

**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY  
AT GULFPORT  
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2020, 2019, AND 2018**



**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT**  
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**JUNE 30, 2020**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

November 12, 2020

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 business-type activities of Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport (Authority), an agency of the State of Mississippi, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2020, 2019, and 2018, 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

The Authority's 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.

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Mississippi State Port Authority  
at Gulfport  
November 12, 2020

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, an agency of the State of Mississippi, as of June 30, 2020, 2019, and 2018, 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 10, pension schedules on pages 39 and 40, and other post-employment benefit schedule on page 41 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. 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, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 12, 2020

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 12, 2020, 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 the effectiveness of 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 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**





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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, 2020, 2019, and 2018. 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 \$1.5 million as a result of this year's operations. Last year the Authority's operations increased net position by \$8.6 million, and fiscal year 2018 had an \$86.3 million increase, as compared to fiscal year 2017.
- Total operating revenues for fiscal year 2020 were \$28.5 million which equates to a 1.2% increase over the prior year. In fiscal years 2019 and 2018, operating revenues were \$28.2 million and \$26.5 million, respectively.
- Maritime revenues increased 5.1% or \$1.0 million in fiscal year 2020, as compared to a 7.9% increase in fiscal year 2019. Maritime revenues in fiscal years 2020, 2019, and 2018 were \$20.1 million, \$19.1 million, and 17.8 million, respectively. The \$1.0 million increase in maritime revenue can be attributed to a tenant's one-time fee. As with every State entity, COVID-19 has affected the Authority, as well; operating revenues related to vessel activity and gaming for the months of March 2020 through June 2020 were down approximately \$1.3 million or 25.5% over the same period last year. The Authority is working with our tenants to accommodate their needs as there have been some changes in consumer consumption and needs. The Authority is actively pursuing and negotiating agreements with new companies to enhance and diversify our revenue streams.
- As of June 30, 2020, the Authority's operating expenses totaled \$36.5 million (which includes \$18.8 million in depreciation expense) resulting in an operating loss of \$8.0 million. This compares to an operating loss of \$5.6 million in fiscal year 2019 and a \$3.8 million loss for fiscal year 2018. In fiscal year 2020, \$2.7 million of operating expenses were related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); these costs were reimbursed back to the Authority. In fiscal year 2019, CDBG grant related operating expenses totaled \$2.3 million, and in fiscal year 2018, CDBG grant related operating expenses were \$5.1 million.
- Depreciation expense for fiscal year 2020 was \$18.8 million, as compared to \$18.2 million for fiscal year 2019 and \$14.0 million for fiscal year 2018. As the Authority continues to invest in and construct capital assets and projects, depreciation expense will increase each year as well.
- Regarding the Authority's Overall Facility Restoration Plan, costs incurred during fiscal year 2020 were over \$8.6 million. \$5.4 million in CDBG grant related funds were used to finance a major portion of construction projects. In fiscal year 2020, projects that were completed include: East Pier Fender Replacements for berths 2 and 3, East Pier Wharf Improvements, and the Fencing Project at the Cotton Compress which is an off-site property. Additionally, the West Pier Security Gate Painting Project and the West Pier Bull Railing Modifications Project were completed in fiscal year 2020.

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### *Financial Highlights (continued)*

- In fiscal years 2020 and 2019, the Authority received approximately \$247,000 in FEMA/MEMA grant funds for damages due to Hurricane Nate. As of June 30, 2020, the Authority is due approximately \$12,000 from FEMA/MEMA related to Hurricane Nate.

### **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 declining, by reflecting the Authority's overall financial health.

In December 2019, the Authority's Commission passed a resolution authorizing Management to commit funds annually for the deepening and widening of the federal navigation channel. While these funds are not restricted within net position, they are committed or earmarked for a proposed major dredging project, which will serve to advance, develop and improve the channels and waterways. As of June 30, 2020, the Port has committed \$5 million toward the dredging project.

A summary of the Authority's statement of net position as of June 30, 2020, with comparative amounts for June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017, is as follows:

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### *Comparative Statements of Net Position (continued)*

<b>COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION</b>				
<b>ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash and investments	\$ 31,414,529	\$ 24,541,968	\$ 38,519,115	\$ 23,155,814
Accounts receivable	4,750,313	2,651,680	2,472,772	2,081,929
Other receivables	7,890,265	9,459,761	35,849,206	38,115,212
Prepaid expenses	170,186	157,401	142,858	105,242
Restricted assets:				
Cash and investments	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total current assets	<u>44,225,293</u>	<u>36,910,810</u>	<u>77,083,951</u>	<u>63,558,197</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	640,480,550	655,532,507	657,539,895	587,001,032
Other assets:				
Investments	32,122,498	24,665,097	-	-
Investment in lease	11,767,909	12,481,426	13,177,344	13,856,097
Restricted - lease deposit	-	-	450,000	450,000
Total non-current assets	<u>684,370,957</u>	<u>692,679,030</u>	<u>671,167,239</u>	<u>601,307,129</u>
Total assets	<u>728,596,250</u>	<u>729,589,840</u>	<u>748,251,190</u>	<u>664,865,326</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred outflows	<u>969,650</u>	<u>692,484</u>	<u>1,007,147</u>	<u>1,565,613</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION</b>				
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable and accruals	\$ 7,619,170	\$ 9,437,990	\$ 24,242,728	\$ 30,385,454
Retainages payable	94,480	1,198,101	8,012,089	5,521,113
Bonds payable	-	-	6,045,000	2,950,000
Total current liabilities	<u>7,713,650</u>	<u>10,636,091</u>	<u>38,299,817</u>	<u>38,856,567</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Compensated absences	337,503	300,393	286,085	264,127
Bonds payable	-	-	-	3,095,000
Net pension & OPEB liability	7,941,928	7,046,706	6,978,172	6,998,197
Payable from restricted assets:				
Customer deposits	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total non-current liabilities	<u>8,279,431</u>	<u>7,447,099</u>	<u>7,364,257</u>	<u>10,457,324</u>
Total liabilities	<u>15,993,081</u>	<u>18,083,190</u>	<u>45,664,074</u>	<u>49,313,891</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred inflows	<u>92,834</u>	<u>177,085</u>	<u>154,268</u>	<u>21,656</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	639,705,868	653,928,453	629,056,688	547,577,608
Restricted	-	-	450,000	450,000
Unrestricted	<u>73,774,117</u>	<u>58,093,596</u>	<u>73,933,307</u>	<u>69,067,784</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ 713,479,985</u>	<u>\$ 712,022,049</u>	<u>\$ 703,439,995</u>	<u>\$ 617,095,392</u>

