

NEW ISSUE
BOOK-ENTRY ONLY

S&P INSURED RATING: AA
S&P UNDERLYING RATING: AA-
See "BOND RATINGS" herein

In the opinion of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel to the District, under existing law and assuming continued compliance with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the interest on the Bonds (including original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof) (1) is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax and (2) is exempt from income taxation by the State of Missouri. The Bonds have not been designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. Bond Counsel notes that interest on the Bonds may be included in adjusted financial statement income of applicable corporations for purposes of determining the applicability and amount of the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. See "TAX MATTERS" in this Official Statement.



\$13,000,000
MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
SERIES 2025

Dated: Date of original issuance

Due: March 1, as shown on the inside cover

The General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds") will be issued by the Meramec Ambulance District (the "District") for the purpose of providing funds to (1) pay the costs of the Project (as defined herein) and (2) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds, as further described herein under the caption "PLAN OF FINANCING."

Principal of the Bonds is payable annually as set forth on the inside cover of this Official Statement, commencing on March 1, 2026. Interest on the Bonds is payable semiannually on each March 1 and September 1, commencing on March 1, 2026, by check or draft (or by wire transfer in certain circumstances as described herein) to the persons who are the registered owners of the Bonds as of the close of business on the 15th day of the calendar month preceding the applicable interest payment date.

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as described herein. See the caption "THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions" herein.

The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due will be guaranteed under an insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by Build America Mutual Assurance Company. See the caption "BOND INSURANCE" herein.



THE BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON WILL CONSTITUTE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE DISTRICT, PAYABLE FROM AD VALOREM TAXES WHICH MAY BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT UPON ALL OF THE TAXABLE TANGIBLE PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE DISTRICT. See the caption "SECURITY FOR THE BONDS."

See inside cover for maturities, principal amounts, interest rates, prices and CUSIP numbers.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the District and accepted by the Underwriter, subject to the approval of validity by Gilmore & Bell, P.C., St. Louis, Missouri, Bond Counsel to the District, and subject to certain other conditions. Gilmore & Bell, P.C., St. Louis, Missouri, will also pass on certain matters relating to this Official Statement. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by Thompson Coburn LLP, St. Louis, Missouri. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York, on or about September 9, 2025.

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The date of this Official Statement is _____, 2025.

\$13,000,000
MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
SERIES 2025

MATURITY SCHEDULE*

Base CUSIP: _____

SERIAL BONDS

<u>Maturity (March 1)</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>CUSIP**</u>
2027	\$ 420,000	%	%	
2028	440,000			
2029	465,000			
2030	490,000			
2031	515,000			
2032	540,000			
2033	565,000			
2034	595,000			
2035	625,000			
2036	660,000			
2037	695,000			
2038	730,000			
2039	765,000			
2040	805,000			
2041	845,000			
2042	890,000			
2043	935,000			
2044	985,000			
2045	1,035,000			

* Preliminary; subject to change.

** CUSIP numbers have been assigned by an independent company not affiliated with the District or the Underwriter and are included solely for the convenience of the holders of the Bonds. Neither the District nor the Underwriter is responsible for the selection or uses of these CUSIP numbers, and no representation is made as to their correctness on the Bonds or as indicated above.

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REGARDING USE OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

THE BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, OR UNDER ANY STATE SECURITIES OR “BLUE SKY” LAWS. THE BONDS ARE OFFERED PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

The information set forth herein has been obtained from the District and other sources that are deemed to be reliable, but is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by, and is not to be construed as a representation by, the District. The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

No dealer, broker, salesperson or any other person has been authorized by the District or the Underwriter to give any information or make any representations, other than those contained in this Official Statement, in connection with the offering of the Bonds, and if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by any of the foregoing. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds by any person in any state in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The information herein is subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor the sale of any of the Bonds hereunder shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District or the other matters described herein since the date hereof.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING OF THE BONDS, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF SUCH BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

THIS PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS DEEMED FINAL (EXCEPT FOR PERMITTED OMISSIONS) BY THE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLYING WITH RULE 15c2-12 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

Build America Mutual Assurance Company (“BAM”) makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, BAM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding BAM, supplied by BAM and presented under the heading “**BOND INSURANCE**” and “*Appendix C - Specimen Municipal Bond Insurance Policy*”.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Certain statements included or incorporated by reference in this Official Statement constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Such statements are generally identifiable by the terminology used such as “plan,” “expect,” “estimate,” “anticipate,” “projected,” “budget” or other similar words.

THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CERTAIN RESULTS OR OTHER EXPECTATIONS CONTAINED IN SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS DESCRIBED TO BE MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM ANY FUTURE RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. THESE FUTURE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES INCLUDE THOSE DISCUSSED IN THE “RISK FACTORS” SECTION OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. NEITHER THE DISTRICT NOR ANY OTHER PARTY PLANS TO ISSUE ANY UPDATES OR REVISIONS TO THOSE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS IF OR WHEN THEIR EXPECTATIONS, OR EVENTS, CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH SUCH STATEMENTS ARE BASED OCCUR.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT
MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT

\$13,000,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
SERIES 2025

INTRODUCTION

The following introductory information is subject in all respects to more complete information contained elsewhere in this Official Statement. The order and placement of materials in this Official Statement, including the appendix hereto, are not to be deemed to be a determination of relevance, materiality or relative importance, and this Official Statement, including the cover page and appendix, should be considered in its entirety. The offering of the Bonds to potential investors is made only by means of the entire Official Statement.

General

This Official Statement, including the cover page and appendix hereto, is furnished to prospective purchasers in connection with the offering and sale of \$13,000,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025 (the **“Bonds”**), by the Meramec Ambulance District (the **“District”**). The issuance and sale of the Bonds will be authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the District expected to be adopted on August 19, 2025 (the **“Resolution”**). All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to those terms in the Resolution.

The District

The District is an ambulance district and political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri. The District is generally located in Franklin County, Missouri (the **“County”**). The District’s boundaries encompass approximately 244 square miles with an estimated population of 27,000 people. For more information concerning the District, see the captions **“GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT,” “DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT,” “FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT,” “PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT”** and **“DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT”** herein.

Authorization and Purpose of the Bonds

The Bonds represent a series of \$13,000,000 principal amount of bonds authorized at an election held on April 8, 2025, by a vote of 1,676 for and 1,230 against the issuance of general obligation bonds.

The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of (1) constructing, improving, equipping and furnishing ambulance stations and facilities in response to increased demand in call volume and purchasing lifesaving medical equipment, ambulances and other emergency response vehicles, and auxiliary equipment (collectively, the **“Project”**) and (2) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds. See the caption **“PLAN OF FINANCING”** herein for further information.

Security for the Bonds

The Bonds will constitute general obligations of the District and will be payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes, which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the District. See the caption **“SECURITY FOR THE BONDS”** herein.

Continuing Disclosure

The District has agreed in a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to file certain financial information and operating data relating to the District and to file notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events relating to the Bonds with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”) via the Electronic Municipal Market Access system (“EMMA”). See the section herein captioned “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING” for further information.

Bond Insurance

The scheduled payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due will be guaranteed under a municipal bond insurance policy (the “Policy”) to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by Build America Mutual Assurance Company (“BAM”). See the section herein captioned “BOND INSURANCE” and “Appendix C – Specimen Municipal Bond Insurance Policy.”

THE BONDS

General

The Bonds are being issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$13,000,000. The Bonds are dated as of the date of original issuance and delivery thereof. Principal is payable on March 1 in the years and in the principal amounts set forth on the inside cover page hereof, subject to redemption and payment prior to maturity, upon the terms and conditions described under the section herein captioned “THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions.” Interest on the Bonds is calculated at the rates per annum set forth on the inside cover page, computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds shall consist of fully-registered bonds in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Interest on the Bonds is payable from the date thereof or the most recent date to which interest has been paid and is payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1 in each year, beginning March 1, 2026.

Payment of the interest on the Bonds will be made to the person in whose name such Bond is registered on the registration books (the “Bond Register”) at the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a Business Day) of the calendar month preceding the applicable interest payment date (the “Record Date”). Interest on the Bonds will be paid to the Registered Owners thereof by check or draft mailed by BOKF, N.A., St. Louis, Missouri (the “Paying Agent”) to each Registered Owner at the address shown on the Bond Register or at such other address as is furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by such Registered Owner, or by wire transfer to such Registered Owner upon written notice signed by such Registered Owner and given to the Paying Agent not less than 15 days prior to the Record Date for such interest payment, containing the wire transfer instructions, including the name and address of the bank, the bank’s ABA routing number and the account number to which such Owner wishes to have such transfer directed, and an acknowledgement that a wire transfer fee may be applicable.

Principal or the Redemption Price (as defined herein) of the Bonds will be paid by check, wire transfer or draft to the Registered Owner of such Bond at the maturity of such Bond or otherwise, upon presentation and surrender of such Bond at the designated payment office of the Paying Agent.

Redemption Provisions

Optional Redemption. At the option of the District, the Bonds or portions thereof maturing on and after March 1, 20__, may be called for redemption and payment prior to their Stated Maturities on and after March 1, 20__, in whole or in part, at any time and in such amounts for each Stated Maturity as shall be determined by the District, at the Redemption Price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest thereon to the Redemption Date (as defined herein).

Selection of Bonds to Be Redeemed. Bonds shall be redeemed only in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. When less than all of the Outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, such Bonds shall be redeemed in such order of their Stated Maturities as determined by the District, and Bonds of less than a full Stated Maturity shall be selected by the Paying Agent in \$5,000 units of principal amount by lot or in such other equitable manner as the Paying Agent may determine.

In the case of a partial redemption of Bonds, when Bonds of denominations greater than \$5,000 are then Outstanding, then for all purposes in connection with such redemption each \$5,000 of face value shall be treated as though it were a separate Bond of the denomination of \$5,000. If it is determined that one or more, but not all, of the \$5,000 units of face value represented by any Bond are selected for redemption, then upon notice of intention to redeem such \$5,000 unit or units, the Registered Owner of such Bond or the Registered Owner's duly authorized agent shall present and surrender such Bond to the Paying Agent (1) for payment of the price which such Bonds are to be redeemed (the "**Redemption Price**") and interest to the date fixed for redemption (the "**Redemption Date**") of such \$5,000 unit or units of face value called for redemption and (2) for exchange, without charge to the Registered Owner thereof, for a new Bond or Bonds of the aggregate principal amount of the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of such Bond. If the Registered Owner of any such Bond shall fail to present such Bond to the Paying Agent for payment and exchange as aforesaid, such Bond shall, nevertheless, become due and payable on the Redemption Date to the extent of the \$5,000 unit or units of face value called for redemption (and to that extent only).

