash received and expended by the Authority during the current and prior fiscal years. These statements are divided into cash flows from operating activities, non-capital financing activities, capital and related financing activities, and investing activities.

Overall Analysis of Financial Position

One of the most important questions to be answered about the Authority's finances is, "Is the Authority, as a whole, better or worse off as a result of the current year's activities?" The comparative statements of net position and statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position are tools that Management uses as measurements of the Authority's overall financial health. Over a period of time, increases or decreases in the Authority's net position are an indicator as to whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Additionally, Management considers other non-financial factors, such as legislative mandates and economic market conditions, to assess the overall well-being of the Authority.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

In fiscal year 2019, expenses incurred for capital asset acquisition and construction were approximately \$24.1 million. The Authority commenced construction on several new projects in fiscal year 2019, such as, the East Pier Wharf Improvements Project, Chemours Enhancement Project, Seamen Center Improvements Project and West Security Gate Repainting Project. As well, numerous other projects were completed and put into use this year. The use of CDBG funds for Restoration Projects is nearing its end with the construction of the last capital project, the Ocean Enterprise Facility, which is set to break ground and begin construction in fiscal year 2020.

The Authority's current year cash flows show a net decrease of \$20.0 million in cash and cash equivalents as compared to fiscal year 2018. This decrease in cash is due to the purchase of long-term investment securities. The Authority implemented a new investment policy and awarded an RFP to an investment advisory firm in fiscal year 2019.

Other Potentially Significant Matters

Capital Assets Administration

A summary of the Authority's ending balances for capital assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, with comparative amounts for June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016, is as follows:

CAPITAL ASSETS AS OF JUNE 30,				
(Net of Depreciation, in Millions)				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Land	\$ 127.0	\$ 127.1	\$ 125.4	\$ 125.4
Buildings	105.0	75.9	50.5	27.8
Machinery and equipment	27.4	29.6	33.6	4.9
Land improvements	145.6	120.8	103.3	24.9
Infrastructure	240.3	142.3	141.1	119.1
Leasehold improvements	0.2	0.2	0.2	-
Construction in progress	10.0	161.6	132.9	228.3
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 655.5</u>	<u>\$ 657.5</u>	<u>\$ 587.0</u>	<u>\$ 530.4</u>

The Authority continues to maintain and expand its capital assets. Over \$112 million is budgeted for capital outlay during the next two fiscal years. Financial assistance from a variety of sources (e.g., Federal and State governments) is available to assist the Authority with capital outlay relating to overall facility improvement and growth.

Note 19 to the financial statements provides details of the Authority's outstanding construction commitments as of June 30, 2019.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Debt Administration

A summary of the Authority's outstanding bond obligations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, with comparative amounts for June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016, is as follows:

DEBT OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30,				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
General Obligation Bonds: (backed by the State of Mississippi)				
Series 2009C	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,045,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,045,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,875,000</u>

The Authority made the final bond payment in September 2018 of fiscal year 2019.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Management of the Authority considered a variety of factors in compiling the fiscal year 2020 operating budget. One of the factors considered was the ability to provide marine terminal services to customers while enhancing the economic growth of the State of Mississippi. After review of tenant agreements, projected capital improvements, and revenue projections, the Authority, in fiscal year 2020, budgeted an increase of 2.9% in maritime revenue which is attributed to additional lease revenue; all Authority tenants will occupy their newly constructed terminals and buildings for the entire twelve months in fiscal year 2020. As well, the Authority will continue to aggressively pursue diversified business opportunities with new companies and prospective tenants.

Contacting the Authority's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability for the funds that it receives. If you have any questions regarding this report or need additional financial information, contact the Authority's Office of Finance & Administration, P. O. Box 40, Gulfport, MS 39502.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2019, 2018, AND 2017**

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,815,102	\$ 34,899,470	\$ 22,417,588
Equity in internal investment pool	739,402	3,619,645	738,226
Investments	5,987,464	-	-
Accrued interest receivable	228,864	95,183	29,534
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	2,651,680	2,472,772	2,081,929
Investment in lease	695,918	678,753	662,012
Due from other State agencies	8,338,841	35,054,226	37,405,229
Due from other governments	196,138	21,044	18,437
Prepaid expenses	157,401	142,858	105,242
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	100,000	100,000	100,000
	<u>36,910,810</u>	<u>77,083,951</u>	<u>63,558,197</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Capital assets:			
Land	127,060,195	127,065,818	125,392,044
Buildings, net of accumulated depreciation	104,977,071	75,936,096	50,444,871
Machinery and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	27,411,181	29,607,185	33,558,489
Land improvements, net of accumulated depreciation	145,610,817	120,772,152	103,319,512
Infrastructure, net of accumulated depreciation	240,304,522	142,363,127	141,126,667
Leasehold improvements, net of accumulated depreciation	179,400	202,800	226,200
Construction in progress	9,989,321	161,592,717	132,933,249
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>655,532,507</u>	<u>657,539,895</u>	<u>587,001,032</u>
Investments - non-current	24,665,097	-	-
Investment in lease - non-current	12,481,426	13,177,344	13,856,097
Restricted asset:			
Deposit	-	450,000	450,000
Total non-current assets	<u>692,679,030</u>	<u>671,167,239</u>	<u>601,307,129</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 729,589,840</u>	<u>\$ 748,251,190</u>	<u>\$ 664,865,326</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows for pensions	666,126	990,943	1,557,908
Deferred outflows for other postemployment benefits	26,358	16,204	7,705
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>692,484</u>	<u>1,007,147</u>	<u>1,565,613</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 8,633,644	\$ 23,413,040	\$ 29,637,039
Retainage payable	1,198,101	8,012,089	5,521,113
Unearned revenue	688,766	622,031	543,341
Accrued salaries	96,753	98,132	93,114
Accrued interest payable	-	93,698	93,698
Current maturities of compensated absences payable	18,827	15,827	18,262
Current maturities of bonds payable	-	6,045,000	2,950,000
	<u>10,636,091</u>	<u>38,299,817</u>	<u>38,856,567</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Compensated absences payable, net of current maturities	300,393	286,085	264,127
Bonds payable, net of current portion	-	-	3,095,000
Net pension liability	6,852,786	6,782,345	6,805,611
Net other postemployment benefit liability	193,920	195,827	192,586
Payable from restricted assets:			
Customer deposits	100,000	100,000	100,000
	<u>7,447,099</u>	<u>7,364,257</u>	<u>10,457,324</u>
Total non-current liabilities	<u>7,447,099</u>	<u>7,364,257</u>	<u>10,457,324</u>
Total liabilities	<u>18,083,190</u>	<u>45,664,074</u>	<u>49,313,891</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows for pensions	163,268	146,046	21,656
Deferred inflows for other postemployment benefits	13,817	8,222	-
	<u>177,085</u>	<u>154,268</u>	<u>21,656</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>177,085</u>	<u>154,268</u>	<u>21,656</u>
NET POSITION			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	653,928,453	629,056,688	547,577,608
Restricted	-	450,000	450,000
Unrestricted	58,093,596	73,933,307	69,067,784
	<u>712,022,049</u>	<u>703,439,995</u>	<u>617,095,392</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 712,022,049</u>	<u>\$ 703,439,995</u>	<u>\$ 617,095,392</u>