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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

A summary of the Authority's statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, with comparative amounts for June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017, is as follows:

<b>COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION</b>				
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>				
Charges for services	\$ 7,090,256	\$ 8,047,810	\$ 7,951,505	\$ 6,915,035
Revenue from leases	21,387,775	20,103,480	18,561,539	15,005,945
Total operating revenues	28,478,031	28,151,290	26,513,044	21,920,980
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	36,476,001	33,752,145	30,312,635	30,108,384
<b>(LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS</b>	(7,997,970)	(5,600,855)	(3,799,591)	(8,187,404)
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)</b>				
Revenue from County	960,058	951,445	934,671	963,013
Investment and other income	3,503,292	2,880,034	2,015,456	1,149,241
Transfers in from other State agencies/governments	5,528,455	13,278,064	90,293,095	74,199,492
Insurance proceeds	2,061	3,934	7,538	8,302
Interest and other expenses	-	(23,986)	(281,093)	(114,888)
(Loss) on disposal of assets	(537,960)	(2,906,582)	(2,825,473)	(13,373,286)
Total non-operating revenue	9,455,906	14,182,909	90,144,194	62,831,874
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	1,457,936	8,582,054	86,344,603	54,644,470
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>				
BEGINNING, before restatement	712,022,049	703,439,995	617,095,392	562,635,803
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	-	-	-	(184,881)
Net position - restated	712,022,049	703,439,995	617,095,392	562,450,922
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION - ENDING</b>	<b>\$ 713,479,985</b>	<b>\$ 712,022,049</b>	<b>\$ 703,439,995</b>	<b>\$ 617,095,392</b>

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.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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

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.

### *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.

The Authority's current year cash flows show a net increase of \$8.2 million in cash and cash equivalents, as compared to fiscal year 2019. This increase in cash was primarily provided from operating activities which indicates that the Authority's core business services, which are comprised of vessel and tenant activities, are thriving.

### **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, in a better or worse state, 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 declining. Additionally, Management considers other non-financial factors, such as legislative mandates and economic market conditions, to assess the overall well-being of the Authority.

The Authority, like all, has been impacted by COVID-19, and while operating revenues increased by approximately \$327,000 in fiscal year 2020, as compared to fiscal year 2019, this can be attributed to a one-time payment that the Authority received from a tenant. As a result of COVID-19, vessel activity and vessel calls decreased toward the end of fiscal year 2020. The Authority had a 18% decrease in vessel calls from March 2020 through June 2020 vs. the same time period in 2019. Additionally, the Authority's major tenant, Island View Casino, was mandated to close for 65 days in fiscal year 2020, and upon opening, Island View has been required to operate with visitor capacity limitations.

In fiscal year 2020, expenses incurred for capital asset acquisition and construction were approximately \$5.8 million. The Authority commenced construction on several new projects in fiscal year 2020, such as: The Port Connector Road Project, North Harbor Ditch Project, North Port Fencing Project, Cotton Compress Water and Sewer Project, and several East Pier projects that are in the early planning stages.

The use of CDBG funds for Restoration Projects is nearing its end with the construction of the last capital project, the Roger F. Wicker Center for Ocean Enterprise, which broke ground in November 2019. This Center will encompass nearly 62,000 sq. ft. and will be located near the Port of Gulfport's North Harbor site. The proximity to the water for vessel access, maintenance, and testing was a critical component of site selection. The building will include administrative offices, classrooms, laboratories and storage areas.



## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### 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, 2020, with comparative amounts for June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017, is as follows:

<b>CAPITAL ASSETS AS OF JUNE 30, (Net of Depreciation, in Millions)</b>				
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Land	\$ 127.1	\$ 127.1	\$ 127.1	\$ 125.4
Buildings	102.7	104.9	75.9	50.5
Machinery and equipment	24.0	27.4	29.6	33.6
Land improvements	139.2	145.6	120.8	103.3
Infrastructure	239.5	240.3	142.3	141.1
Leasehold improvements	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Construction in progress	7.8	10.0	161.6	132.9
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 640.5</u>	<u>\$ 655.5</u>	<u>\$ 657.5</u>	<u>\$ 587.0</u>

The Authority continues to maintain and expand its capital assets. Over \$100 million is budgeted for capital outlay during the next two fiscal years. With the two major projects being, the Roger F. Wicker Center for Ocean Enterprise Facility and the Port of Gulfport Access Project or Connector Road Project. This project is funded by a \$15.7 million federal grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Maritime Administration (MARAD) and will improve the roadway infrastructure that feeds into the port in order to develop the intermodal connectivity. The Port of Gulfport Access Project will connect directly to the port's western entrance which facilitates all freight and military movement in and out of the port. The project elements include: a 160-foot grade-separated bridge over U.S. Highway 90, pavement strengthening along 30th Avenue, replacing existing span wire signals with mast arms, access management improvements, and implementing Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS).