Notice of Redemption. Unless waived by any Registered Owner of Bonds to be redeemed, official notice of any redemption shall be given by the Paying Agent on the District's behalf, by mailing a copy of an official redemption notice by first class mail at least 30 days prior to the Redemption Date to the State Auditor of Missouri and each Registered Owner of the Bond or Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown on the Bond Register.

With respect to optional redemptions, such notice may be conditioned upon moneys being on deposit with the Paying Agent on or prior to the Redemption Date in an amount sufficient to pay the Redemption Price on the Redemption Date. If such notice is conditional and either the Paying Agent receives written notice from the District that moneys sufficient to pay the Redemption Price will not be on deposit on the Redemption Date, or such moneys are not received on the Redemption Date, then such notice shall be of no force and effect, the Paying Agent shall not redeem such Bonds and the Paying Agent shall give notice, in the same manner in which the notice of redemption was given, that such moneys were not or will not be so received and that such Bonds will not be redeemed.

So long as DTC (as defined herein) is effecting book-entry transfers of the Bonds, the Paying Agent shall provide the notices specified in the Resolution to DTC. It is expected that DTC will, in turn, notify its Participants and that the Participants, in turn, will notify or cause to be notified the Beneficial Owners (as defined herein). Any failure on the part of DTC or a Participant, or failure on the part of a nominee of a Beneficial Owner of a Bond (having been mailed notice from the Paying Agent, a Participant or otherwise) to notify the Beneficial Owner of the Bond so affected, will not affect the validity of the redemption of such Bond.

The failure of any Registered Owner to receive the foregoing notice or any defect therein shall not invalidate the effectiveness of the call for redemption.

Effect of Call for Redemption. After an amount of money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price has been deposited with the Paying Agent and notice of redemption has been given, (1) the Bonds (or portions thereof) to be redeemed will become due and payable on the Redemption Date at the Redemption Price specified in the notice and (2) from and after the Redemption Date (unless the District defaults in the payment of the Redemption Price) such Bonds or portions of Bonds shall cease to bear interest. All Bonds that have been surrendered for redemption shall be canceled and destroyed by the Paying Agent pursuant to the Resolution and shall not be reissued.

Book-Entry Only System

General. The Bonds are available in book-entry only form. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds. Ownership interests in the Bonds will be available to purchasers only through a book-entry system (the “**Book-Entry System**”) maintained by The Depository Trust Company (“**DTC**”), New York, New York.

The following information concerning DTC and DTC’s Book-Entry System has been obtained from DTC. The District takes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof and neither the Indirect Participants (as defined herein) nor the Beneficial Owners should rely on the following information with respect to such matters, but should instead confirm the same with DTC or the Direct Participants (as defined herein), as the case may be. There can be no assurance that DTC will abide by its procedures or that such procedures will not be changed from time to time.

DTC and its Participants. DTC, the world’s largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC’s participants (“**Direct Participants**”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“**DTCC**”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“**Indirect Participants**”). DTC has a Standard & Poor’s rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Ownership Interests. Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond (“**Beneficial Owner**”) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants’ records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds, except in the event that use of the Book-Entry System for the Bonds is discontinued.

Transfers. To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC’s partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC’s records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Notices. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices will be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within a maturity are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such maturity to be redeemed.

Voting. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's Money Market Instrument Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the District as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Payments of Principal, Redemption Price and Interest. Payment of principal or Redemption Price of and interest on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the District or the Paying Agent, on the payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal or Redemption Price of and interest on the Bonds to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District or Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

Discontinuation of Book-Entry System. DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or the Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The District may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds

The District will cause the Bond Register to be kept at the principal payment office of the Paying Agent or such other office designated by the Paying Agent for the registration, transfer and exchange of the Bonds as provided in the Resolution. Upon surrender of any Bond at the principal payment office of the Paying Agent, or at such other office designated by the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent shall transfer or exchange such Bond as provided in the Resolution.

The Paying Agent shall transfer or exchange such Bond for a new Bond or Bonds in any authorized denomination of the same Stated Maturity and in the same aggregate or principal amount as the Bond that was

presented for transfer or exchange. Bonds presented for transfer or exchange shall be accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer or authorization for exchange, in a form and with guarantee of signature satisfactory to the Paying Agent, duly executed by the Registered Owner thereof or by the Registered Owner's duly authorized agent. Any additional costs or fees that might be incurred in the secondary market, other than fees of the Paying Agent, are the responsibility of the Registered Owners of the Bonds. If any Registered Owner fails to provide a correct taxpayer identification number to the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent may make a charge against such Registered Owner sufficient to pay any governmental charge required to be paid as a result of such failure. The District and the Paying Agent shall not be required (1) to register the transfer or exchange of any Bond that has been called for redemption after notice of such redemption has been mailed by the Paying Agent in accordance with the Resolution and during the period of 15 days next preceding the date of mailing of such notice of redemption, or (2) to register the transfer or exchange of any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on the day after receiving written notice from the District of its intent to pay Defaulted Interest and ending at the close of business on the date fixed for the payment of Defaulted Interest pursuant to the Resolution.

SECURITY FOR THE BONDS

Pledge of Full Faith and Credit. The Bonds will constitute general obligations of the District and will be payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes, which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the District.

Levy and Collection of Annual Tax. Under the Resolution, the District has authorized the imposition upon all of the taxable tangible property within the District of a direct annual tax sufficient to produce the amounts necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable in each year. Such taxes shall be extended upon the tax rolls in each year, and shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the other ad valorem taxes of the District are levied and collected. The proceeds derived from said taxes shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund, shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the District and shall be used solely for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, as and when the same become due, and the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent.

BOND INSURANCE

Bond Insurance Policy

Concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds, Build America Mutual Assurance Company (“**BAM**”) will issue its Municipal Bond Insurance Policy for the Bonds (the “**Policy**”). The Policy guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due as set forth in the form of the Policy included as an appendix to this Official Statement.

The Policy is not covered by any insurance security or guaranty fund established under New York, California, Connecticut or Florida insurance law.

Build America Mutual Assurance Company

BAM is a New York domiciled mutual insurance corporation and is licensed to conduct financial guaranty insurance business in all fifty states of the United States and the District of Columbia. BAM provides credit enhancement products to issuers in the U.S. public finance markets. BAM will only insure municipal bonds, as defined in Section 6901 of the New York Insurance Law, which are most often issued by states, political subdivisions, integral parts of states or political subdivisions or entities otherwise eligible for the exclusion of income under section 115 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. No member of BAM is liable for the obligations of BAM.

The address of the principal executive offices of BAM is: 200 Liberty Street, 27th Floor, New York, New York 10281, its telephone number is: 212-235-2500, and its website is located at: www.bambonds.com.

BAM is licensed and subject to regulation as a financial guaranty insurance corporation under the laws of the State of New York and in particular Articles 41 and 69 of the New York Insurance Law.

BAM's financial strength is rated "AA/Stable" by S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"). An explanation of the significance of the rating and current reports may be obtained from S&P at <https://www.spglobal.com/en/>. The rating of BAM should be evaluated independently. The rating reflects S&P's current assessment of the creditworthiness of BAM and its ability to pay claims on its policies of insurance. The above rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Bonds, and such rating is subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by S&P, including withdrawal initiated at the request of BAM in its sole discretion. Any downward revision or withdrawal of the above rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. BAM only guarantees scheduled principal and scheduled interest payments payable by the issuer of the Bonds on the date(s) when such amounts were initially scheduled to become due and payable (subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Policy), and BAM does not guarantee the market price or liquidity of the Bonds, nor does it guarantee that the rating on the Bonds will not be revised or withdrawn.

Capitalization of BAM

BAM's total admitted assets, total liabilities, and total capital and surplus, as of March 31, 2025 and as prepared in accordance with statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the New York State Department of Financial Services were \$482.1 million, \$246.4 million and \$235.7 million, respectively.

BAM is party to a first loss reinsurance treaty that provides first loss protection up to a maximum of 15% of the par amount outstanding for each policy issued by BAM, subject to certain limitations and restrictions.

BAM's most recent Statutory Annual Statement, which has been filed with the New York State Insurance Department and posted on BAM's website at www.bambonds.com, is incorporated herein by reference and may be obtained, without charge, upon request to BAM at its address provided above (Attention: Finance Department). Future financial statements will similarly be made available when published.

BAM makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, BAM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding BAM, supplied by BAM and presented under the heading "BOND INSURANCE".

Additional Information Available from BAM

Credit Insights Videos. For certain BAM-insured issues, BAM produces and posts a brief Credit Insights video that provides a discussion of the obligor and some of the key factors BAM's analysts and credit committee considered when approving the credit for insurance. The Credit Insights videos are easily accessible on BAM's website at <https://bambonds.com/insights/#video>. (The preceding website address is provided for convenience of reference only. Information available at such address is not incorporated herein by reference.)

Credit Profiles. Prior to the pricing of bonds that BAM has been selected to insure, BAM may prepare a pre-sale Credit Profile for those bonds. These pre-sale Credit Profiles provide information about the sector designation (e.g. general obligation, sales tax); a preliminary summary of financial information and key ratios; and demographic and economic data relevant to the obligor, if available. Subsequent to closing, for any offering that includes bonds insured by BAM, any pre-sale Credit Profile will be updated and superseded by a final Credit Profile to include information about the gross par insured by CUSIP, maturity and coupon. BAM pre-sale and

final Credit Profiles are easily accessible on BAM's website at <https://bambonds.com/credit-profiles>. BAM will produce a Credit Profile for all bonds insured by BAM, whether or not a pre-sale Credit Profile has been prepared for such bonds. (The preceding website address is provided for convenience of reference only. Information available at such address is not incorporated herein by reference.)

Disclaimers. The Credit Profiles and the Credit Insights videos and the information contained therein are not recommendations to purchase, hold or sell securities or to make any investment decisions. Credit-related and other analyses and statements in the Credit Profiles and the Credit Insights videos are statements of opinion as of the date expressed, and BAM assumes no responsibility to update the content of such material. The Credit Profiles and Credit Insight videos are prepared by BAM; they have not been reviewed or approved by the issuer of or the underwriter for the Bonds, and the issuer and underwriter assume no responsibility for their content.