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	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for services	\$ 8,047,810	\$ 7,951,505	\$ 6,915,035
Revenue from leases	<u>20,103,480</u>	<u>18,561,539</u>	<u>15,005,945</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>28,151,290</u>	<u>26,513,044</u>	<u>21,920,980</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
General and administrative	3,801,277	3,481,007	3,477,274
Contractual services	10,992,334	11,834,139	12,932,848
Commodities	387,100	346,635	1,270,071
Pension and other postemployment benefit liability adjustment expense	406,014	671,053	483,002
Depreciation and amortization	<u>18,165,420</u>	<u>13,979,801</u>	<u>11,945,189</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>33,752,145</u>	<u>30,312,635</u>	<u>30,108,384</u>
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(5,600,855)</u>	<u>(3,799,591)</u>	<u>(8,187,404)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)			
Revenue from County	951,445	934,671	963,013
Interest and other investment income	2,880,034	2,015,456	1,149,241
Transfers in from other State agencies	13,278,064	90,293,095	74,199,492
Insurance proceeds	3,934	7,538	8,302
Interest expense and other fiscal charges	(23,986)	(281,093)	(114,888)
Loss on disposal of capital assets	<u>(2,906,582)</u>	<u>(2,825,473)</u>	<u>(13,373,286)</u>
Total non-operating revenue (expenses)	<u>14,182,909</u>	<u>90,144,194</u>	<u>62,831,874</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	8,582,054	86,344,603	54,644,470
TOTAL NET POSITION - BEGINNING	<u>703,439,995</u>	<u>617,095,392</u>	<u>562,635,803</u>
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(184,881)</u>
Net position - beginning - restated	<u>703,439,995</u>	<u>617,095,392</u>	<u>562,450,922</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION - ENDING	<u>\$ 712,022,049</u>	<u>\$ 703,439,995</u>	<u>\$ 617,095,392</u>

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**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
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	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash received from customers	\$ 27,979,022	\$ 26,200,891	\$ 21,595,438
Cash payments for personnel services	(3,785,348)	(3,456,466)	(3,458,932)
Cash payments to suppliers of goods and services	(13,092,379)	(4,984,796)	(14,829,546)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>11,101,295</u>	<u>17,759,629</u>	<u>3,306,960</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash received from other governments	776,351	932,064	976,369
Transfers in from other State agencies	40,053,544	92,644,098	77,927,389
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>40,829,895</u>	<u>93,576,162</u>	<u>78,903,758</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash received (paid) for capital asset disposal	58,636	500,000	(584,235)
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(38,568,232)	(98,810,754)	(92,249,705)
Principal received on investment in lease	678,753	662,012	645,684
Insurance proceeds	3,934	7,538	8,302
Interest paid	(117,684)	(281,093)	(154,508)
Principal paid on bonds payable	(6,045,000)	-	(2,830,000)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(43,989,593)</u>	<u>(97,922,297)</u>	<u>(95,164,462)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received	2,649,711	1,949,807	1,124,050
Purchases of investments	(33,555,919)	-	-
Proceeds from maturities of investments	3,000,000	-	-
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>(27,906,208)</u>	<u>1,949,807</u>	<u>1,124,050</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(19,964,611)</u>	<u>15,363,301</u>	<u>(11,829,694)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>38,619,115</u>	<u>23,255,814</u>	<u>35,085,508</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 18,654,504</u>	<u>\$ 38,619,115</u>	<u>\$ 23,255,814</u>
CLASSIFIED ON THE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS AS FOLLOWS:			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,815,102	\$ 34,899,470	\$ 22,417,588
Equity in internal investment pool	739,402	3,619,645	738,226
Restricted Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 18,654,504</u>	<u>\$ 38,619,115</u>	<u>\$ 23,255,814</u>

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	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
RECONCILIATION OF LOSS FROM OPERATIONS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Loss from operations	<u>\$ (5,600,855)</u>	<u>\$ (3,799,591)</u>	<u>\$ (8,187,404)</u>
Adjustments reconciling loss from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	18,165,420	13,979,801	11,945,189
Pension and other postemployment benefit liability adjustment expense	406,014	671,053	483,002
(Increase) decrease in assets:			
Accounts receivable	(178,921)	(390,843)	(557,144)
Prepaid expenses	(14,533)	(37,616)	(53,013)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:			
Accounts payable	(1,698,399)	7,233,594	(573,614)
Unearned revenue	6,640	78,690	281,602
Accrued salaries	(1,379)	5,018	16,151
Accrued compensated absences	17,308	19,523	2,191
Customer deposits	-	-	(50,000)
Total adjustments	<u>16,702,150</u>	<u>21,559,220</u>	<u>11,494,364</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 11,101,295</u>	<u>\$ 17,759,629</u>	<u>\$ 3,306,960</u>

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

The Port of Gulfport was conveyed by the City of Gulfport to the State of Mississippi on September 26, 1960. On February 9, 1961, the Port of Gulfport was officially renamed and the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport (Authority) was created. The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) is authorized by state law, Mississippi Code Ann. 1972 Section 59-5-11, to oversee operations of the Authority. Furthermore, Mississippi Code Ann. 1972 Section 59-5-21 provides MDA with the authority to operate a port through a State Port Authority.

The Authority is governed by a board of five commissioners appointed to serve five-year staggered terms. Three commissioners are appointed by the governor of Mississippi, one is appointed by the Harrison County Board of Supervisors and one is appointed by the City of Gulfport City Council.

Financial Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the Authority includes all funds that relate to Authority operations, debt service and construction projects. It is not intended to reflect information pertaining to the MDA or the State of Mississippi. As an agency of the State of Mississippi, its financial information is included in the State of Mississippi's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) relative to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The Authority has been identified as an "enterprise fund" as described by GAAP for governmental entities. The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the Authority are included on the balance sheets.

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 that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Restricted Assets

When both restricted and non-restricted assets are available for use, the policy is to use restricted assets first, then unrestricted assets as needed.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the Authority. For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Authority considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less, when purchased, to be cash equivalents.

Equity in Internal Investment Pool

Equity in internal investment pool is cash deposited with the State Treasurer's Office and consists of pooled demand deposits that are considered cash and cash equivalents. The State Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the cash balances in accordance with State laws, and excess cash is invested in the State's cash and short-term investment pool. As of June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017 the Authority's share in the pooled investment as a state agency consists of cash and totals \$739,402, \$3,619,645, and \$738,226, respectively.