The Authority's Workforce/Grant Development Department pursues opportunities to apply for financial assistance through federal, state, local, and related industry agencies to assist the Authority with funding for capital projects which allows for overall facility improvement and growth.

Note 19 to the financial statements, which is on page 36, provides details of the Authority's outstanding construction commitments as of June 30, 2020.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### *Debt Administration*

A summary of the Authority's outstanding bond obligations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, with comparative amounts for June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017, is as follows:

DEBT OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30,				
	2020	2019	2018	2017
General Obligation Bonds: (backed by the State of Mississippi)				
Series 2009C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,045,000	\$ 6,045,000

The Authority made their 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 2021 operating budget which was approved in June 2020, during the uncertain times and challenges of COVID-19. The Authority conservatively planned a 25.8% decrease in revenue from operations due to the current business climate and the loss of a tenant who filed for bankruptcy in January 2020. The Authority also planned a decrease in operating expenses of 3.3% in fiscal year 2021, as compared to fiscal year 2020.

As well, the Authority will continue to monitor and adapt to the challenges of COVID-19 and diligently 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, 2020, 2019, AND 2018**

**ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,110,673	\$ 17,815,102	\$ 34,899,470
Equity in internal investment pool	738,058	739,402	3,619,645
Investments	4,565,798	5,987,464	-
Accrued interest receivable	271,638	228,864	95,183
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	4,750,313	2,651,680	2,472,772
Investment in lease	713,517	695,918	678,753
Due from other State agencies	6,878,572	8,338,841	35,054,226
Due from other governments	26,538	196,138	21,044
Prepaid expenses	170,186	157,401	142,858
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	100,000	100,000
Total current assets	<u>44,225,293</u>	<u>36,910,810</u>	<u>77,083,951</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Capital assets:			
Land	127,060,195	127,060,195	127,065,818
Buildings, net of accumulated depreciation	102,685,623	104,977,071	75,936,096
Machinery and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	24,001,116	27,411,181	29,607,185
Land improvements, net of accumulated depreciation	139,270,400	145,610,817	120,772,152
Infrastructure, net of accumulated depreciation	239,479,619	240,304,522	142,363,127
Leasehold improvements, net of accumulated depreciation	156,000	179,400	202,800
Construction in progress	7,827,597	9,989,321	161,592,717
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>640,480,550</u>	<u>655,532,507</u>	<u>657,539,895</u>
Investments - non-current	32,122,498	24,665,097	-
Investment in lease - non-current	11,767,909	12,481,426	13,177,344
Restricted asset:			
Deposit	-	-	450,000
Total non-current assets	<u>684,370,957</u>	<u>692,679,030</u>	<u>671,167,239</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 728,596,250</u>	<u>\$ 729,589,840</u>	<u>\$ 748,251,190</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred outflows for pensions	\$ 925,161	\$ 666,126	\$ 990,943
Deferred outflows for other postemployment benefits	44,489	26,358	16,204
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 969,650</u>	<u>\$ 692,484</u>	<u>\$ 1,007,147</u>

## LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 6,984,805	\$ 8,633,644	\$ 23,413,040
Retainage payable	94,480	1,198,101	8,012,089
Unearned revenue	487,695	688,766	622,031
Accrued salaries	131,537	96,753	98,132
Accrued interest payable	-	-	93,698
Current maturities of compensated absences payable	15,133	18,827	15,827
Current maturities of bonds payable	-	-	6,045,000
	<u>7,713,650</u>	<u>10,636,091</u>	<u>38,299,817</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Compensated absences payable, net of current maturities	337,503	300,393	286,085
Net pension liability	7,705,284	6,852,786	6,782,345
Net other postemployment benefit liability	236,644	193,920	195,827
Payable from restricted assets:			
Customer deposits	-	100,000	100,000
	<u>8,279,431</u>	<u>7,447,099</u>	<u>7,364,257</u>
Total non-current liabilities	<u>8,279,431</u>	<u>7,447,099</u>	<u>7,364,257</u>
Total liabilities	<u>15,993,081</u>	<u>18,083,190</u>	<u>45,664,074</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred inflows for pensions	77,176	163,268	146,046
Deferred inflows for other postemployment benefits	15,658	13,817	8,222
	<u>92,834</u>	<u>177,085</u>	<u>154,268</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>92,834</u>	<u>177,085</u>	<u>154,268</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	639,705,868	653,928,453	629,056,688
Restricted	-	-	450,000
Unrestricted	73,774,117	58,093,596	73,933,307
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ 713,479,985</u>	<u>\$ 712,022,049</u>	<u>\$ 703,439,995</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Charges for services	\$ 7,090,256	\$ 8,047,810	\$ 7,951,505
Revenue from leases	<u>21,387,775</u>	<u>20,103,480</u>	<u>18,561,539</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>28,478,031</u>	<u>28,151,290</u>	<u>26,513,044</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
General and administrative	3,978,842	3,801,277	3,481,007
Contractual services	12,324,887	10,992,334	11,834,139
Commodities	333,235	387,100	346,635
Pension and other postemployment benefit liability adjustment expense	533,805	406,014	671,053
Other services, charges, and expenses	456,525	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	<u>18,848,707</u>	<u>18,165,420</u>	<u>13,979,801</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>36,476,001</u>	<u>33,752,145</u>	<u>30,312,635</u>
<b>LOSS FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u>(7,997,970)</u>	<u>(5,600,855)</u>	<u>(3,799,591)</u>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)</b>			
Revenue from County	960,058	951,445	934,671
Interest and other investment income	3,503,292	2,880,034	2,015,456
Transfers in from other State agencies	5,528,455	13,278,064	90,293,095
Insurance proceeds	2,061	3,934	7,538
Interest expense and other fiscal charges	-	(23,986)	(281,093)
Loss on disposal of capital assets	<u>(537,960)</u>	<u>(2,906,582)</u>	<u>(2,825,473)</u>
Total non-operating revenue (expenses)	<u>9,455,906</u>	<u>14,182,909</u>	<u>90,144,194</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	<u>1,457,936</u>	<u>8,582,054</u>	<u>86,344,603</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION - BEGINNING</b>	<u>712,022,049</u>	<u>703,439,995</u>	<u>617,095,392</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION - ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 713,479,985</u>	<u>\$ 712,022,049</u>	<u>\$ 703,439,995</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT**  
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**COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
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	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Cash received from customers	\$ 25,681,897	\$ 27,979,022	\$ 26,200,891
Cash payments for personnel services	(3,910,642)	(3,785,348)	(3,456,466)
Cash payments to suppliers of goods and services	(11,860,441)	(13,092,379)	(4,984,796)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>9,910,814</u>	<u>11,101,295</u>	<u>17,759,629</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Cash received from other governments	1,129,658	776,351	932,064
Transfers in from other State agencies	5,134,244	40,053,544	92,644,098
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>6,263,902</u>	<u>40,829,895</u>	<u>93,576,162</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Cash received (paid) for capital asset disposal	750,925	58,636	500,000
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(6,854,176)	(38,568,232)	(98,810,754)
Principal received on investment in lease	695,918	678,753	662,012
Insurance proceeds	2,061	3,934	7,538
Interest paid	-	(117,684)	(281,093)
Principal paid on bonds payable	-	(6,045,000)	-
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(5,405,272)</u>	<u>(43,989,593)</u>	<u>(97,922,297)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Interest received	4,450,539	2,649,711	1,949,807
Purchases of investments	(23,957,915)	(33,555,919)	-
Proceeds from maturities of investments	16,932,159	3,000,000	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(2,575,217)</u>	<u>(27,906,208)</u>	<u>1,949,807</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	<u>8,194,227</u>	<u>(19,964,611)</u>	<u>15,363,301</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>18,654,504</u>	<u>38,619,115</u>	<u>23,255,814</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$ 26,848,731</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,654,504</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 38,619,115</u></u>
<b>CLASSIFIED ON THE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS AS FOLLOWS:</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,110,673	\$ 17,815,102	\$ 34,899,470
Equity in internal investment pool	738,058	739,402	3,619,645
Restricted Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	100,000	100,000
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$ 26,848,731</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,654,504</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 38,619,115</u></u>

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	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF LOSS FROM OPERATIONS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Loss from operations	<u>\$ (7,997,970)</u>	<u>\$ (5,600,855)</u>	<u>\$ (3,799,591)</u>
Adjustments reconciling loss from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	18,848,707	18,165,420	13,979,801
Provision for loss on accounts receivable	456,525	-	-
Pension and other postemployment benefit liability adjustment expense	533,805	406,014	671,053
(Increase) decrease in assets:			
Accounts receivable	(2,555,158)	(178,921)	(390,843)
Prepaid expenses	(12,798)	(14,533)	(37,616)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:			
Accounts payable	810,479	(1,698,399)	7,233,594
Due to other governments	(60,095)	-	-
Unearned revenue	(80,881)	6,640	78,690
Accrued salaries	34,784	(1,379)	5,018
Accrued compensated absences	33,416	17,308	19,523
Customer deposits	(100,000)	-	-
Total adjustments	<u>17,908,784</u>	<u>16,702,150</u>	<u>21,559,220</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 9,910,814</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,101,295</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,759,629</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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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, 2020, 2019, and 2018 the Authority's share in the pooled investment as a state agency consists of cash and totals \$738,058, \$739,402, and \$3,619,645, 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.

**Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Outflows of Resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense until then. The Authority has two items that meet this criterion, the unamortized changes in investments actual performance, expectations, and projections, and plan assumptions related to the pension plan (see Note 13) and other postemployment benefits (see Note 14). In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Inflows of Resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Authority has two items that meet this criterion, the unamortized changes in investments actual performance, expectations, and projections, and plan assumptions related to the pension plan (see Note 13) and other postemployment benefits (see Note 14).

**Pensions**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and additions to/deductions from PERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, the benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**Other Postemployment Benefits**

The other postemployment benefit (OPEB) liability is the actuarial present value of projected healthcare benefit payments to be provided to employees in the period after employment. The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB and OPEB expense have been measured using the same basis as the State Life and Health Insurance Plan's fiduciary net position. For the purpose of determining the OPEB fiduciary net position, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. The OPEB Plan reports investments at fair value.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**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.