BAM receives compensation (an insurance premium) for the insurance that it is providing with respect to the Bonds. Neither BAM nor any affiliate of BAM has purchased, or committed to purchase, any of the Bonds, whether at the initial offering or otherwise.

RISK FACTORS

The following is a discussion of certain risks that could affect the payments to be made by the District with respect to the Bonds. To identify risk factors and make an informed investment decision, potential investors should be thoroughly familiar with this entire Official Statement (including its appendices). Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consider carefully all possible factors that may result in a default in the payment of the Bonds, the redemption of the Bonds prior to maturity, a determination that the interest on the Bonds might be deemed taxable for purposes of federal and Missouri income taxation, or that may affect the market price or liquidity of the Bonds. **This discussion of risk factors is not, and is not intended to be, comprehensive or exhaustive.**

Ad Valorem Property Taxes

Under the Resolution the District has authorized the levy of a direct annual tax on all taxable tangible property within the District sufficient to produce amounts necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and to establish a reserve in an amount not to exceed one year of debt service. If property values in the District decline, whether caused by national or global financial crises, natural disasters, local economic downturns, or other reasons, may require higher levy rates, which may increase the burden on local taxpayers and affect certain taxpayers' willingness or ability to continue timely paying property taxes. See **"PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Property Valuations"** in this Official Statement. In addition, the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the District or other indebtedness by other political subdivisions in the District would increase the tax burden on taxpayers in the District. See **"DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Overlapping and Underlying Indebtedness"** in this Official Statement. Missouri law limits the amount of general obligation debt issuable by the District to 5% of the assessed valuation of taxable tangible property in the District. See **"DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Legal Debt Capacity"** in this Official Statement. Other political subdivisions in the District are subject to similar limitations on general obligation debt imposed by Missouri law, including cities, school districts, counties and certain other political subdivisions, which are limited to general obligation debt of 20%, 15%, 10% and 5% of assessed valuation of taxable tangible property, respectively. All general obligation bonds in Missouri require approval by four-sevenths or two-thirds of the votes cast, depending on the date on which the election is held.

If there is a concentration of property ownership in the District it could impact the District's ability to collect ad valorem property taxes. See **"PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Property Valuations"** and **"– Major Property Taxpayers"** in this Official Statement.

Senior Property Tax Credit Program

The Missouri General Assembly enacted legislation in 2023 (subsequently amended in 2024) that authorizes counties to grant property tax credits to each “eligible taxpayer” equal to the difference between the real property tax liability on the eligible taxpayer’s homestead in the current year minus the real property tax liability on the homestead either (1) in the year the county initially authorizes the credit or (2) when the person becomes an “eligible taxpayer” (the “**Senior Property Tax Credit Program**”). “Eligible taxpayer” means a Missouri resident who (1) is at least 62 years old, (2) owns real property used as the taxpayer’s primary residence and (3) is liable for the payment of property taxes on that property. Implementation of the Senior Property Tax Credit Program requires either adoption of an ordinance by a county or an initiative petition and voter approval process. Property tax bills within counties that participate in the Senior Property Tax Credit Program will reflect the tax credit on property tax bills for eligible taxpayers, thereby reducing the amount of property taxes that the eligible taxpayer would otherwise pay. Each county the District is located in has adopted an ordinance establishing the Senior Property Tax Credit Program. The potential financial impact of the Senior Property Tax Credit Program on the District is not yet ascertainable.

Missouri Property Tax Cap

In June 2025, the Missouri General Assembly passed Senate Bill 3, which authorizes counties to grant property tax credits in the form of a cap on increases to residential real property tax bills. For certain counties, the real property tax liability on an eligible taxpayer’s home may be increased by no more than five percent per year or the percent increase in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater. For other counties, including Jefferson County and the County, the real property tax liability on an eligible taxpayer’s home may not be increased above the liability incurred during the initial credit year. The City of St. Louis and 17 counties, including St. Louis County, are exempt from the bill. The initial credit year is 2024 or, if the eligible taxpayer’s real property tax liability is lower in a subsequent year, the initial credit year is that subsequent calendar year. All non-exempt counties are required to place a question of whether to enact this real property tax cap on the ballot by no later than the April 2026 general election. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of the cap, the credit shall be in effect and the county shall grant the property tax credit to eligible taxpayers. The County Collector will note the amount of any credit on the real property tax bills sent to eligible taxpayers. The potential financial impact of Senate Bill 3 on the District is not yet ascertainable.

Secondary Market Prices and Liquidity

The Underwriter will not be obligated to repurchase any of the Bonds, and no representation is made concerning the existence of any secondary market for the Bonds. No assurance is given that any secondary market will develop following the completion of the offering of the Bonds and no assurance is given that the initial offering price for the Bonds will continue for any period of time.

Prices of municipal securities in the secondary market are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets and changes in the operating performance or tax collection patterns of issuers. Particularly, prices of outstanding municipal securities should be expected to decline if prevailing market interest rates rise. Municipal securities are generally viewed as long-term investments, subject to material unforeseen changes in the investor’s or the issuer’s circumstances and may require commitment of the investor’s funds for an indefinite period of time, perhaps until maturity.

Ratings

S&P Global Ratings (“**S&P**”) is expected to assign a municipal bond insured rating of “AA” (stable outlook) to the Bonds with the understanding that, upon issuance and delivery of the Bonds, a Policy insuring the timely payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be issued by [Bond Insurer] for the Bonds. The S&P has also assigned the Bonds a rating of “AA-” based on S&P’s evaluation of the creditworthiness of the District. The ratings reflect only the views of S&P and an explanation of the significance of such ratings may

be obtained therefrom. There is no assurance that the ratings will remain in effect for any given period of time or that they will not be revised, either downward or upward, or withdrawn entirely, by S&P if, in its judgment, circumstances warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of the ratings may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. See **“BOND RATINGS”** in this Official Statement.

Bankruptcy

In addition to the limitations on remedies contained in the Resolution, the rights and remedies provided by the Bonds may be limited by and are subject to (1) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium and other laws affecting creditors’ rights, (2) the application of equitable principles, and (3) the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to limitations on legal remedies against political subdivisions in the State of Missouri. Section 108.180 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri requires that any interest and sinking fund moneys only be used to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds. The District, like all other Missouri political subdivisions, is specifically authorized by Missouri law to institute proceedings under Chapter 9 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code. Such proceedings, if commenced, are likely to have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Amendment of the Resolution

Certain amendments to the Resolution may be made without the consent of or notice to the owners of the Bonds, other amendments may be made with the consent of the owners of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding, and other amendments may be made with the consent of the owners of all the Bonds then outstanding. Such amendments may adversely affect the owners of the Bonds.

Loss of Premium from Redemption

Any person who purchases the Bonds at a price in excess of their principal amount or who holds such Bonds trading at a price in excess of par should consider the fact that the Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the redemption prices described herein in the event such Bonds are redeemed prior to maturity. See **“THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions”** in this Official Statement.

Tax-Exempt Status and Risk of Audit

The failure of the District to comply with certain covenants set forth in the Resolution could cause the interest on the Bonds to become included in gross income for federal and Missouri income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Resolution does not provide for the payment of any additional interest, redemption premium or penalty if the interest on the Bonds becomes included in gross income for federal and Missouri income tax purposes. See **“TAX MATTERS”** in this Official Statement.

The Internal Revenue Service (the **“IRS”**) has established an ongoing program to audit tax-exempt obligations to determine whether interest on such obligations should be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Owners of the Bonds are advised that, if an audit of the Bonds were commenced, the IRS, in accordance with its current published procedures, is likely to treat the District as the taxpayer, and the owners of the Bonds may not have a right to participate in such audit. Public awareness of any audit could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Bonds during the pendency of the audit, regardless of the ultimate outcome of the audit.

Defeasance Risks

When all Bonds are deemed paid and discharged as provided in the Resolution, the requirements contained in the Resolution and the pledge of the District’s faith and credit thereunder and all other rights granted thereby will terminate with respect to the Bonds or scheduled interest payments thereon so paid and discharged. Bonds or scheduled interest payments thereon shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged

within the meaning of the Resolution if there has been deposited with the Paying Agent, or other commercial bank or trust company, moneys and/or Defeasance Obligations (as defined in the Resolution) that, together with the interest to be earned on any such Defeasance Obligations, will be sufficient for the payment of the Bonds to the Stated Maturity or prior Redemption Date. There is no legal requirement in the Resolution that Defeasance Obligations be rated in the highest rating category by any rating agency. Prices of municipal securities in the secondary market are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets, and that could include the rating of Bonds defeased with Defeasance Obligations to the extent the Defeasance Obligations have a change or downgrade in rating.

Future Economic, Demographic and Market Conditions

Adverse economic conditions or changes in demographics in the District, including increased unemployment and inability to control expenses in periods of inflation, could adversely impact timely payment of property taxes by taxpayers in the District and, therefore, the District's financial condition.

Cybersecurity Risks

The District relies on its information systems to provide security for processing, transmission and storage of confidential personal, health-related, credit and other information. It is possible that the District's security measures will not prevent improper or unauthorized access or disclosure of personally identifiable information resulting from cyber-attacks. Security breaches, including electronic break-ins, computer viruses, attacks by hackers and similar breaches can create disruptions or shutdowns of the District and the services it provides, or the unauthorized disclosure of confidential personal, health-related, credit and other information. If personal or otherwise protected information is improperly accessed, tampered with or distributed, the District may incur significant costs to remediate possible injury to the affected persons, and the District may be subject to sanctions and civil penalties if it is found to be in violation of federal or state laws or regulations. Any failure to maintain proper functionality and security of information systems could interrupt the District's operations, delay receipt of revenues, damage its reputation, subject it to liability claims or regulatory penalties and could have a material adverse effect on its operations, financial condition and results of operations.

Potential Impact of Pandemics

The COVID-19 pandemic showed that an outbreak of infectious disease can trigger governmentally-imposed restrictions and changes in consumer behavior that could negatively impact local economic conditions. Such changes can cause supply chain disruptions, unemployment rates to rise, taxable sales to decrease, delinquencies in tax payments and other negative pressures on economic activity that could result in decreased or delayed tax collections for the Board or otherwise adversely affect the Board's operations and finances.