Investments

Investments are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. *Recurring* fair value measurements are those that GASB Statements require or permit in the statement of net position at the end of each reporting period. Unrealized gains and losses are reported in interest and other investment income in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

Accounts Receivable

The Authority reports receivables at net realizable value. Management determines the allowance for doubtful accounts based on historical losses and current economic conditions. On a continuing basis, management analyzes delinquent receivables and estimates an allowance for doubtful accounts.

Due from Other State Agencies

Due from other State agencies represents subrecipient grant funds earned but not received as of June 30.

Due from Other Governments

Due from other governments represents grant funds and ad valorem taxes earned but not received as of June 30.

Capital Assets

Capital assets exceeding the State of Mississippi's mandated capitalization thresholds are stated at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. Replacements that improve or extend the lives of property and exceed the mandated thresholds are capitalized. Depreciation of capital assets is computed on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The estimated useful lives and capitalization thresholds are as follows on the next page:

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Capital Assets (Continued)

	<u>Useful Life</u>	<u>Capitalization Threshold</u>
Machinery and equipment	3-15 Years	\$5,000
Land improvements	13-40 Years	\$25,000
Buildings	40 Years	\$50,000
Infrastructure improvements	20-50 Years	\$100,000

Unearned Revenue

The Authority defers revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

Compensated Absences

It is the Authority's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. Employees earn an amount of vacation pay monthly based on years of service and vacation pay is accrued as earned. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the Authority does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service.

Net Position

The Authority's net position is categorized as follows:

Invested in capital assets - represents total capital assets net of related debt.

Restricted - represents amount restricted for purposes related to a deposit on a capital lease purchase option.

Unrestricted - represents resources not limited or restricted in use.

Revenues

The Authority distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and leasing facilities in connection with the Authority's ongoing operations.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Authority provides services on credit to many of its customers in the ordinary course of business. The Authority's customers are in the gaming, shipping and marine terminal businesses. The Authority performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and, generally, requires no collateral.

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NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

The MDA deposits funds, on behalf of the Authority, in financial institutions selected by the MDA or the State of Mississippi Treasury Department in accordance with state statutes.

All deposits, including short-term certificates of deposit, with financial institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) must be collateralized in an amount equal to 105% of the uninsured deposit. The collateral must be held by the State of Mississippi Treasury Department or held in trust by a third-party financial institution in the State's name and evidenced by a safekeeping receipt issued to the State.

Qualifying collateral includes:

- a. Obligations of the U.S. Treasury and obligations guaranteed by the U.S. Government.
- b. Obligations of the Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), Federal Farm Credit Bank and similar agencies approved by the State Treasurer.
- c. Tennessee Valley Authority obligations.
- d. Obligations of the State of Mississippi, its agencies, political subdivisions, and municipalities or any body corporate and politic created by the State of Mississippi.
- e. Legal obligations of any state, county, parish or municipality that are rated "A" or better.
- f. Surety bonds of any surety company authorized to do business in the State of Mississippi.
- g. All bonds authorized as security for state funds under items c, d, and e, inclusive, must be investment quality and any bonds under said items c, d, e and f, inclusive, which are rated substandard by any of the appropriate supervisory authorities having jurisdiction over said depository or by any recognized national rating agency engaged in the business of rating bonds, are not eligible for pledging as security.

The responsibility for ensuring the proper collateralization of deposits rests with the State of Mississippi Treasury Department. At June 30, 2019, the carrying amount of the Authority's deposits (including restricted deposits) was \$5,153,948 and the bank balances totaled \$5,169,724. The total of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the State of Mississippi Treasury Department or its agent in the State's name.

As of June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017, restricted cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

	2019	2018	2017
Current:			
Restricted for customer deposits	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Total current	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000

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NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investments

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the financial institution with which the Authority invests, the Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investments, which are in the possession of an outside party. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the Authority, and are held by either the counter party or the counter party's trust department or agent but not in the Authority's name. The money market funds of \$13,500,556, included in cash and cash equivalents, are held by the trust department at one financial investment institution and consist of investment in a government fund mutual fund that is uninsured and uncollateralized at June 30, 2019. Those securities are not registered in the Authority's name. However, the money market funds are held in the Authority's name and are controlled solely by the Authority. The Authority's money market account had the following credit risk as of June 30.

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>		
		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Goldman Sachs Government Fund	AAA	<u>\$ 13,500,556</u>	<u>\$ 30,211,483</u>	<u>\$ 16,561,680</u>
Total		<u>\$ 13,500,556</u>	<u>\$ 30,211,483</u>	<u>\$ 16,561,680</u>

All investments made by the Authority are authorized by the Executive Director in accordance with all applicable state laws. As outlined by the Mississippi Code Section 27-105-33, the Authority invests in United States Government Instrumentalities.

As of June 30, the fair value of the Authority's investments by type are as follows:

	<u>2019</u>
Federal Farm Credit Bank	\$ 4,013,395
Federal Home Loan Banks	9,737,979
U.S. Government Treasury Bill	4,466,027
U.S. Government Treasury Note	3,033,516
Federal National Mortgage Association	3,975,987
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	<u>5,425,657</u>
	<u>\$ 30,652,561</u>

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NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investments (continued)

Investments are reported on the balance sheets as of June 30, as follows:

	2019
Current Assets:	
Investments	\$ 5,987,464
Non-Current Assets	
Investments	24,665,097
Total investments	\$ 30,652,561

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to measurements involving significant unobservable input (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quote prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Authority has the ability access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs other that quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

All of the Authority's marketable securities have been valued using Level 1 measurements.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty will not fulfill its obligation. Mississippi State law requires a minimum quality rating of A-3 by Standard and Poor for corporate short-term obligations. This law also requires corporate and taxable municipal bonds to be of investment grade as rated by Standard and Poor, with bonds rated BAA/BBB not to exceed 5% of total fixed income investments. The highest credit rating that can be obtained from Standard and Poor is AAA. U.S. Government securities or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government are not considered to have credit risk exposure. As of June 30, all of the Authority's investments were U.S. Government securities.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk represents the Authority's exposure to fair value changes arising from changing interest rates over the term of the investments. The longer the period for which an interest rate is fixed, the greater the potential for variability in fair value resulting from changes in interest rates.

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NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investments (continued)

Future Maturities

As of June 30, 2019, the future maturities of the Authority investments are as follows:

Investment Type:	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (in years)		
		Less than 1	1-5	5-10
Federal Farm Credit Bank	\$ 4,013,395	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,013,395
Federal Home Loan Banks	9,737,979	1,521,437	6,223,522	1,993,020
U.S. Government Treasury Bill	4,466,027	4,466,027	-	-
U.S. Government Treasury Note	3,033,516	-	3,033,516	-
Federal National Mortgage Association	3,975,987	-	-	3,975,987
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	5,425,657	-	3,511,124	1,914,533
	<u>\$30,652,561</u>	<u>\$5,987,464</u>	<u>\$ 12,768,162</u>	<u>\$ 11,896,935</u>

Included in the amounts above are callable securities totaling \$11,000,000 with callable dates ranging from September 26, 2019 to December 1, 2021.