**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.

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**NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**Deposits (continued)**

- 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, 2020, the carrying amount of the Authority’s deposits (including restricted deposits) was \$26,848,731 and the bank balances totaled \$27,091,946. 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, 2020, 2019, and 2018, restricted cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Current:			
Restricted for customer deposits	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Total current	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

**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 \$20,074,257, 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, 2020. 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>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Goldman Sachs				
Government Fund	AAAm	\$ 20,074,257	\$ 13,500,556	\$ 30,211,483
Total		<u>\$ 20,074,257</u>	<u>\$ 13,500,556</u>	<u>\$ 30,211,483</u>

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**NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**Investments (continued)**

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>2020</u>
Federal Farm Credit Bank	\$ 10,596,848
Federal Home Loan Banks	6,324,541
U.S. Government Treasury Bill	7,946,719
Federal National Mortgage Association	7,993,632
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	<u>3,826,556</u>
	<u>\$ 36,688,296</u>

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

	<u>2020</u>
<b>Current Assets:</b>	
Investments	\$ 4,565,798
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>	
Investments	<u>32,122,498</u>
Total investments	<u>\$ 36,688,296</u>

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.

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**NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**Investments (continued)**

*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.

*Future Maturities*

As of June 30, 2020, 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	\$ 10,596,848	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,596,848
Federal Home Loan Banks	6,324,541	1,519,860	3,302,131	1,502,550
U.S. Government Treasury Bill	7,946,719	3,045,938	4,900,781	-
Federal National Mortgage Association	7,993,632	-	-	7,993,632
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	3,826,556	-	-	3,826,556
	<u>\$36,688,296</u>	<u>\$4,565,798</u>	<u>\$ 8,202,912</u>	<u>\$ 23,919,586</u>

Included in the amounts above are callable securities totaling \$12,000,000 with callable dates ranging from August 11, 2020 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.

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**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.

The following is a summary of the future minimum lease payments receivable as of June 30, 2020:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
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	788,476	228,938	1,017,414
2026-2035	8,728,783	1,106,214	9,834,997
	<u>\$ 12,481,426</u>	<u>\$ 2,440,640</u>	<u>\$ 14,922,066</u>

**NOTE 4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

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

	2020	2019	2018
Accounts receivable from customers	\$ 6,255,428	\$ 3,700,270	\$ 3,521,362
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>(1,505,115)</u>	<u>(1,048,590)</u>	<u>(1,048,590)</u>
Accounts receivable, net	<u>\$ 4,750,313</u>	<u>\$ 2,651,680</u>	<u>\$ 2,472,772</u>

The Authority recorded bad debt expense of \$456,525 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and no bad debt expense for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018.



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**NOTE 5: DUE FROM OTHER STATE AGENCIES**

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

	2020	2019	2018
MEMA - FEMA Hurricane Katrina projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,387,139
MEMA - FEMA Hurricane Nate projects	12,373	39,892	119,155
MDA - HUD/CDBG Port restoration projects	6,866,199	8,298,949	32,547,932
	<u>\$ 6,878,572</u>	<u>\$ 8,338,841</u>	<u>\$ 35,054,226</u>

**NOTE 6: DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

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

	2020	2019	2018
Harrison County Tax Collector - Ad Valorem Taxes	<u>\$ 26,538</u>	<u>\$ 196,138</u>	<u>\$ 21,044</u>

**NOTE 7: CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

*For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020*

	Balance July 1, 2019	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Balance June 30, 2020
Land	\$ 127,060,195	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127,060,195
Buildings	113,990,020	-	-	-	113,990,020
Machinery and equipment	37,022,540	46,069	(3,909,013)	-	33,159,596
Land improvements	161,450,493	120,382	-	-	161,570,875
Infrastructure	293,477,983	-	-	7,080,908	300,558,891
Leasehold improvements	234,000	-	-	-	234,000
Construction in progress	9,989,321	5,570,101	(650,917)	(7,080,908)	7,827,597
Total capital assets	<u>743,224,552</u>	<u>5,736,552</u>	<u>(4,559,930)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>744,401,174</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	(9,012,949)	(2,291,448)	-	-	(11,304,397)
Machinery and equipment	(9,611,359)	(2,167,249)	2,620,128	-	(9,158,480)
Land improvements	(15,839,676)	(6,460,799)	-	-	(22,300,475)
Infrastructure	(53,173,461)	(7,905,811)	-	-	(61,079,272)
Leasehold improv.	(54,600)	(23,400)	-	-	(78,000)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(87,692,045)</u>	<u>(18,848,707)</u>	<u>2,620,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(103,920,624)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 655,532,507</u>	<u>\$ (13,112,155)</u>	<u>\$ (1,939,802)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 640,480,550</u>

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**NOTE 7: CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)**

Construction in progress at June 30, 2020 is primarily composed of construction costs for ilmenite facility enhancement project, Port connector road, Northport land improvements, Cotton Compress site improvements, and Ocean Enterprise Facility. In accordance with the standard, there is no capitalizable interest for the year ended June 30, 2020.

*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 improv.	234,000	-	-	-	234,000
Construction in progress	161,592,717	18,282,858	(310,392)	(169,575,864)	9,989,319
Total capital assets	727,406,701	19,433,642	(3,615,791)	-	743,224,552
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	(69,866,806)	(18,165,420)	340,181	-	(87,692,045)
Net capital assets	\$ 657,539,895	\$ 1,268,222	\$ (3,275,610)	\$ -	\$ 655,532,507

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.