The District's finances may be materially adversely affected by unforeseen impacts of future epidemics and pandemics. The District cannot predict the occurrence of, or the future impacts of, epidemics or pandemics, any similar outbreaks, or their impact on travel, on assemblies or gatherings, on the local, State of Missouri, national or global economy, or on securities markets, or whether any such disruptions may have a material adverse impact on the financial condition or operations of the District, including but not limited to the payment of debt service on any of its outstanding debt obligations.

PLAN OF FINANCING

Authorization of Bonds

The Bonds are authorized pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Missouri, including particularly Article VI, Section 26 of the Missouri Constitution and Chapter 190 of

the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended. On April 8, 2025, the voters of the District approved, by a vote of 1,676 for and 1,230 against, the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$13,000,000.

The Project

A portion of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used for the purpose of (a) constructing, improving, equipping and furnishing ambulance stations and facilities in response to increased demand in call volume; and purchasing lifesaving medical equipment, ambulances and other emergency response vehicles, and auxiliary equipment (collectively, the **“Project”**) and (b) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds.

Specifically, the District plans to use the Bond proceeds to: construct one new station, construct one new station in combination with an administration and training facility, renovate two existing stations with an estimated cost of \$11,226,126, purchase four new ambulances with an estimated cost of \$1,290,000, and purchase medical equipment including but not limited to automated CPR devices, transport ventilators, and cardiac monitors/defibrillators with an estimated cost of \$591,000.

Sources and Uses of Funds

The following table summarizes the estimated sources of funds and the expected uses of such funds in connection with the plan of financing:

Sources of Funds:

Par Amount of the Bonds
Original Issue Discount
Premium
Total

Uses of Funds:

Deposit to Project Fund
Costs of Issuance (including Underwriter’s Discount and
Bond Insurance Premium)
Total

GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

General

The District is an ambulance district and political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri. The District was established in 1972 to provide life-saving emergency medical treatment to residents in the County. The District is located in east central Missouri approximately 35 miles southwest of the City of St. Louis. Its boundaries encompass much of the County as well as parts of Jefferson and St. Louis counties. Its service area spans approximately 244 square miles. The District is also located within the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area (the **“St. Louis MSA”**), which consists of the City of St. Louis and Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren and Washington Counties in Missouri, the City of Sullivan in Crawford County, Missouri and Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties in Illinois. The District has an estimated population of 27,000 people.

The District provides transport and advanced life support services to its residents and supports Boles Fire District and Pacific Fire Protection District. In order to deliver the highest level of emergency care to its patients, all District operations personnel are certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support or International Trauma

Life Support. In addition, most personnel are certified in critical care and all personnel have extensive training in administering care to patients of all ages with a variety of traumatic injuries.

The District's current medical director is Dr. Shayne Keddy, DO.

The District finances its operations through a combination of medical billing revenue, sales tax revenue, and property tax revenue.

Government and Organization

The District is governed by a six-member Board. The members of the Board must be registered voters of the District. They are elected by the qualified voters within six subdistricts of the District and serve staggered three-year terms. The Board is responsible for the overall safety and soundness of the District, setting policy and providing for the fiscal management of the District.

The current members and officers of the Board are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Service Began</u>	<u>Current Term Expires</u>
Justin Smith	Director & Chairman	October 2022	April 2026
Tom Lyons	Director & Vice Chairman	April 2025	April 2028
Mike Gallagher	Director & Treasurer	November 2024	April 2027
Cyndi Laughlin	Director	April 2025	April 2028
Curt Saitta	Director	December 2021	April 2026
Tim Hammer	Director	March 2025	April 2027

The Board appoints the Chief, who is the chief administrative officer of the District and is responsible for managing the day-to-day affairs of the District and implementing the policies set by the Board. Taz Meyer was appointed as Chief on February 1, 2024. Chief Meyer came to the District after serving three years as Chief of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Prior to serving in state government, he was employed for sixteen years in administration with St. Charles County Ambulance District, the last eight years of which he served as their Chief Executive Officer. Chief Meyer has a bachelor's degree from Maryville University in St. Louis and has been a Missouri licensed paramedic since 1983.

The District's administration team also includes an Office Manager who oversees business operations and human resource matters. The District's management team consists of three Battalion Chiefs and three Captains who oversee operational personnel and manage emergency response services.

The District currently employs 2 administrative employees, 27 full-time operational employees and 10 part-time operational employees. All operational personnel are licensed Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, Registered Nurses or Critical Care Paramedics. The District has no plans to hire additional staff at this time.

Employee Relations

The District's full-time operations staff is represented by the IAFF Local 2665. The current contract, which has been in force since 2021, has previously expired, but the parties continue to operate under its terms. The District expects to enter into a new contract with the IAFF Local 2665 in the coming months.

Facilities and Equipment

The District currently operates the following houses:

Station No. 1
429 E. Osage St.
Pacific, Missouri 63069

Station No. 2⁽¹⁾
2600 MO-100
Gray Summit, Missouri 63039

Station No. 3
7390 Highway O
Robertsville, Missouri 63072

Station No. 4⁽²⁾
741 Highway T
St. Albans, Missouri 63069

(1) Currently co-located with Boles Fire District Station No. 1

(2) Currently co-located with Boles Fire District Station No. 4

A portion of the proceeds from the Bonds will be used to complete the construction of two new stations and renovate two existing stations. The new station at 3279 Highway 100, Villa Ridge, MO 63089, will be built on District-owned property and will serve as both the new Station No. 2 and the new administrative and training facility. Another new station will be constructed at 385 Old Manchester Road, Pacific, MO 63069, also on District-owned property, and will serve as the new Station No. 4. In addition, the District's current Station No. 1 and Station No. 3 will be renovated. Due to tornado damage sustained by District facilities in March 2025, approximately \$834,000 of the project funds will come from insurance proceeds.

The District owns the following vehicles: 4 ambulances that serve as first-out vehicles during emergencies, 4 backup ambulances, 1 supervisory vehicle, and 1 Chief vehicle. The District also owns the following major medical equipment for use on each ambulance and emergency response vehicle: 8 cardiac monitor/defibrillators, 8 power cots with loading systems, 6 IV pumps, 5 transport ventilators, and 4 automated CPR devices. Some of this equipment will be replaced and/or upgraded in connection with the Project.

Insurance and Licensing

The District is licensed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services – Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (the “**Bureau of Emergency Medical Services**”). The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services monitors the activities of the District with respect to its compliance with insurance, equipment and certain other requirements set forth in the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, and the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services' rules. The District is currently in material compliance with all state licensing and insurance requirements.

Dispatching

Dispatching services are provided to the District by Central County Emergency 911, a separate public body corporate governed by an independent board of directors. Central County Emergency 911's services are funded through the fees collected from participating and contracted entities.

Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employees’ health and life; and natural disasters. The District has purchased commercial insurance to manage these various risks of loss. Settlements have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Employee Retirement Plan

LAGERS. The District participates in the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System, (“**LAGERS**”), an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for local government entities in Missouri. LAGERS was created and is governed by state statute and is a defined-benefit pension plan that provides retirement, disability and death benefits. The plan is qualified under the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a) and is tax-exempt. LAGERS is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees consisting of three trustees elected by participating employees, three trustees elected by participating employers and one trustee appointed by the Governor.

LAGERS issues a publicly-available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The LAGERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 (the “**2024 LAGERS CAFR**”) is available at www.molagers.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-ACFR-Final.pdf. The link to the 2024 LAGERS CAFR is provided for general background information only, and the information in the 2024 LAGERS CAFR is not incorporated by reference herein. The 2024 LAGERS CAFR provides detailed information about LAGERS, including its financial position, investment policy and performance information, actuarial information and assumptions affecting plan design and policies, and certain statistical information about the plan.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

The District is located in the County, Jefferson County, and St. Louis County, Missouri, however, based on the total assessed valuation of the District, over 92% of the District is located in the County. For purposes of the information presented in this Official Statement, unless otherwise indicated, the reported information is for the County only.

Population Statistics

Although statistics are not available relating specifically to the population in the District, the District estimates its current population at approximately 27,000 based on the number of households located in the District. The following table sets forth historical population statistics for the City of Pacific and the County:

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2023</u>
City of Pacific	4,358	5,482	7,002	6,780	7,299
Franklin County	80,603	93,807	101,492	103,629	105,316

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (1990, 2000, 2010 and 2020); U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (2019-2023).

Age Distribution

The following table sets forth the current estimated population age distribution in the County:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Population</u>
0-4 years	5,736
5-19 years	19,170
20-24 years	5,661
25-44 years	26,239
45-64 years	28,827
65+ years	20,771

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (2019-2023).

Housing Statistics

There are no statistics relating specifically to housing in the District. The following table sets forth statistics relating to housing for the City of Pacific, the County and the State of Missouri:

	<u>Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing</u>	<u>% Built in 2000 or Later</u>	<u>% Built Before 1940</u>
City of Pacific	\$244,000	25.7%	5.3%
Franklin County	214,900	26.1	10.6
State of Missouri	215,600	20.2	13.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (2019-2023).

Income Statistics

There are no statistics relating specifically to income in the District. The following table sets forth statistics relating to income for the City of Pacific, the County and the State of Missouri:

	<u>Per Capita Income</u>	<u>Median Family Income</u>	<u>% People Below Poverty Level</u>
City of Pacific	\$33,290	\$93,827	5.6%
Franklin County	36,524	89,085	8.2
State of Missouri	38,497	88,759	12.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (2019-2023).

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Major Employers

Listed below are the largest public and private employers in the County:

<u>Employer</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Product or Service</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Employment</u> ⁽¹⁾
1. Mercy Hospital (fka Patients First Health Care)	Healthcare	1,500
2. Parker-Hannifin Sporlan Division	Manufacturing	800
3. Washington School District	Education	620
4. Henniges Automotive (fka GDX Automotive)	Manufacturing	600
5. WEG Transformers	Manufacturing	467
6. Meramec Valley R-III School District	Education	450
7. Walmart	Grocery/Retail	437
8. Union School District	Education	378
9. The County	Government	326
10. Gerald Industries	Manufacturing	320

Source: The County.

⁽¹⁾ Figures are from 2022, the latest year for which such information is available.