The Authority has developed a formal written investment policy which governs the investment process and establishes parameters to be followed in order to mitigate investment risk to include credit and interest rate risk.

NOTE 3: INVESTMENT IN LEASE

Guaranteed MSPA Acquisition Reimbursement

On March 26, 2015, the Authority purchased 114.23 acres of land and facilities and equipment thereon for a total of \$32 million, which constitutes the Guaranteed MSPA Acquisition Reimbursement. In a simultaneous transaction, the Authority entered into a forty-year direct financing capital lease agreement with a limited liability company (Company) for this property. Under the terms of the agreement, the Company initially provided \$10 million as a cash contribution toward the purchase price of the property. It is the intent of the agreement that, after proposed legislation is enacted that will exempt the Authority from having to offer the leased property to other state agencies before granting the Company a purchase option, the Company will pay the Authority an additional \$6 million of the Guaranteed MSPA Acquisition Reimbursement. During the 2016 Fiscal year, the proposed legislation was enacted and the Company paid the additional \$6 million as included in the Guaranteed MSPA Acquisition Agreement.

The lease agreement terms require monthly principal and interest payments of \$84,784 beginning March 26, 2015 through February 26, 2035, at 2.5% per annum interest rate. In addition, the Company shall pay an additional rent of \$1,000 (which represents an administrative fee) per month for the forty-year lease period.

Per the agreement, during the lease term, the Company shall have the right to purchase the property by providing the Authority ninety days written notice and paying any remaining balance on the Guaranteed MSPA Acquisition Cost Reimbursement plus \$10,000 and reasonable costs incurred by the Authority.

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NOTE 3: INVESTMENT IN LEASE (Continued)

Guaranteed MSPA Acquisition Reimbursement (continued)

The following is a summary of the future minimum lease payments receivable as of June 30, 2019:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	\$ 695,918	\$ 321,496	\$ 1,017,414
2021	713,517	303,897	1,017,414
2022	731,561	285,853	1,017,414
2023	750,061	267,353	1,017,414
2024	769,028	248,385	1,017,413
2025-2035	9,517,259	1,335,150	10,852,409
	<u>\$13,177,344</u>	<u>\$ 2,762,134</u>	<u>\$ 15,939,478</u>

NOTE 4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The following is a summary of accounts receivable at June 30:

	2019	2018	2017
Accounts receivable from customers	\$ 3,700,270	\$ 3,521,362	\$ 3,130,519
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,048,590)	(1,048,590)	(1,048,590)
Accounts receivable, net	<u>\$ 2,651,680</u>	<u>\$ 2,472,772</u>	<u>\$ 2,081,929</u>

The Authority recorded no bad debt expense for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017.

NOTE 5: DUE FROM OTHER STATE AGENCIES

As of June 30, due from other State agencies includes the following:

	2019	2018	2017
MEMA - FEMA Hurricane Katrina projects	\$ -	\$ 2,387,139	\$ 2,288,110
MEMA - FEMA Hurricane Nate projects	39,892	119,155	-
MDA - HUD/CDBG Port restoration projects	8,298,949	32,547,932	35,117,119
	<u>\$ 8,338,841</u>	<u>\$ 35,054,226</u>	<u>\$ 37,405,229</u>

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NOTE 6: DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

As of June 30, due from other governments includes the following:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Harrison County Tax Collector - Ad Valorem Taxes	<u>\$ 196,138</u>	<u>\$ 21,044</u>	<u>\$ 18,437</u>

NOTE 7: CAPITAL ASSETS

An analysis of the changes in capital assets is as follows:

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019

	Balance July 1, 2018	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Balance June 30, 2019
Land	\$ 127,065,818	\$ 450,000	\$ (2,055,888)	\$ 1,600,265	\$ 127,060,195
Buildings	82,884,850	519,260	(987,955)	31,573,866	113,990,021
Machinery and equipment	37,102,572	181,524	(261,556)	-	37,022,540
Land improvements	130,377,572	-	-	31,072,921	161,450,493
Infrastructure	188,149,172	-	-	105,328,812	293,477,984
Leasehold improvements	234,000	-	-	-	234,000
Construction in progress	161,592,717	18,282,858	(310,392)	(169,575,864)	9,989,319
Total capital assets	<u>727,406,701</u>	<u>19,433,642</u>	<u>(3,615,791)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>743,224,552</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	(6,948,754)	(2,167,935)	103,740	-	(9,012,949)
Machinery and equipment	(7,495,387)	(2,352,413)	236,441	-	(9,611,359)
Land improvements	(9,605,420)	(6,234,256)	-	-	(15,839,676)
Infrastructure	(45,786,045)	(7,387,416)	-	-	(53,173,461)
Leasehold improv.	(31,200)	(23,400)	-	-	(54,600)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(69,866,806)</u>	<u>(18,165,420)</u>	<u>340,181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(87,692,045)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 657,539,895</u>	<u>\$ 1,268,222</u>	<u>\$ (3,275,610)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 655,532,507</u>

Construction in progress at June 30, 2019 is primarily composed of construction costs for East and West Pier site improvements, East Pier wharf expansion and fendering system, ilmenite facility enhancement project, sheds 16 and 53 modifications, Northport land improvements, Ocean Enterprise Facility, and Cotton Compress development. In accordance with the standard, there is no capitalizable interest for the year ended June 30, 2019.

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NOTE 7: CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018

	Balance July 1, 2017	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Balance June 30, 2018
Land	\$ 125,392,044	\$ 1,673,774	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127,065,818
Buildings	56,100,511	-	-	26,784,339	82,884,850
Machinery and equipment	40,761,890	249,695	(3,909,013)	-	37,102,572
Land improvements	108,943,239	-	(1,482,207)	22,916,540	130,377,572
Infrastructure	185,692,178	-	(5,103,328)	7,560,322	188,149,172
Leasehold improv.	234,000	-	-	-	234,000
Construction in progress	132,933,249	85,920,669	-	(57,261,201)	161,592,717
Total capital assets	650,057,111	87,844,138	(10,494,548)	-	727,406,701
Less: accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	(5,655,640)	(1,293,114)	-	-	(6,948,754)
Machinery and equipment	(7,203,401)	(2,520,125)	2,228,138	-	(7,495,388)
Land improvements	(5,623,727)	(4,550,612)	568,920	-	(9,605,419)
Infrastructure	(44,565,511)	(5,592,550)	4,372,016	-	(45,786,045)
Leasehold improv.	(7,800)	(23,400)	-	-	(31,200)
Total accumulated depreciation	(63,056,079)	(13,979,801)	7,169,074	-	(69,866,806)
Net capital assets	\$ 587,001,032	\$ 73,864,337	\$ (3,325,474)	\$ -	\$ 657,539,895

Construction in progress at June 30, 2018 is primarily composed of construction costs for Terminal 3 gate, M&R, and warehouse buildings, West Pier site and security system, East Pier wharf expansion and fendering system, ilmenite facility enhancement project, shed 16 modifications, and Northport land improvements. In the prior fiscal year the Authority adopted new accounting guidance, GASB No.89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*. In accordance with the standard, there is no capitalizable interest for the year ended June 30, 2018.