**NOTE 8: UNEARNED REVENUE**

As of June 30, unearned revenue includes the following:

	2020	2019	2018
Chemours (f/k/a Dupont)	\$ 266,037	\$ 261,076	\$ 256,208
Chiquita	219,058	216,895	215,823
McDermott, Inc.	-	150,000	150,000
Verizon	700	700	-
KLLM	1,900	-	-
FEMA - Nate grant	-	60,095	-
	<u>\$ 487,695</u>	<u>\$ 688,766</u>	<u>\$ 622,031</u>

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**NOTE 9: CAPITALIZED LEASE**

In May 2009, the Authority entered into a land lease on approximately 33 acres in Gulfport, Mississippi. The original amount of the lease is \$699,751 and it has a bargain purchase option. Payments are \$60,500 for 12 months and then continue with annual payments of \$1 for nine years. In May 2020, per amendment 2, the lease was extended to December 31, 2020. The lease also included an additional \$450,000 escrow deposit for future site remediation, if necessary. Thus far, no further site remediation has been identified and the escrow deposit is considered part of the land lease. The leased asset is valued at \$1,149,751 and is included in land on the balance sheets.

**NOTE 10: BONDS PAYABLE**

The Authority is responsible for the repayment of specific General Obligation Bonds of the State of Mississippi relative to Authority capital projects. The bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi but are being retired from the resources of the Authority and are presented as debt of the Authority. The bonds were fully retired as of June 30, 2019.

An analysis of bond activity is as follows:

*For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019:*

Series	Issue Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance at July 1, 2018	Principal Payments	Balance at June 30, 2019
2009C	\$ 25,240,000	4/2/2009	9/1/2018	1.44-4.65%	\$ 6,045,000	\$ (6,045,000)	\$ -
Less: current maturities included in current liabilities					(6,045,000) *		-
Bonds payable, net of current portion					<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ -</u>

*For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018:*

Series	Issue Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance at July 1, 2017	Principal Payments	Balance at June 30, 2018
2009C	\$ 25,240,000	4/2/2009	9/1/2018	1.44-4.65%	\$ 6,045,000	\$ -	\$ 6,045,000
Less: current maturities included in current liabilities					(2,950,000)		(6,045,000)
Bonds payable, net of current portion					<u>\$ 3,095,000</u>		<u>\$ -</u>

\* sinking fund requirement

Interest incurred on bonds payable totaled \$23,986 and \$281,093, for fiscal years ended June 30, 2019, and 2018, 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.

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**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>
2020	<u>\$ 319,220</u>	<u>\$ 315,412</u>	<u>\$(281,996)</u>	<u>\$ 352,636</u>	<u>\$ 15,133</u>
2019	<u>\$ 301,912</u>	<u>\$ 275,995</u>	<u>\$(258,687)</u>	<u>\$ 319,220</u>	<u>\$ 18,827</u>
2018	<u>\$ 282,389</u>	<u>\$ 290,510</u>	<u>\$(270,987)</u>	<u>\$ 301,912</u>	<u>\$ 15,827</u>

**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 \$15,181,814, \$14,035,211, and \$12,627,908 for 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively. The leases to gaming operations include contingent rentals of \$6,801,128, \$7,562,011, and \$7,147,786, for 2020, 2019, and 2018, 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, 2020, not including contingent rentals, consumer price index adjustments, or thruput charges:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	\$ 4,311,352
2022	4,307,142
2023	4,307,032
2024	3,470,553
2025	3,109,339
2026 - 2047	<u>24,503,497</u>
Total	<u>\$ 44,008,915</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, 2020, 2019, and 2018, 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 2020 totaled \$6,205,961 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, 2020 was \$1,075,663 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, 2020:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
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	6,942,730	338,894	7,281,624
2026 - 2027	<u>10,710,586</u>	<u>211,850</u>	<u>10,922,436</u>
Total	<u>\$43,917,644</u>	<u>\$3,412,912</u>	<u>\$47,330,556</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, 2020) of the total capitalized costs expended (\$47,808,243 as of June 30, 2020) 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, 2020). 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, 2020, 2019, and 2018 the Authority abated \$467,486, \$485,666, and \$441,067, respectively, in additional percentage rental related to non-gaming activities. From inception of the amended and restated lease agreement through June 30, 2020, the total abated amount is \$3,044,053. As of June 30, 2020, the remaining unused hotel development assistance cap is \$13,688,832. On March 16, 2020, the lease was amended to defer rent amounts for the period gaming operations were suspended as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The deferred rents are proposed to be repaid based on one-half of one percent of gross gaming revenues once gaming operations resumed. The total deferred rent as of June 30, 2020 was \$239,386 and is included in accounts receivable on the balance sheet.

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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, 2020, 2019, and 2018, the Authority's contribution rates were 17.40%, 15.75%, and 15.75% respectively, of annual covered payroll for each year. The Authority's contributions to PERS for the years ended June 30, 2020, 2019, and 2018 were \$517,372, \$452,777, and \$417,434, 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, 2020, the Authority recognized \$7,705,284 as its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, 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, 2019, the Authority's proportion was 0.0438 percent, which was an increase of 0.0026 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018 (0.0412 percent).