Employment

The following table shows the approximate employment by major industry for the County for calendar year 2023, the latest year for which such information is available:

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Employees</u> ⁽¹⁾
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	983
Arts, entertainment, and recreation and accommodation and food services	4,438
Construction	5,189
Educational services and health care and social assistance	9,355
Finance and insurance and real estate and rental and leasing	4,098
Information	1,053
Manufacturing	9,937
Other services, except public administration	2,321
Professional, scientific, and management and admin and waste management services	5,959
Public administration	1,612
Retail trade	5,837
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	2,384
Wholesale trade	835
Total	<u>53,992</u>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-year Estimates (2023).

⁽¹⁾ Approximate.

Labor Force; Unemployment Rates

The following table sets forth the total labor force and number of employed and unemployed workers in the County for 2020 through 2024:

Franklin County Labor Force⁽¹⁾

<u>Year</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Total</u>
2020	47,655	3,258	50,913
2021	49,124	1,998	51,122
2022	50,612	1,278	51,890
2023	51,559	1,536	53,095
2024 ⁽²⁾	51,766	1,834	53,600

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(1) Figures are not seasonally adjusted.

(2) Figures were subject to revision on April 18, 2025.

The following table sets forth the unemployment rates⁽¹⁾ for the City of Pacific, the County and the State of Missouri for 2020 through 2024:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pacific</u>	<u>Franklin County</u>	<u>State of Missouri</u>
2020	0.9%	6.4%	6.1%
2021	1.3	3.9	4.2
2022	0.8	2.5	2.6
2023	0.7	2.9	3.1
2024	0.8	3.4	3.7

Source: Missouri Economic Research and Information Center – Missouri Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) and Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development

(1) Figures are not seasonally adjusted.

Services Within the District

Transportation. The District is located in the west central section of the County approximately 35 miles southwest of the City of St. Louis. Several state highways intersect the District and provide excellent access to the St. Louis metropolitan area. Regularly scheduled air passenger and freight service is available at the St. Louis Lambert International Airport located on Interstate 70 in St. Louis County, Missouri, approximately 40 miles north of the District.

Public transit is provided by Oats Transit, a non-profit corporation providing public transportation in over 80 Missouri counties. It is a deviated fixed-route system that provides transportation throughout the County as well as to the Washington Amtrak Station and St. Louis Airport twice a week. Appointments to a specific location may be scheduled on an individual basis.

Education. Primary and secondary education in the District are provided by the School District of Washington, Meramec Valley R-III School District and Lonedell R-XIV School District. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education awarded each school district “accredited” status, which is the highest accreditation status given at this time. Each school district is independent of the District, having its own elected or appointed officials, budgets and administrators, respectively. The school districts are authorized to levy taxes, separate and distinct from those levied by the District.

Post-secondary education is provided by East Central College and St. Louis Community College – South County. In addition, numerous institutions of higher education located in the St. Louis MSA are easily accessible to District residents, including Saint Louis University, Washington University, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Maryville University, Webster University and Lindenwood University.

Medical Services. Washington University School of Medicine, whose campus includes Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis Children’s Hospital and the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center, the largest medical center in the St. Louis metropolitan area, is approximately 30 miles from the District. Other hospitals near the District include Mercy Hospital South (formerly St. Anthony’s Medical Center), the third-largest medical center in the St. Louis metropolitan area and a designated Level II Trauma Center, SSM Health St. Clare Hospital, a 154-bed hospital and a Level I Time Critical Diagnosis STEMI Center, located in Fenton, Missouri, and Mercy Hospital Jefferson, a 251-bed acute care hospital, located in nearby Festus, Missouri. Additionally, Mercy Hospital – Washington is the hospital that the District most often transports patients to. All of these hospitals provide District residents general medical, surgical and emergency care. Because of its close proximity to the St. Louis MSA, residents of the District have access to over 50 additional hospitals. In addition, numerous dentists, chiropractors and doctors provide medical services from offices and clinics located within or in close proximity to the District.

Utilities. Stormwater drainage and sewage collection and disposal for many residents in the District are provided by separate taxing authorities financed by ad valorem taxes and user fees and charges. Water service is provided by separate taxing authorities financed by ad valorem taxes and user fees and charges or privately-owned companies. All other utilities for residents of the District are provided by privately-owned companies.

Recreational Facilities. Residents of the District enjoy life in communities with excellent park systems and recreational facilities. Local attractions within or close to the District include Meramec Caverns, community playgrounds, ball fields, campsites, picnic areas, pavilions, walking and bike paths, golf courses, Shaw Nature Reserve, skate parks, fitness centers and other amenities. Residents also have easy access to numerous other recreational facilities and activities in other nearby portions of St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis, including the St. Louis Arch, the St. Louis Zoological Park (commonly known as the St. Louis Zoo), the Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis Cardinals baseball, St. Louis Blues hockey and the St. Louis Symphony.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

Accounting, Budgeting and Auditing Procedures

General. The District’s financial statements are reported using the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive method of accounting other than in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Revenues and expenses and related assets and liabilities are recorded when they result from cash transactions, except for the recording of depreciation expense on capital assets in the government-wide financial statements for all activities. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year in which they are received. Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified cash basis of accounting.

The District’s fiscal year is from January 1 to December 31.

All of the District’s basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of these funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Governmental funds report the acquisition of capital assets and payments for debt principal as expenditures and not as changes to asset and debt balances. The District’s only governmental fund is the General Fund. The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District and is always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all activities except those legally or administratively required to be accounted for in other funds.

Fiduciary funds account for assets that are held in a trustee capacity such as pension plan assets, assets held per trust agreements and similar arrangements.

Budget Process. Prior to August 1, the Chief Executive Officer submits a proposed operating budget to the Board of Directors. Prior to year-end, the budget is adopted by the Board of Directors. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. Any revisions that alter the total expenditures must be approved by the Board. The budget is adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board. The original budget adopted by the District may be amended any time during the year.

Audited Financial Statements. The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, are included in this Official Statement as ***Appendix A***. Financial statements for earlier years are available from the District. Due to a tornado that impacted the District and damaged the District's administrative offices, the audited financial statements for fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 have been delayed but are expected to be completed prior to the end of the 2025.

The District is considering changing its fiscal year from the current January 1 to December 31 to October 1 to September 30. This change would allow for the accounting of property tax revenue in the fiscal year in which it is levied, which would create a better and more consistent tracking of property tax revenues. See the heading **“PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Property Tax Levies and Collections”** herein.

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Summary of General Fund Operations

The following is a summary statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in total fund balances for the General Fund, prepared from the District's annual audited financial statements for fiscal years ended December 31, 2021 through 2023 and the District's unaudited financial statements for fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. The table should be read in conjunction with the other financial statements and notes appertaining thereto set forth in **Appendix A** of this Official Statement and the financial statements on file at the District's office.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS – GENERAL FUND

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
REVENUES:				
Property taxes, penalties and interest	\$1,881,238.90	\$1,891,397.18	\$2,641,789.23	\$1,794,234.25
Sales tax	1,069,609.22	1,181,374.75	1,092,144.66	1,113,210.24
Ambulance fees	1,209,697.57	1,295,149.76	1,499,076.62	1,367,517.43
Interest earned	4,420.33	10,821.70	25,058.79	146,621.30
Grant revenue	195,959.94	39,801.55	0.00	0.00
Other revenue	<u>28,543.43</u>	<u>58,698.32</u>	<u>8,191.74</u>	<u>1,037.08</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$4,389,469.39</u>	<u>\$4,477,225.26</u>	<u>\$5,266,261.04</u>	<u>\$4,422,620.30</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Current				
General and administrative	\$3,394,092.64	\$3,686,931.17	\$3,953,790.00	\$4,344,929.68
Capital outlay				
Current expenditures	351,726.00	422,798.11	0.00	0.00
Debt Service				
Principal retirement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest and fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3,745,818.64</u>	<u>\$4,109,729.28</u>	<u>\$3,953,790.00</u>	<u>\$4,344,929.68</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 643,650.75	\$ 367,495.98	\$1,312,471.04	\$ 77,690.62
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers – In	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Transfers – Out	<u>(94,734.03)</u>	<u>(10,000.00)</u>	<u>(21,414.60)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Other Financing Source (Uses)	<u>(94,734.03)</u>	<u>\$ (10,000.00)</u>	<u>\$ (21,414.60)</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 548,916.72</u>	<u>\$357,495.98</u>	<u>\$1,291,056.44</u>	<u>\$ 77,690.62</u>
FUND BALANCE – Beginning of year	<u>\$1,706,854.69</u>	<u>\$2,255,771.41</u>	<u>\$2,613,267.39</u>	<u>\$3,904,323.83</u>
FUND BALANCE – End of year	<u>\$2,255,771.41</u>	<u>\$2,613,267.39</u>	<u>\$3,904,323.83</u>	<u>\$3,982,014.45</u>

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements for fiscal years ended December 31, 2021-2023 and unaudited financial statements for fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

Projected 2025 Operating Results

For fiscal year 2025, the District has adopted a balanced budget. To date, the Board's actual revenues and expenditures for the 2025 fiscal year have materially conformed to the original budget approved by the Board. The Board anticipates having a surplus of approximately \$140,000, however, the Board is considering a

change to the participation level in LAGERS and if that change is pursued, the District would have a one time payment to LAGERS that would create an expected \$600,000 deficit in the General Fund for the 2025 fiscal year. The determination to change the participation level in LAGERS will not be made until after the issuance of the Bonds. The District budgeted previously budgeted funds for capital improvements in the event the bond election was not successful. Those projects will now be completed with bond proceeds and the District may use the budgeted revenue for other District expenses.

Sources of Revenue

General. The District finances its operations through user fees and charges, sales tax revenue and property tax revenue. For the 2024 fiscal year, the District's sources of revenue for the General Fund were as follows:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Property taxes, penalties and interest	\$1,794,234.25	40.57%
Sales tax	1,113,210.24	25.17
Ambulance fees	1,367,517.43	30.92
Interest earned	146,621.30	3.32
Other revenue	<u>1,037.08</u>	<u>0.02</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$4,422,620.30</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Source: District's unaudited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

The following is a discussion of the District's user fees and charges and sales tax. See the caption **"PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT"** below for information regarding the imposition and collection of the District's property tax.

User Fees and Charges. The District imposes user fees and charges for transporting patients. Revenues from this source are dependent upon the number of medical calls received each year. The following table sets forth the number of calls received by the District during the past five calendar years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Medical Calls⁽¹⁾</u>
2020	4,221
2021	4,273
2022	4,079
2023	4,143
2024	4,351

⁽¹⁾ Not all medical calls result in a billable transport.