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NOTE 7: CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017

	Balance July 1, 2016	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Balance June 30, 2017
Land	\$ 125,392,044	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,392,044
Buildings	33,811,232	-	(5,478,388)	27,767,667	56,100,511
Machinery and equipment	9,548,382	83,893	(12,276)	31,141,891	40,761,890
Land improvements	42,083,452	-	(22,147,985)	89,007,772	108,943,239
Infrastructure	173,605,631	-	(16,345,425)	28,431,972	185,692,178
Leasehold improv.	-	234,000	-	-	234,000
Construction in progress	228,290,497	81,953,916	(961,862)	(176,349,302)	132,933,249
Total capital assets	<u>612,731,238</u>	<u>82,271,809</u>	<u>(44,945,936)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>650,057,111</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	(6,041,422)	(1,129,154)	1,514,936	-	(5,655,640)
Machinery and equipment	(4,606,387)	(2,609,166)	12,152	-	(7,203,401)
Land improvements	(17,190,787)	(2,949,706)	14,516,766	-	(5,623,727)
Infrastructure	(54,467,315)	(5,249,363)	15,151,167	-	(44,565,511)
Leasehold improv.	-	(7,800)	-	-	(7,800)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(82,305,911)</u>	<u>(11,945,189)</u>	<u>31,195,021</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(63,056,079)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 530,425,327</u>	<u>\$ 70,326,620</u>	<u>\$ (13,750,915)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 587,001,032</u>

Construction in progress at June 30, 2017 is primarily composed of construction costs for west pier site work, transit shed, marine research facility, tenants' maintenance and repair buildings, north harbor improvements, and infrastructure. For the year ended June 30, 2017, capitalizable interest in the amount of \$186,015 was incurred on outstanding debt during the construction period.

NOTE 8: UNEARNED REVENUE

As of June 30, unearned revenue includes the following:

	2019	2018	2017
Point Sur dockage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,167
Chemours (f/k/a Dupont)	261,076	256,208	244,655
Chiquita	216,895	215,823	146,250
McDermott, Inc.	150,000	150,000	140,000
Verizon	700	-	-
Ports of America	-	-	8,269
FEMA - Nate grant	60,095	-	-
	<u>\$ 688,766</u>	<u>\$ 622,031</u>	<u>\$ 543,341</u>

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NOTE 10: BONDS PAYABLE (Continued)

Interest incurred on bonds payable totaled \$23,986, \$281,093, and \$300,903, for fiscal years ended June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017, respectively. Of these amounts, there was no capitalizable interest as a component of the cost of construction in progress for the years ended June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2018 and \$186,015 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

NOTE 11: COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Changes in compensated absences are as follows for the years ended June 30:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due within 12 months</u>
2019	\$ 301,912	\$ 275,995	\$(258,687)	\$ 319,220	\$ 18,827
2018	\$ 282,389	\$ 290,510	\$(270,987)	\$ 301,912	\$ 15,827
2017	\$ 280,198	\$ 182,929	\$(180,738)	\$ 282,389	\$ 18,262

NOTE 12: LEASING ARRANGEMENTS

Substantially all of the Authority's capital assets are leased to various businesses for periods up to 40 years. All of the leases are accounted for as operating leases. Revenue from leases was \$14,035,211, \$12,627,908, and \$12,088,682 for 2019, 2018, and 2017, respectively. The leases to gaming operations include contingent rentals of \$7,562,011, \$7,147,786, and \$7,140,847, for 2019, 2018, and 2017, respectively. These contingent rentals are based on gross revenues of the gaming operations. Many of the leases with other operations include provisions for minimum thruput charges in order to fund debt service requirements relating to the specific facility leased. These thruput charges are included in operating revenues.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rentals through the end of the lease agreements in effect as of June 30, 2019, not including contingent rentals, consumer price index adjustments, or thruput charges:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	\$ 6,415,551
2021	6,411,352
2022	6,407,142
2023	6,407,032
2024	5,570,553
2025 - 2047	38,462,836
Total	<u>\$ 69,674,466</u>

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NOTE 12: LEASING ARRANGEMENTS (Continued)

Construction Reimbursement

On January 1, 2017, the Authority commenced the guaranteed construction reimbursement clause included in a port facilities tenant's 30 year non-exclusive, amended, restated, and modified operating lease agreement executed on July 1, 2013. The lease terms state that upon occupancy, the tenant will reimburse the Authority for all construction costs incurred related to a new ilmenite facility constructed by the Authority and operated by the tenant on Authority property. As of the years ended, June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017, the tenant's responsibility for construction costs incurred was \$65,042,768. Under the terms of the agreement, the reimbursement will be paid over ten years, at 2.25% per annum, in quarterly payments of \$1,820,406, beginning January 1, 2017. The total reimbursement amount will increase as project enhancements are completed. The operating lease guaranteed construction reimbursement will be fully paid on October 1, 2026. Lease revenue for fiscal year 2019 totaled \$6,068,269 and is included in revenue from leases on the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position. Total interest received from this lease as of June 30, 2019 was \$1,213,355 and is included under non-operating revenue in interest and other investment income on the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rentals through the end of the lease agreement in effect as of June 30, 2019:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2020	\$ 6,205,961	\$ 1,075,663	\$ 7,281,624
2021	6,346,778	934,846	7,281,624
2022	6,490,790	790,834	7,281,624
2023	6,638,069	643,555	7,281,624
2024	6,788,691	492,933	7,281,624
2025 - 2027	<u>17,653,316</u>	<u>550,744</u>	<u>18,204,060</u>
Total	<u>\$50,123,605</u>	<u>\$4,488,575</u>	<u>\$54,612,180</u>

Gaming Lease

Effective October 18, 2013, the Authority entered into an amended and restated lease agreement with its gaming lessee. The terms of the lease agreement include a ten-year primary term, expiring on October 18, 2023, with two five year renewal options. Also included in the lease terms is an additional percentage rental abatement that reduces the 3% non-gaming additional percentage rental by 35% (\$16,732,885 as of June 30, 2019) of the total capitalized costs expended (\$47,808,243 as of June 30, 2019) by the lessee in connection with its hotel renovation and restoration (hotel development assistance cap amount) and \$33,333 monthly base (\$400,000 as of June 30, 2019). The abatement expires when the hotel development assistance cap amount is met or at the end of the second five-year renewal term, October 18, 2033, whichever occurs first. During the years ended June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017 the Authority abated \$485,616, \$441,078, and \$478,547, respectively, in additional percentage rental related to non-gaming activities. From inception of the amended and restated lease agreement through June 30, 2019, the total abated amount is \$2,576,527. As of June 30, 2019, the remaining unused hotel development assistance cap is \$14,156,358.