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Authority recognized expense of \$507,371. 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	\$ 4,287	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	75,474	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on Plan investments	-	77,176
Changes in proportion and differences between Authority contributions and proportionate share of contributions	328,028	-
Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date	517,372	-
Total	<u>\$ 925,161</u>	<u>\$ 77,176</u>

The Authority's contributions subsequent to the measurement date, \$517,372, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year	Amount
2021	\$ 151,779
2022	30,780
2023	112,875
2024	35,179
	<u>\$ 330,613</u>



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**NOTE 13: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)**

*Actuarial Assumptions*

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2019 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	3.00 - 18.25 percent, including inflation
Inflation	2.75 percent

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the experience investigation for the four-year period ending June 30, 2018. Mortality rates were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments. For males 112% of males rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119. For females, 85% of the female rates from 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2018 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

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:

Asset Class	Target Allocation %	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return %
Domestic equity	27.00%	4.90%
International equity	22.00%	4.75%
Global equity	12.00%	5.00%
Fixed income	20.00%	1.50%
Real estate	10.00%	4.00%
Private equity	8.00%	6.25%
Cash	1.00%	0.25%
Total	100.00%	

*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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**NOTE 13: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)**

*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:

	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>Authority's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability</u>
1% decrease	6.75%	\$10,128,863
Current discount rate	7.75%	\$7,705,284
1% increase	8.75%	\$5,704,837

*Plan Fiduciary Net Position*

Detailed information about the PERS pension plan is available in a separately issued PERS financial report, available at [www.pers.ms.gov](http://www.pers.ms.gov).

**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, 2019, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019.

*Actuarial Assumptions*

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Discount rate	3.50%
Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.00% - 18.20%
Municipal bond index rate	3.50%
Health care cost trends	7.00% for 2019 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.75% by 2028

Mortality rates were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: For males, 112% of males rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119. For females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2018 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy. The demographic actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of the last actuarial experience study, dated April 2, 2019.

*Discount Rate*

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability (TOL) at June 30, 2019 was 3.50 percent. Since the trust had only \$1,017,904 as of June 30, 2019, the Plan was projected to be depleted immediately, in 2019.

*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 3.50 percent, as well as the Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.50 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.50 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>Authority's Proportionate Share of Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability</u>
1% decrease	2.50%	\$262,867
Current discount rate	3.50%	\$236,641
1% increase	4.50%	\$214,202

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**NOTE 14: OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)**

*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	\$786,304,000	\$219,284
Current discount rate	\$848,541,000	\$236,641
1% increase	\$919,045,000	\$256,303

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the Authority recognized OPEB adjustment of \$26,434. At June 30, 2020, 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	\$ 17,642	\$ 12,271
Differences between expected and actual experience	358	3,387
Implicit rate subsidy	8,710	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	4	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Authority contributions and proportionate share of contributions	17,775	-
Total	<u>\$ 44,489</u>	<u>\$ 15,658</u>

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The fiscal year 2020 implicit rate subsidy, \$8,710, 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>
2021	\$ 3,645
2022	4,841
2023	4,841
2024	5,364
2025	7,125
2026	3,015
	<u>\$ 28,831</u>

Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the Life and Health OPEB Plan is available in the separately issued financial report available at [www.dfa.ms.gov](http://www.dfa.ms.gov).

**NOTE 15: LEASES**

Office Space

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, 2020, 2019, and 2018. Rent expenses are included in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position as contractual services.

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 was \$10,548 for the years ended June 30, 2020, 2019, and 2018. 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)**

Minimum Future Lease Payments

The minimum future lease payments on the above leases at June 30, 2020 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	\$ 285,931
2022	278,020
2023	278,020
2024	278,020
2025	278,020
2026	185,346
Total	<u>\$ 1,583,357</u>

**NOTE 16: TAX ABATEMENTS**

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Authority issued no tax abatements.

**NOTE 17: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

The Authority's only gaming operations lessee accounted for approximately 29%, 32%, and 32%, of the operating revenues in the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively.

**NOTE 18: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

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.

**NOTE 19: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Commitments**

Construction in Progress

Construction in progress at June 30, 2020 is primarily composed of construction costs for ilmenite facility enhancement project, Port connector road, Northport land improvements, Cotton Compress site improvements, and Ocean Enterprise Facility. In accordance with the standard, there is no capitalizable interest for the year ended June 30, 2020. The total amount of the construction contracts in progress as of June 30, 2020 is \$41,625,114, of which \$7,827,595 in construction costs has been incurred through June 30, 2020. Of the construction costs incurred as of June 30, 2020 the Authority remains obligated to pay \$774,681 from unrestricted cash. The Authority is further obligated to pay the remaining amount of \$33,797,519 as work progresses on these construction contracts from federal grants and Authority revenues.

Dredging Project

In December 2019, the Authority's Commission passed a resolution authorizing Management to commit funds annually for the deepening and widening of the federal navigation channel. While these funds are not restricted within net position, they are committed or earmarked for a proposed major dredging project, which will serve to advance, develop and improve the channels and waterways. As of June 30, 2020, the Authority has committed \$5 million toward the dredging project.

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**NOTE 19: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)**

**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.

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.

**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.

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**NOTE 21: RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

**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 12, 2020, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The following events occurred subsequent to June 30, 2020:

In early 2020, a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) spread across the world and was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020. As a result of the spread of COVID-19, economic uncertainties have arisen. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on operational and financial performance will depend on the duration and spread of the outbreak. As of the date of this report, the effects are uncertain and cannot be reasonably estimated.