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The District annually surveys rates of other ambulance districts and Medicare and Medicaid allowances to determine when rate increases are appropriate and to ensure that current rates are reasonable and appropriate. The following tables set forth the District's current user rates adopted by the Board, which became effective beginning January 2025:

RESIDENT RATES

<u>Service</u>	District Ambulance <u>Rate</u>
Basic Life Support – Emergent	\$605.00
Basic Life Support – Non-Emergent	525.00
Advance Life Support – Emergent	710.00
Advance Life Support – Non-Emergent	630.00
Advance Life Support – Level 2	890.00
Mileage Per Loaded Mile	17.50
Treat No Transport	300.00
Death After Dispatch	605.00
Helicopter Intercept	710.00

NON-RESIDENT RATES

<u>Service</u>	District Ambulance <u>Rate</u>
Basic Life Support – Emergent	\$ 755.00
Basic Life Support – Non-Emergent	675.00
Advance Life Support – Emergent	860.00
Advance Life Support – Non-Emergent	780.00
Advance Life Support – Level 2	1,040.00
Mileage Per Loaded Mile	17.50
Treat No Transport	300.00
Death After Dispatch	605.00
Helicopter Intercept	710.00

The above rates are charged to all transported patients. A substantial portion of the District's revenues are derived from Medicare, Medicaid and commercial insurance, and the applicable copays, coinsurance and deductibles.

The Medicare and Medicaid programs are administered by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Allowable payments for ambulance service by Medicare and Medicaid are based upon a schedule established under federal guidelines and are subject to change. Approximately 39% of the District's transports are paid by Medicare and approximately 33% are paid by Medicaid. Reductions in allowable payments from Medicare and/or Medicaid would result in reduced revenue to the District.

Other than offering District residents reduced rates, the District does not have any negotiated reduced rate contracts.

Once a patient care report is generated by the District and marked for billing, the District begins the process of presenting the claim to the patient's private insurance carrier, Medicare, Medicaid or private pay. The District then issues invoices and collects all revenues. Payment is due within 30 days of receipt of an invoice. If a bill remains unpaid after multiple attempts, it is considered delinquent and turned over to an outside

collection agency. The District's average gross collection rate has been approximately 63% for the past five years. The net collection rate is measured after contractual allowances for Medicare and Medicaid have been taken into account.

Sales Tax. On April 4, 2006, the voters of the District approved a 1/2 cent District-wide sales tax for the operation of the District. The ballot language provided that the District's property tax revenues (which excludes revenues generated from the District's debt service levy) would be reduced annually by 50% of the previous year's revenue collected from the sales tax. See the caption "**PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Property Tax Levies and Collection**" for further discussion of the District's property tax levies and collections. The following table sets forth collection information for the District's sales tax for the years 2020 through 2024:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Sales Tax Collections</u>
2020	\$ 972,531
2021	1,069,609
2022	1,181,374
2023	1,092,144
2024	1,113,210

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements for fiscal years ended December 31, 2020-2023 and unaudited financial statements for fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

Property Valuations

Assessment Procedure. All taxable real and personal property within the District is assessed annually by the County Assessor. Missouri law requires that personal property be assessed at 33-1/3% of true value and that real property be assessed at the following percentages of true value:

Residential real property	19%
Agricultural and horticultural real property.....	12%
Utility, industrial, commercial, railroad and all other real property	32%

On January 1 in every odd-numbered year, each County Assessor must adjust the assessed valuation of all real property located within the county in accordance with a two-year assessment and equalization maintenance plan approved by the State Tax Commission.

The assessment ratio for personal property is generally 33-1/3% of true value. However, subclasses of tangible personal property are assessed at the following assessment percentages: grain and other agricultural crops in an unmanufactured condition, 0.5%; livestock, 12%; farm machinery, 12%; historic motor vehicles, 5%; and poultry, 12%.

The County Assessor is responsible for preparing the tax roll each year and for submitting the tax roll to the Board of Equalization. The Board of Equalization has the authority to adjust and equalize the values of individual properties appearing on the tax rolls.

Current Assessed Valuation. The following table shows the total assessed valuation and the estimated actual valuation, by category, of all taxable tangible property situated in the District according to the assessment for calendar year 2024 for property owned as of January 1, 2024, as finally completed and equalized by the State Tax Commission:

<u>Type of Property</u>	<u>Total Assessed Valuation⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Assessment Rate</u>	<u>Total Estimated Actual Valuation⁽²⁾</u>
Real Estate:			
Residential	\$359,588,878	19%	\$1,892,573,042
Agricultural	15,458,491	12%	128,820,758
Commercial	77,357,789	32%	241,743,091
State Assessed Railroad and Utility	77,418,711	32%	241,933,472
Total Real Estate	<u>\$529,823,869</u>		<u>\$2,505,070,363</u>
Personal Property	\$123,843,606	33 1/3%	\$ 371,531,190
State Assessed Railroad and Utility	<u>43,328,552</u>	<u>33 1/3%</u>	<u>129,985,786</u>
Total Real and Personal	<u>\$696,996,027</u>		<u>\$3,006,587,338</u>

Source: County Clerks of Franklin, Jefferson and St. Louis Counties.

(1) Includes state and locally assessed railroad and utility property and assessed valuation attributable to tax increment financing districts located within the District. There are currently no tax increment financing districts located within the District.

(2) Assumes all personal property is assessed at 33-1/3%; because certain subclasses of tangible personal property are assessed at less than 33-1/3%, the estimated actual valuation for personal property would likely be greater than that shown above. See “*Assessment Procedure*” discussed above.

History of Property Valuations. The total assessed valuation of all taxable tangible property situated in the District according to the assessments of January 1 in each of the following years has been as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
2020	\$576,327,689	N/A
2021	635,607,496	+9.78%
2022	686,347,723	+7.67
2023	677,684,043	-1.26
2024 ⁽²⁾	696,966,027	+2.84

Source: Missouri State Auditor Reports.

(1) Includes state and locally assessed railroad and utility property and assessed valuation attributable to tax increment financing districts located within the District. There are currently no tax increment financing districts located within the District.

(2) The 2024 assessed valuation was calculated from assessed values provided by the Franklin, Jefferson, and St. Louis County Clerks.

Property Tax Levies and Collections

General. Not later than September 30 of each year, the Board of Directors sets the rate of tax for the District and files the tax rate with The County, Jefferson County, and St. Louis County by October 1. Taxes are levied at the District’s tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation. The County is responsible for reviewing the rate of tax to ensure that it does not exceed constitutional limits. Article X, Section 22 of the Missouri Constitution

(the “**Hancock Amendment**”) requires the District to adjust its operating levy if the equalized assessed value of property within the District, excluding the value of new construction and improvements, increases by a larger percentage than the increase in the general price level from the previous year. In such an event, the District would be required to reduce its operating levy to a rate that would yield the same gross revenue, adjusted for changes in the general price level, as could have been collected at the existing operating levy applied to the prior assessed value. The Hancock Amendment does not apply to taxes imposed for the payment of principal and interest on general obligation bonds.

Taxes are levied on all taxable real and personal property owned as of January 1 in each year. Certain properties, such as those used for charitable, education and religious purposes, are excluded from ad valorem taxes for both real and personal property.

Real property within the District is assessed by each County Assessor. Each County Assessor is responsible for preparing the tax rolls each year and for submitting tax rolls to the Board of Equalization. The Board of Equalization has the authority to question and determine the proper value of property and then adjust and equalize individual properties appearing on the tax rolls. After local appeal procedures have been completed, the books are finalized and sent to the respective County Collector who prepares and mails the tax statements.

Tax bills are usually mailed in November; however, the volume of assessment complaints required to be reviewed by the Board of Equalization can affect the date on which bills are actually mailed.

Taxes for real and personal property are due by December 31 after which date they become delinquent and accrue a penalty of one percent per month. The respective County Collector deducts a commission for the services.

The respective County Collector is required to make disbursements of collected taxes to the District each month. Because of the tax collection procedure described above, the District receives the bulk of its moneys from local property taxes in the months of December, January and February.

Tax Rates. The following table shows the District’s tax rates (per \$100 of assessed valuation) for the years 2020 through 2024:⁽¹⁾

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Dispatch</u>	<u>Debt Service⁽³⁾</u>	<u>Total</u>
2020	\$0.3423	\$0.0297	\$0.0000	\$0.3720
2021 ⁽²⁾	0.3145	0.0280	0.0000	0.3425
2022	0.3131	0.0280	0.0000	0.3411
2023	0.3088	0.0280	0.0000	0.3368
2024	0.3222	0.0287	0.0000	0.3509

Source: Missouri State Auditor.

⁽¹⁾ The District’s property tax levy (excluding the District’s debt service levy) is subject to reduction annually based on revenues received in the previous year from the imposition of the District’s sales tax. See the caption “**FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT - Revenue Sources - Sales Tax**” for further discussion regarding the rollback of the District’s property tax levy based on sales tax receipts.

⁽²⁾ Reduction in the property tax levy was required by the Hancock Amendment.

⁽³⁾ The District plans to levy a debt service tax rate of \$0.1575 in the fall of 2025 for debt payments in 2026 to pay the Bonds.

Tax Collection Record. The following table sets forth tax collection information for the District's General Fund for the years 2020 through 2024:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Taxes Levied⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾</u>	<u>Current and Delinquent Taxes Collected</u>	
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent⁽³⁾</u>
2020	\$1,972,770	\$1,887,775	95.69%
2021	1,998,986	1,881,239	94.11
2022	2,148,955	1,891,397	88.01
2023	2,092,688	2,641,789	126.24
2024	2,245,625	1,794,234	79.90

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020 through 2023 and unaudited financial statements for fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

(1) Excludes a 1.0% collection fee payable to each county.

(2) The District's property tax levy (excluding the District's debt service levy) is subject to reduction annually based on revenues received in the previous year from the imposition of the District's sales tax. See the caption "**FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT - Revenue Sources - Sales Tax**" for further discussion regarding the rollback of the District's property tax levy based on sales tax receipts.

(3) Delinquent taxes are shown in the year payment is actually received, which may cause the percentage of total taxes collected to exceed 100%.

Major Property Taxpayers

The following table sets forth the taxpayers owning real property with the greatest amount of assessed valuation within the District based on the valuation of real property owned as of January 1, 2024, with taxes on such property due by December 31, 2024.