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NOTE 13: RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description

The Authority's employees are provided pensions through the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Mississippi's Public Employees' Retirement System's Board of Trustees. Benefit provisions are established by State law and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employee Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS, 39201-1005 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Benefits Provided

PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who become members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2 percent of their average compensation for each year of credited service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members before July 1, 2011) plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of credited service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of credited service. A member may elect a reduced retirement allowance payable for life with the provision that, after death, a beneficiary receives benefits for life or for a specified number of years. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. Benefit provisions are established by Section 25-11-1 et seq., Mississippi Code Ann. (1972) and may be amended only by the State Legislature.

A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter.

Contributions

The contribution requirements of PERS members are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The adequacy of these rates is assessed annually by actuarial valuation. PERS members are required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary and the Authority is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. For the periods ending June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017, the Authority's contribution rate was 15.75%, of annual covered payroll. On July 1, 2019, the Authority's contribution rate increased to 17.40% of annual covered payroll. The Authority's contributions to PERS for the years ended June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017 were \$452,777, \$417,434, and \$414,385, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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NOTE 13: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources

At June 30, 2019, the Authority recognized \$6,852,786 as its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Authority's long-term share of contributions relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2018, the Authority's proportion was 0.0412 percent, which was an increase of 0.0004 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017 (0.0408 percent).

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the Authority recognized expense of \$412,480. In addition, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 30,042	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	4,043	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on Plan investments	-	163,268
Changes in proportion and differences between Authority contributions and proportionate share of contributions	179,264	-
Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date	452,777	-
Total	<u>\$ 666,126</u>	<u>\$ 163,268</u>

The Authority's contributions subsequent to the measurement date, \$452,777, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year	Amount
2020	\$ 189,683
2021	38,399
2022	(147,184)
2023	(30,817)
	<u>\$ 50,081</u>

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Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of investment expense, including inflation
Projected salary increases	3.25 - 18.50 percent, including inflation
Inflation	3.00 percent

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016. The experience report is dated April 18, 2017. Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected with Scale BB to 2022, set forward one year for males.

The long-term expected rate of return on investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation %</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return %</u>
U.S. Broad	27.00%	4.60%
International equity	18.00%	4.50%
Emerging markets equity	4.00%	4.75%
Global	12.00%	4.75%
Fixed income	18.00%	0.75%
Real estate	10.00%	3.50%
Private equity	8.00%	5.10%
Emerging debt	2.00%	2.25%
Cash	1.00%	0.00%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (9.00%) and that employer contributions will be made at the former employer contribution rate (15.75%) through June 30, 2019 and at the current contribution rate (17.40%) thereafter. 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 was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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Sensitivity of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

	Discount Rate	Authority's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
1% decrease	6.75%	\$9,023,150
Current discount rate	7.75%	\$6,852,784
1% increase	8.75%	\$5,048,923

Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

NOTE 14: OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

In the year ended June 30, 2018, the Authority adopted new accounting guidance, GASB No.75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. In accordance, appropriate disclosures are as follows.

Plan Description

The State and School Employees' Health Insurance Management Board administers the State's self-insured medical plan and life insurance program established by Section 25-15-3 et seq., Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), which may be amended only by the State Legislature. State law mandates that all state, public education, library, junior and community college and retiring employees be offered health and life benefit coverage through the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan.

Eligibility

Eligible retirees will include State and School employees retiring from the State of Mississippi and electing coverage at retiree contribution rates. General State employees hired before July 1, 2011 are eligible to retire at any age with 25 years of service or at age 60 with at least 4 years (if hired before July 1, 2007) or 8 years (if hired after July 1, 2007) of service. General State employees hired after July 1, 2011 are eligible to retire at any age with 30 years of service or at age 60 with at least 8 years of service.

Contributions

Retirees are responsible for payment of their own premiums. A retired employee electing to purchase retiree life and health insurance will have the full cost of such insurance premium deducted monthly from their state retirement plan check or direct billed if the retirement check is insufficient to pay for the premium. No contributions towards postemployment benefits are made while in active service. At retirement, contributions vary based on plan election, dependent coverage, and Medicare eligibility and date of hire.

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NOTE 14: OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability

The Authority's net other postemployment benefit (OPEB) liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Discount rate	3.89%
Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.25% - 18.50%
Municipal bond index rate	3.89%
Health care cost trends	7.25% for 2018 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.75% by 2028

Both pre-retirement and post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP 2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected with Scale BB to 2022, male rates set forward 1 year and adjusted by 106% for males at all ages, and females adjusted to 90% for ages less than 76, 95% for age 76, 105% for age 78 and 110% for ages 79 and greater. Post-disability mortality rates were based on the RP 20144 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table set forward 4 years for males and 3 years for females. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on the results of the last actuarial experience study, dated April 18, 2017.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability (TOL) at June 30, 2018 was 3.89 percent. Since the trust was set up as of June 28, 2018 with an initial contribution of \$1,000,000, the Plan was projected to be depleted immediately, in 2018.

Sensitivity of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.89 percent, as well as the Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.56 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.56 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>Authority's Proportionate Share of Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability</u>
1% decrease	2.89%	\$214,955
Current discount rate	3.89%	\$193,920
1% increase	4.89%	\$175,829

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Sensitivity of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability to Changes in Health Care Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the sensitivity of the net OPEB liability (NOL) to changes in the health care cost trend rates. The following exhibit presents the NOL of the plan, calculated using the health care cost trend rates, as well as what the plan's NOL would be if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	<u>Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability</u>	<u>Authority's Proportionate Share of Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability</u>
1% decrease	\$716,563,000	\$179,634
Current discount rate	\$773,550,000	\$193,920
1% increase	\$838,271,000	\$210,145

Other Postemployment Benefit Expense and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Other Postemployment Benefits

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the Authority recognized OPEB adjustment of \$6,466. At June 30, 2019, the Authority reported deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes of assumptions	\$ -	\$ 13,817
Differences between expected and actual experience	395	-
Implicit rate subsidy	9,485	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Authority contributions and proportionate share of contributions	16,478	-
Total	<u>\$ 26,358</u>	<u>\$ 13,817</u>

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The fiscal year 2019 implicit rate subsidy, \$9,485, represents the Authority's proportionate share of amounts paid as benefits come due subsequent to the measurement date of the net OPEB liability and before the end of the reporting period that are recognized as an additional deferred outflow of resources. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as future OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	\$ 709
2021	709
2022	709
2023	709
2024	394
2025	<u>(174)</u>
	<u>\$ 3,056</u>

NOTE 15: LEASES

Office Space

In May 2007, the Authority entered into a lease agreement for office space at One Hancock Plaza in Gulfport, Mississippi. The office space lease is classified as an operating lease. Effective September 9, 2016 the lease was renewed for a period of one year expiring on September 9, 2017. Annual rent under this lease agreement is \$173,187. Rent expense was \$129,891 and \$173,187 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Rent expenses are included in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position as contractual services. This lease ended in April 2017 as the new lease agreement for office space began.