On October 28, 2020 Hurricane Zeta swept through the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The extent of the impact of Hurricane Zeta on operational and financial performance will depend on damages and duration of recovery efforts. As of the date of this report, the effects are uncertain and cannot be reasonably estimated.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**



MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT  
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SCHEDULE OF AUTHORITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN  
LAST SIX FISCAL YEARS

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Authority's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0438%	0.0412%	0.0408%	0.0381%	0.0364%	0.0365%
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 7,705,284	\$ 6,852,786	\$ 6,782,345	\$ 6,805,611	\$ 5,626,724	\$ 4,430,431
Authority's covered employee payroll	\$ 2,894,210	\$ 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	266.23%	240.23%	257.88%	279.06%	247.30%	198.82%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	61.59%	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  
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SCHEDULE OF AUTHORITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN  
LAST SIX FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 503,589	\$ 449,256	\$ 414,205	\$ 384,089	\$ 358,328	\$ 350,941
Contributions in relation to contractually required contribution	(503,589)	(449,256)	(414,205)	(384,089)	(358,328)	(350,941)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Authority's covered employee payroll	\$ 2,894,210	\$ 2,852,578	\$ 2,630,020	\$ 2,438,795	\$ 2,275,227	\$ 2,228,329
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	17.40%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

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**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT**  
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**SCHEDULE OF AUTHORITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF OTHER**  
**POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT LIABILITY**  
**LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Authority's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.02788834%	0.02506881%	0.02495849%
Authority's proportionate share of the net other postemployment benefit liability - beginning	\$ 193,920	\$ 195,827	\$ 192,586
Authority's proportionate share of service cost	5,289	5,131	5,451
Authority's proportionate share of interest	8,220	6,845	6,018
Authority's proportionate share of difference in expected and actual experience	(3,692)	468	-
Authority's proportionate share of the change in assumptions or other inputs	23,083	(5,966)	(522)
Authority's proportionate share of benefit payments	<u>9,824</u>	<u>(8,385)</u>	<u>(7,706)</u>
Authority's total proportionate share of the net other postemployment benefit liability - ending	<u>\$ 236,644</u>	<u>\$ 193,920</u>	<u>\$ 195,827</u>

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

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

**NOTE 1: CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS**

*Net Pension Liability*

The changes in assumptions for the years presented are as follows:

**2019**

- The expectation of life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments:
  - For males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119.
  - For females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 80 to 119.
  - Projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.
- The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubT.H-2010 Disabled Retiree Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments:
  - For males, 137% of males rates at all ages.
  - For females, 115% of female rates at all ages.
  - Projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.
- The price inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.75%.
- The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%.
- Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.
- The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 7% to 9%.

**2017**

- The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2022. Small adjustments were also made to the Mortality Table for disabled lives.
- The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%.
- Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.
- The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 6% to 7%.

**2016**

- The assumed rate of interest credited to employee contributions was changed from 3.50% to 2.00%.

**2015**

- The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected to 2016 using the Scale BB rather than the RP-2000 Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.
- The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Table, rather than the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.
- Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.
- Assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.
- The price inflation and investment rate of return assumptions were changed from 3.50% to 3.00% and 8.00% to 7.75%, respectively.

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**NOTE 1: CHANGES IN ASSUMPTIONS (Continued)**

*Other Postemployment Benefit Liability*

2019

- The single equivalent interest rate (SEIR) was changed from 3.89% for the prior measurement date to 3.50% for the current measurement date.

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, 2017 valuation for the June 30, 2019 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	38.4 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Price inflation	3.00 percent
Salary increase	3.28 percent to 18.50 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

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**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, 2018 actuarial valuation) were used to determine contribution rates reported in that schedule for the year ending June 30, 2019:

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	7.25%
Ultimate health care cost trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims - Pre Medicare	4.75%
Year of ultimate trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims - Pre Medicare	2028
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expense, including price inflation	3.89%

**NOTE 4: PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

*Net Pension Liability*

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Authority will present information for those years for which information is available.

*Other Postemployment Benefit Liability*

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Authority will present information for those years for which information is available.

## **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 12, 2020

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 business-type activities of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, an agency of the State of Mississippi, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 12, 2020.

**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) as a basis for designing 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 12, 2020

### **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 statements. 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 12, 2020

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 programs for the year ended June 30, 2020. The Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's major federal programs are 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 each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's compliance.

### ***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 each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020.

### **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 AT GULFPORT  
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

<b>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title</b>	<b>Federal CFDA Number</b>	<b>Identifying Number</b>	<b>Federal Expenditures</b>
<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>			
Passed through the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA):			
Community Development Block Grant			
Disaster Recovery	14.228	R115-06-02	\$ 5,652,893
<i>Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</i>			<u>5,652,893</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>			
Passed through the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA):			
Disaster Public Assistance Grant	97.036		
Hurricane Nate		PW 66	60,095
		PW 87	26,279
		PW 179	10,605
<i>Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security</i>			<u>96,979</u>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<u>\$ 5,749,872</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, 2020**

**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, 2020 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, 2020:

Total expenditures of federal awards	\$ 5,749,872
Deobligations in current year for federal expenditures in prior years	<u>(237,578)</u>
Total federal revenues	<u><u>\$ 5,512,294</u></u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses)	
Transfers in from other State agencies	\$ 5,528,455
Less: non-federal State agency grant	<u>(16,161)</u>
Total federal revenues	<u><u>\$ 5,512,294</u></u>

**NOTE 4- UNEXPENDED GRANT APPROPRIATIONS**

The following are unexpended grant awards at June 30, 2020:

Federal agency	FEMA	HUD
Total awards at June 30, 2020	\$ 73,140,575	\$ 584,659,138
Total expenditures at June 30, 2020	<u>(73,140,575)</u>	<u>(559,762,771)</u>
Unexpended at June 30, 2020	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 24,896,367</u></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, 2020**

**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 program determination were made by the State of Mississippi.



**MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT  
(AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

**Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

None noted

**Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

None noted