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of District's Total Assessed Valuation</u>
Purina Mills LLC	\$3,776,023	0.54%
Ari Fleet-Mastic North Am	3,619,370	0.52
Three T Partnership LLC	3,139,629	0.45
Country Club of St. Albans Inc	2,521,405	0.36
Pacific Properties of Missouri	2,463,546	0.35
Dynasty Homes LC	2,231,139	0.32
Ralston Purina Co	2,136,281	0.30
Sparrowhawk STL Industrial	1,968,784	0.28
Spire Missouri Inc	1,962,598	0.28
Weaver Family Investments LLC	<u>1,802,956</u>	<u>0.26</u>
Total	<u>\$25,621,731</u>	<u>3.66%</u>

Source: Franklin County Clerk.

DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT

General Obligation Indebtedness

The Bonds will be the only outstanding series of general obligation bonds of the District.

Debt Service Requirements

The following schedule shows the yearly principal and interest requirements for the Bonds:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31	<u>Series 2025 Bonds</u>		Fiscal Year Total
	<u>Principal*</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2026	-		
2027	\$ 420,000		
2028	440,000		
2029	465,000		
2030	490,000		
2031	515,000		
2032	540,000		
2033	565,000		
2034	595,000		
2035	625,000		
2036	660,000		
2037	695,000		
2038	730,000		
2039	765,000		
2040	805,000		
2041	845,000		
2042	890,000		
2043	935,000		
2044	985,000		
2045	1,035,000		
Total	<u>\$13,000,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

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* Preliminary; subject to change.

Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness

The following table sets forth the overlapping indebtedness of political subdivisions with boundaries overlapping the District as of the date of issuance of the Bonds, and the estimated percent attributable to the District (on the basis of assessed valuation of real and personal property within the District). The table was compiled from information furnished by third party sources and the jurisdictions responsible for the debt and has not been independently verified for accuracy or completeness by the District. Furthermore, these political subdivisions may have ongoing programs requiring the issuance of additional bonds, the amounts of which cannot be determined at this time.

Taxing Jurisdiction	Outstanding General Obligation Bonds ⁽¹⁾	Percent Applicable to District ⁽²⁾	Dollar Amount Applicable to District
Washington School District	\$ 53,800,000.00	17%	\$9,146,000.00
East Central College	1,875,000.00	20	375,000.00
Meramec Valley R-III School District	29,350,000.00	78	22,893,000.00
Lonedell R-XIV School District	3,380,000.00	9	304,200.00
Rockwood R-VI School District	105,265,000.00	4	4,210,600.00
Eureka Fire Protection District	7,750,000.00	14	1,085,000.00
Total	<u>\$201,420,000.00</u>		<u>\$38,013,800.00</u>

Source: The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and taxing jurisdictions' records and the Electronic Municipal Market Access system ("EMMA") maintained by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB").

(1) This table excludes (1) neighborhood improvement district bonds, which are a general obligation of the issuer but are expected to be paid from special assessments and for which the issuer may not levy a general property tax without additional voter approval and (2) lease obligations.

(2) Percentages are an estimate.

Debt Ratios and Related Information

The following table summarizes certain financial information concerning the District. This information should be reviewed in conjunction with the information contained in this section and the excerpts of financial statements of the District in *Appendix A* hereto.

Population (2024 Estimate)	27,000
Assessed Valuation (2024)	\$696,996,027
Estimated Actual Value (2024)	\$3,006,587,338
Per Capita Assessed Valuation	\$25,814.67
Per Capita Estimated Actual Value	\$111,355.09
Outstanding General Obligation Bonds ("Direct Debt")	\$13,000,000
Per Capita Direct Debt.....	\$481.48
Ratio of Direct Debt to Assessed Valuation	1.87%
Ratio of Direct Debt to Estimated Actual Value	0.43%
Overlapping General Obligation Debt ("Overlapping Debt").....	\$38,013,800.00
Total Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$51,013,800.00
Per Capita Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$1,889.40
Ratio of Direct and Overlapping Debt to Assessed Valuation	7.32%
Ratio of Direct and Overlapping Debt to Estimated Actual Value..	1.70%

Legal Debt Capacity

Under Article VI, Section 26(b) of the Missouri Constitution, the District may incur indebtedness for authorized ambulance district purposes not to exceed 5% of the valuation of taxable tangible property in the

District according to the last completed assessment upon the approval of four-sevenths of the qualified voters in the District voting on the proposition at any municipal, primary or general election or two-thirds voter approval on any other election date.

The following table sets forth the District's debt margin and constitutional debt limit:

2024 Assessed Valuation.....	\$ 696,996,027
Debt Limit - 5% of Assessed Valuation	\$ 34,849,801
Less: General Obligation Indebtedness Outstanding ⁽¹⁾	<u>(13,000,000)</u>
Debt Margin	<u>\$ 21,849,801</u>

⁽¹⁾ Includes the Bonds.

Annual Appropriation Obligations

Lease or other obligations secured by annually appropriated funds do not constitute an indebtedness for the purposes of any Missouri statutory or constitutional debt limit. Such obligations are payable solely from annually appropriated funds of a governmental body available therefor and neither taxes nor a specific source of revenues can be pledged to make payments on such obligations. Any increase in taxes required to generate sufficient funds with which to make payments on such obligations are subject to voter approval.

The District has from time to time entered into, and in the future may enter into, leases or other annual appropriation agreements. The District does not currently have any outstanding lease agreements.

History of Debt Payment

The District has never defaulted on the payment of any of its debt obligations.

Future Debt

The District does not intend to incur any additional debt in the next three years.

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal matters with respect to the authorization, execution and delivery of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., St. Louis, Missouri, Bond Counsel to the District, whose approving opinion will be available at the time of delivery of the Bonds. Gilmore & Bell, P.C. will also pass upon certain legal matters relating to this Official Statement. Thompson Coburn LLP, St. Louis, Missouri, will pass on certain legal matters for the Underwriter.

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. By rendering a legal opinion, the opinion giver does not become an insurer or guarantor of that expression of professional judgment, of the transactions opined upon, or of the future performance of parties to such transaction, nor does the rendering of an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

TAX MATTERS

The following is a summary of the material federal and State of Missouri income tax consequences of holding and disposing of the Bonds. This summary is based upon laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change (possibly on a retroactive basis). This summary does not discuss all aspects of federal income taxation that may be relevant to investors in light of their personal investment circumstances or describe the tax consequences to certain types of owners subject to special treatment under the federal income tax laws (for example, dealers in securities or other persons who do not hold the Bonds as a capital asset, tax-exempt organizations, individual retirement accounts and other tax deferred accounts and foreign taxpayers), and, except for the income tax laws of the State of Missouri, does not discuss the consequences to an owner under any state, local or foreign tax laws. The summary does not deal with the tax treatment of persons who purchase the Bonds in the secondary market. Prospective investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding federal, state, local and other tax considerations of holding and disposing of the Bonds.

Opinion of Bond Counsel

In the opinion of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel to the District, under the law existing as of the issue date of the Bonds:

Federal and State of Missouri Tax Exemption. The interest on the Bonds (including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof) is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is exempt from income taxation by the State of Missouri.

Alternative Minimum Tax. The interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax.

Bank Qualification. The Bonds have not been designated as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Bond Counsel’s opinions are provided as of the date of the original issue of the Bonds, subject to the condition that the District comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The District has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income for federal and State of Missouri income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. Bond Counsel is expressing no opinion regarding other federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds but has reviewed the discussion under the heading “**TAX MATTERS.**”

Other Tax Consequences

Original Issue Discount. For federal income tax purposes, original issue discount is the excess of the stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond over its issue price. The stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond is the sum of all payments on the Bond other than “qualified stated interest” (i.e., interest unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate). The issue price of a Bond is generally the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. Under Section 1288 of the Code, original issue discount on tax-exempt bonds accrues on a compound basis. The amount of original issue discount that accrues to an owner of a Bond during any accrual period generally equals (1) the issue price of that Bond, plus the amount of original issue discount accrued in all prior accrual periods, multiplied by (2) the yield to maturity on that Bond (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period), minus (3) any interest payable on that Bond during that accrual period. The amount of original issue discount accrued in a particular accrual period will be considered to be received ratably on each day of the accrual period, will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax

purposes, and will increase the owner's tax basis in that Bond. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of original issue discount.

Original Issue Premium. For federal income tax purposes, premium is the excess of the issue price of a Bond over its stated redemption price at maturity. The stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond is the sum of all payments on the Bond other than "qualified stated interest" (*i.e.*, interest unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate). The issue price of a Bond is generally the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. Under Section 171 of the Code, premium on tax-exempt bonds amortizes over the term of the Bond using constant yield principles, based on the purchaser's yield to maturity. As premium is amortized, the owner's basis in the Bond and the amount of tax-exempt interest received will be reduced by the amount of amortizable premium properly allocable to the owner, which will result in an increase in the gain (or decrease in the loss) to be recognized for federal income tax purposes on sale or disposition of the Bond prior to its maturity. Even though the owner's basis is reduced, no federal income tax deduction is allowed. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of bond premium.

Sale, Exchange or Retirement of Bonds. Upon the sale, exchange or retirement (including redemption) of a Bond, an owner of the Bond generally will recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received on the sale, exchange or retirement of the Bond (other than in respect of accrued and unpaid interest) and such owner's adjusted tax basis in the Bond. To the extent a Bond is held as a capital asset, such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Bond has been held for more than 12 months at the time of sale, exchange or retirement.

Reporting Requirements. In general, information reporting requirements will apply to certain payments of principal, interest and premium paid on the Bonds, and to the proceeds paid on the sale of the Bonds, other than certain exempt recipients (such as corporations and foreign entities).

A backup withholding tax will apply to such payments if the owner fails to provide a taxpayer identification number or certification of foreign or other exempt status or fails to report in full dividend and interest income. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to an owner will be allowed as a credit against the owner's federal income tax liability.

Collateral Federal Income Tax Consequences. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, certain applicable corporations subject to the corporate alternative minimum tax, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, certain S corporations with "excess net passive income," foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, life insurance companies, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry or have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to the Bonds. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding these tax consequences. Purchasers of Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to the applicability of these tax consequences and other federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Bonds, including the possible application of state, local, foreign and other tax laws.

Bond Counsel notes that the interest on the Bonds may be included in adjusted financial statement income of applicable corporations for purposes of determining the applicability and amount of the federal corporate alternative minimum tax.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

The District will enter into the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to assist the Underwriter in complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Rule**”). The proposed form of the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking is included in this Official Statement as *Appendix B*. The District is the only “obligated person” with responsibility for continuing disclosure.