In August 2009, the Authority entered into a lease agreement for office space at One Hancock Plaza in Gulfport, Mississippi. The office space lease is classified as an operating lease. Effective March 1, 2016 the lease was renewed for a period of eighteen months expiring on August 31, 2017. Annual rent under this lease agreement is \$63,279. The lease was discontinued in March 2017 (after one year) when all office space leased at One Hancock Plaza was moved to one location. Rent expense was \$47,459 for the year ended June 30, 2017. Rent expenses are included in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position as contractual services.

In October 2016, the Authority entered into a lease agreement for office space at One Hancock Plaza in Gulfport, Mississippi, which would encompass all offices and discontinue all current leases with One Hancock Plaza. The office space lease is classified as an operating lease. Effective March 1, 2017 the lease is for a period of 10 years expiring on February 28, 2026. Annual rent under this lease agreement is \$278,020, due in monthly installments of \$23,168. Rent expense was \$278,020 for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, and \$69,505 for the year ended June 30, 2017. Rent expenses are included in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position as contractual services.

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NOTE 15: LEASES (Continued)

Copier Lease

In February 2013, the Authority entered into a lease agreement for copiers. The lease is classified as an operating lease. The lease term is four years. Monthly rent under this lease agreement is \$1,100. In April 2017, the lease was renewed for a new four-year term with monthly rent of \$879. Rent expense for the years ended June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017 were \$10,548, \$10,548, and \$12,576, respectively. Rent expenses are included in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position as contractual services.

Minimum Future Lease Payments

The minimum future lease payments on the above leases at June 30, 2019 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	\$ 288,568
2021	285,931
2022	285,931
2023	278,020
2024	278,020
2025-2026	<u>486,534</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,903,004</u>

NOTE 16: TAX ABATEMENTS

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the Authority issued no tax abatements.

NOTE 17: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Authority's only gaming operations lessee accounted for approximately 32%, 32%, and 38%, of the operating revenues in the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017, respectively.

NOTE 18: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Authority implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*. This implementation of GASB 77 had no effect on the financial statements. See the tax abatement disclosure at Note 16.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the Authority implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*. This implementation of GASB 89 had no material effect on the financial statements. See the fixed asset disclosure at Note 7.

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NOTE 19: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Commitments

Construction in Progress

Construction in progress at June 30, 2019 is primarily composed of construction costs for East and West Pier improvements, East Pier wharf expansion and fendering system, ilmenite facility enhancement project, sheds 16 and 53 modifications, Northport land improvements, Ocean Enterprise Facility, and Cotton Compress Development. The total amount of the construction contracts in progress as of June 30, 2019 is \$13,168,787, of which \$9,989,319 in construction costs has been incurred through June 30, 2019. Of the construction costs incurred as of June 30, 2019 the Authority remains obligated to pay \$1,604,054 from unrestricted cash. The Authority is further obligated to pay the remaining amount of \$3,179,467 as work progresses on these construction contracts from federal grants and Authority revenues.

Contingencies

Regulatory Environment

The Authority's future restoration plans, accounted for in construction in progress, are subject to various regulatory approvals by federal and state agencies which could affect the scope and timing of project completion.

Litigation

In April 2012, a construction company filed a bid protest appeal against the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration and the Authority protesting the award of a construction contract related to a fill project at the Port. The Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration is no longer a party to this proceeding. In October 2015, oral argument was heard by the Court, and the parties are awaiting a ruling on the appeal. The Authority seeks dismissal of the appeal with prejudice. Should the construction company prevail in its appeal, the Authority's potential liability is estimated to be approximately \$3,000,000. The attorneys believe that the Authority's defenses to this claim are strong. However, at this current time, no conclusion is offered as to the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome being either probable or remote. As such, no opinion is expressed as to the likely outcome of this matter.

In November 2016, a terminated contractor filed suit against the Authority for wrongful termination and breach of contract. The Authority has filed counterclaims against the contractor for breach of contract and fraudulent representation and is seeking to have the contractor's surety added as a counter-defendant. The case is currently in the discovery phase and no trial date has been set. The claimant has asserted damages in excess of \$42.3M. The Authority's position is that the claimant owes the Authority in excess of \$6.5M plus attorney fees. The attorneys believe that the Authority's defenses to the contractor's claims are strong. However, at this current time, no conclusion is offered as to the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome being either probable or remote. As such, no opinion is expressed as to the likely outcome of this matter.

No accrual for losses as a result of the litigation above has been made in the financial statements.

Federal Grants

In the normal course of operations and as a result of the destruction from hurricanes, the Authority has received grant funds from various Federal agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds.

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NOTE 20: MISSISSIPPI COAST FOREIGN TRADE ZONE, INC.

In January 1999, the U. S. Department of Commerce Foreign Trade Zone Board approved the expansion of the Greater Gulfport/Biloxi Foreign Trade Zone, Inc. to include Harrison County. Such designation allows foreign or domestic merchandise coming into the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport to generally be considered as part of international commerce and not officially entered in United States Commerce. Therefore, the usual duties charged on goods may be deferred, reduced, avoided or eliminated.

NOTE 21: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and the destruction of assets; errors and omission; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Significant losses are generally covered by commercial insurance with the exception of the self-insured risks discussed below. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage.

Self-Insurance

Tort Claims

The Authority is a member and participant in the Mississippi Tort Claims Fund under the administration of the Mississippi Tort Claims Board. This entity is a self-insurance tort (civil suit) claims fund organized under Mississippi Code Ann. 1972 Section 11-46-17. Membership for state agencies is mandatory. The plan provides liability and tort claims insurance for its members according to limits established by the Mississippi Tort Claims Act. The members of the group are jointly and severally liable for the obligations of the group. The possibility of additional liability exists, but that amount, if any, cannot be determined.

Unemployment Insurance

The Authority is a member and participant in the Unemployment Insurance Fund under the administration of the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Insurance. The entity is a self-insurance unemployment insurance fund organized under Mississippi Code Ann. 1972 Section 71-5-355. Membership for state agencies is mandatory. The group is self-insured for all unemployment claims filed with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security by former State employees. The members of the group are jointly and severally liable for the obligations of the group. The possibility of additional liability exists, but that amount, if any, cannot be determined.

NOTE 22: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Authority has evaluated events occurring subsequent to year end through November 15, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No such events have been identified by management for this time period that are required to be recognized or disclosed.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
SCHEDULE OF AUTHORITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN
LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Authority's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0412%	0.0408%	0.0381%	0.0364%	0.0365%
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$6,852,786	\$6,782,345	\$6,805,611	\$5,626,724	\$4,430,431
Authority's covered employee payroll	\$2,852,578	\$2,630,020	\$2,438,795	\$2,275,227	\$2,228,329
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	240.23%	257.88%	279.06%	247.30%	198.82%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	62.54%	61.49%	57.47%	61.70%	67.21%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirements to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend has been compiled, information is presented only for the years for which the required supplementary information is available.

See independent auditors' report and notes to required supplementary information.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
SCHEDULE OF AUTHORITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN
LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 449,256	\$ 414,205	\$ 384,089	\$ 358,328	\$ 350,941
Contributions in relation to contractually required contribution	(449,256)	(414,205)	(384,089)	(358,328)	(350,941)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Authority's covered employee payroll	\$2,852,578	\$2,630,020	\$2,438,795	\$2,275,227	\$2,228,329
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

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**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
SCHEDULE OF AUTHORITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF OTHER
POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT LIABILITY
LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Authority's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.02506881%	0.02495849%
Authority's proportionate share of the net other postemployment benefit liability - beginning	\$ 195,827	\$ 192,586
Authority's proportionate share of service cost	5,131	5,451
Authority's proportionate share of interest	6,845	6,018
Authority's proportionate share of difference in expected and actual experience	468	-
Authority's proportionate share of the change in assumptions or other inputs	(5,966)	(522)
Authority's proportionate share of benefit payments	<u>(8,385)</u>	<u>(7,706)</u>
Authority's total proportionate share of the net other postemployment benefit liability - ending	<u>\$ 193,920</u>	<u>\$ 195,827</u>

See independent auditors' report and notes to required supplementary information.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

NOTE 1: CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS

Net Pension Liability

In 2016, the assumed rate of interest credited to employee contributions was changed from 3.50% to 2.00%.

In 2017, the expectation of retire life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2022, rather than projected to 2016, which was used prior to 2017. In 2017, the wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%. In 2017, withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rate were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience. In 2017, the percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 6% to 7%.

Other Postemployment Benefit Liability

In 2017, the single equivalent interest rate (SEIR) was changed from 3.01% for the prior measurement date to 3.56% for the current measurement date.

NOTE 2: CHANGES IN BENEFIT PROVISIONS

Net Pension Liability

Effective July 1, 2016, the interest rate on employee contributions shall be calculated based on the money market rate as published by the Wall Street Journal on December 31 of each preceding year with a minimum rate of 1.00% and a maximum rate of 5.00%.

Other Postemployment Benefit Liability

There were no changes in benefit provisions in the current year.

NOTE 3: METHOD AND ASSUMPTIONS USED IN CALCULATIONS OF ACTUARIALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS

Net Pension Liability

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported (June 30, 2016 valuation for the June 30, 2018 fiscal year end). The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, open
Remaining amortization period	36.6 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Price inflation	3.00 percent
Salary increase	3.75 percent to 19.00 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

NOTE 3: METHOD AND ASSUMPTIONS USED IN CALCULATIONS OF ACTUARIALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (Continued)

Other Postemployment Benefit Liability

The actuarially determined contribution rates, as a percentage of payroll, used to determine the actuarially determined contribution amounts in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated as of the most recent valuation date. The following actuarial methods and assumptions (from June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation) were used to determine contribution rates reported in that schedule for the year ending June 30, 2018:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level dollar
Amortization period	30 year, open
Asset valuation method	Market Value of Assets
Price inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.25% to 18.50%
Initial health care cost trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims - Pre Medicare	7.75%
Ultimate health care cost trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims - Pre Medicare	5.00%
Year of ultimate trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims - Pre Medicare	2023
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expense, including price inflation	3.56%

REPORTS ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL



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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**

November 15, 2019

To the Board of Commissioners
Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport
Gulfport, Mississippi

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 Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, an agency of the State of Mississippi, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2019.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport'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.

To the Board of Commissioners
Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport
November 15, 2019

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's financial statements are free of 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 Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport'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 Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR
EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

November 15, 2019

To the Board of Commissioners
Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport
Gulfport, Mississippi

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's, an agency of the State of Mississippi, compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2019. The Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, contracts, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance 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 the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for its major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's compliance.

To the Board of Commissioners
Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport
November 15, 2019

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for its major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's internal control over compliance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Identifying Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			
Passed through the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA):			
Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery	14.228	R115-06-02	\$ 12,739,788
Community Development Block Grant Rail Improvement	14.228	R103-936-01-KED	1,311
<i>Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</i>			<u>12,741,099</u>
U.S. Department of Homeland Security			
Passed through the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA):			
Disaster Public Assistance Grant Hurricane Katrina	97.036	PW 8908	9,438
Hurricane Nate		PW 66	4,657
		PW 118	13,781
		PW 121	2,739
		PW 126	2,417
<i>Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security</i>			<u>33,032</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 12,774,131</u>

See the accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

NOTE 1- BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2019 and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

NOTE 2- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance. The cost principles are applied based on the period of expenditures.

The Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 3- RECONCILIATION TO GRANT REVENUE

The following reconciles the total expenditures of federal awards to grant revenue recognized in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position for the year ended June 30, 2019:

Total expenditures of federal awards		\$ 12,774,131
Total federal revenues		<u>\$ 12,774,131</u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses)		
Transfers in from other State agencies		\$ 13,278,064
Less: non-federal State agency grant		<u>(503,933)</u>
Total federal revenues		<u>\$ 12,774,131</u>

NOTE 4- UNEXPENDED GRANT APPROPRIATIONS

The following are unexpended grant awards at June 30, 2019:

Federal agency	FEMA	HUD
Total awards at June 30, 2019	\$ 73,103,691	\$ 584,659,138
Total expenditures at June 30, 2019	<u>(73,058,603)</u>	<u>(554,347,457)</u>
Unexpended at June 30, 2019	<u>\$ 45,088</u>	<u>\$ 30,311,681</u>

**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

Section I – Summary of Auditors’ Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors’ report issued	Unmodified
Internal Control over financial reporting:	
Material Weaknesses identified?	No
Significant Deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards

Internal Control Over Major Programs:	
Material Weaknesses identified?	No
Significant Deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	None reported
Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major programs	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2CFR section 200.516(a)?	No

Program tested as major program:

<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program</u>
14.228	Community Development Block Grant
97.036	Disaster Public Assistance Grant

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and B Programs	*
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Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	*
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*The Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport is an agency of the State of Mississippi. Major programs determination were made by the State of Mississippi.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

None noted

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None noted