This will be the first continuing disclosure obligation of the District in the last five years.

The District adopted bond policies and procedures designed to assist the District in complying with its continuing disclosure obligations under the Rule. The policies and procedures include: (1) designation of a bond compliance officer as the person responsible for complying with the District’s continuing disclosure obligations; (2) training personnel responsible for compliance on the importance of timely submission of information and to ensure comprehensive understanding of compliance requirements; and (3) annual review by the bond compliance officer of each continuing disclosure undertaking to determine what financial information and operating data is required to be included in the Annual Report to be filed on EMMA. The District also engaged a third party to assist the District in compiling and filing the Annual Report.

BOND RATINGS

S&P is expected to assign a rating of “AA” to the Bonds based upon the understanding that upon the delivery of the Bonds, a policy insuring the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be issued by BAM. S&P has also assigned the Bonds a rating of “AA-” based on S&P’s evaluation of the creditworthiness of the District. An explanation of the significance of the above ratings may be obtained only from the S&P. The District furnished S&P with certain information and materials relating to the Bonds and the District that has not been included in this Official Statement. Generally, rating agencies base their ratings on the information and materials so furnished and on investigations, studies and assumptions by the rating agencies. There is no assurance that a particular rating will remain in effect for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely if, in the judgment of the rating agency, circumstances warrant.

The Underwriter has not undertaken any responsibility to bring to the attention of the holders of the Bonds any proposed revision or withdrawal of any rating of the Bonds or to oppose any such proposed revision or withdrawal. Pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the District is required to bring to the attention of the holders of the Bonds any rating changes but has not undertaken any responsibility to disclose any rating revisions proposed by S&P or to oppose any such proposed revision or withdrawal of any rating of the Bonds. See the form of the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, which is included in this Official Statement as *Appendix B*. Any downward revision or withdrawal of a rating may have an adverse effect on the market price and marketability of the Bonds.

ABSENCE OF LITIGATION

As of the date hereof, there is no controversy, suit or other proceeding of any kind pending or, to the District’s knowledge, threatened wherein or whereby any question is raised or may be raised, questioning, disputing or affecting in any way the legal organization of the District or its boundaries, or the right or title of any of its officers to their respective offices, or the legality of any official act in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds, or the constitutionality or validity of the Bonds or any of the proceedings had in relation to the authorization, issuance or sale thereof, or the levy and collection of a tax to pay the principal and interest thereof, or which might affect the District’s ability to meet its obligations to pay the Bonds.

UNDERWRITING

Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, St. Louis, Missouri (the “**Underwriter**”), has agreed to purchase the Bonds at a price of \$_____ (which is equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, plus an original issue premium of \$_____, and less an underwriting discount of \$_____). The Underwriter is purchasing the Bonds for resale in the normal course of the Underwriter’s business activities. The Underwriter reserves the right to offer any of the Bonds to one or more purchasers on such terms and conditions and at such price or prices as the Underwriter, in its discretion, determines.

The Underwriter and its affiliates comprise a full service financial institution engaged in activities which may include sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, brokerage and other financial and non-financial activities and services. The Underwriter and its affiliates may have provided, and may in the future provide, a variety of these services to the District and to persons and entities with relationships with the District, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

In the ordinary course of these business activities, the Underwriter and its affiliates may purchase, sell or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade securities, derivatives, loans and other financial instruments for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and trading activities may involve or relate to assets, securities and/or instruments of the District (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with the District.

The Underwriter and its affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such assets, securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they should acquire such assets, securities and instruments. Such investment and securities activities may involve securities and instruments of the District.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS

Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel to the District, has independently represented the Underwriter in transactions unrelated to the delivery of the Bonds, but is not representing the Underwriter in connection with the delivery of the Bonds. Gilmore & Bell, P.C. has also been engaged to assist the District in complying with its continuing disclosure undertakings.

MISCELLANEOUS

The references, excerpts and summaries of all documents referred to herein do not purport to be complete statements of the provisions of such documents, and reference is made to all such documents for full and complete statements of all matters of fact relating to the Bonds, the security for the payment of the Bonds and the rights of the Owners thereof. During the period of the offering, copies of drafts of such documents may be examined at the office of the Underwriter; following delivery of the Bonds, copies of such documents may be examined at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent. The information contained in this Official Statement has been compiled from official and other sources that are deemed to be reliable, and while not guaranteed as to completeness or accuracy, is believed to be correct as of this date.

Any statement made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or of estimates, whether or not expressly so stated, are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the estimates will be realized. The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the information presented herein since

the date hereof. This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the District, the Paying Agent or the Underwriter and the purchasers or Owners of any Bonds.

The District has duly authorized the delivery of this Official Statement.

MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT

By: _____
Chairman of the Board of Directors

APPENDIX A

**DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Meramec Ambulance District
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We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of

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as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Meramec Ambulance District, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1(C).

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Meramec Ambulance District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note A of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1(C); and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

Other Matters

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Spinner & Company, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants
Saint Louis, Missouri

May 23, 2024

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

An objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities. The Management's Discussion and Analysis presents an analytical overview of both short-term and long-term financial information.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS **DECEMBER 31, 2023**

The discussion and analysis of the Meramec Ambulance District's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for 2023 are as follows:

- The net position for the Governmental Activities increased by \$1,058,398.
- Governmental Activities revenues were \$5,482,830.
- Property taxes represented \$2,878,040 of the Governmental Activities revenue total or 53%.
- Sales taxes represented \$1,092,145 of the Governmental Activities revenue total or 20%.
- Ambulance revenue represented \$1,499,077 of the Governmental Activities revenue total or 28%.
- Expenses for the Governmental Activities were \$4,424,432.

USING THIS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the District's modified cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

This annual report consists of four parts as follows:

Government-wide Financial Statements: The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the District's government-wide (or "as a whole") and present a longer-term view of the District's finances.

Fund Financial Statements: Fund financial statements focus on the individual parts of the District's government. Fund financial statements also report the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the District's most significant ("major") funds. For *governmental activities*, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.

Notes to the Financial Statements: The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

Other Information: This Management Discussion and Analysis and the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule represent other information presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information provides users of this report with additional data that supplements the government-wide statements, fund financial statements, and notes (referred to as "the basic financial statements").

Basis of Accounting

The District has elected to present its financial statements on a modified cash basis of accounting. This modified cash basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Basis of accounting is a reference to *when* financial events are recorded, such as the timing for recognizing revenues, expenses and their related assets and liabilities. Under the District's modified cash basis of accounting, revenues and expenses and related assets and liabilities are recorded when they result from cash transactions, except for the recording of depreciation expense on capital assets in the government-wide financial statements for all activities.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (*such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected*) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (*such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities*) are not recorded in these financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the modified cash basis of accounting.

Reporting the District as a Whole

The District's Reporting Entity Presentation

This annual report includes all activities for which the Meramec Ambulance District is fiscally responsible.

The primary government includes the following legal entity:

- The Meramec Ambulance District

The Government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

One of the most important questions asked about the District's finances is "Is the District as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the District as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all of the District's assets and liabilities resulting from the use of the modified cash basis of accounting.

These two statements report the District's net position and changes in them. Keeping in mind the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting, you can think of the District's net position - the difference between assets and liabilities - as one way to measure the District's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the District's real estate tax base.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we have one kind of activity:

Governmental activities - All of the District's basic services are reported here. Ambulance user fees and property taxes finance most of the activities.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

The Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds - not the District as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. However, the District officials establish certain other funds to help control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money.

Governmental fund - All of the District's basic services are reported in the governmental fund, which focuses on how money flows into and out of this fund and the balance left at year-end that is available for spending. This fund reports the acquisition of capital assets and payments for debt principal as expenditures and not as changes to asset and debt balances. The governmental fund statement provides a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine (through a review of changes to fund balance) whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's program. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activity (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental fund in a reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements. The District considers the General Fund to be its significant or major governmental fund.

A FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Net Position - Modified Cash Basis

The District's combined net position, resulting from modified cash basis transactions, increased from \$5,389,628 to \$6,448,027 between fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
			<u>2023 - 2022</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 3,909,172.	\$ 2,640,474.	48%
Restricted assets	<u>60,005.</u>	<u>32,305.</u>	86%
Capital assets	<u>2,483,698.</u>	<u>2,722,079.</u>	(8%)
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,452,875.</u>	<u>\$ 5,394,858.</u>	22%
Other liabilities	<u>\$ 4,848.</u>	<u>\$ 5,230.</u>	(7%)
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 4,848.</u>	<u>\$ 5,230.</u>	(7%)
Net position			
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 2,483,698.	\$ 2,722,079.	(8%)
Restricted	<u>60,005.</u>	<u>32,305.</u>	86%
Unrestricted	<u>3,904,324.</u>	<u>2,635,244.</u>	49%
Total net position	<u>\$ 6,448,027.</u>	<u>\$ 5,389,628.</u>	20%

Net position of the District's governmental activities increased 20% to \$6,448,027. However, \$2,543,703 of the net position either is restricted as to the purpose it can be used for or is invested in capital assets (buildings, equipment, vehicles and so on). Consequently, unrestricted net position showed \$3,904,324 at the end of the year. Changes in unrestricted net position between 2022 and 2023 reflect an increase of 49%.

Changes in Net Position - Modified Cash Basis

For the year ended December 31, 2023, net position of the primary government (resulting from modified cash basis transactions) changed as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Total Percentage Change 2023 - 2022</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
Revenues -			
Program revenues:			
User fees	\$ 1,499,077.	\$ 1,295,150	16%
Grant revenue - operating	0.	39,801.	-
General revenues:			
Taxes, penalties and interest	3,970,185.	3,241,225.	23%
Interest revenue	25,543.	10,989.	133%
Other revenue	8,192.	58,698.	(86%)
Loss on disposed assets	<u>(20,167.)</u>	<u>(210,625.)</u>	90%
Total revenues	<u>\$ 5,482,830.</u>	<u>\$ 4,435,238.</u>	24%
Expenses -			
Public safety - ambulance service	<u>\$ 4,424,432.</u>	<u>\$ 4,195,868.</u>	6%
Total expenses	<u>\$ 4,424,432.</u>	<u>\$ 4,195,868.</u>	6%
Increase (decrease) in net position	<u>\$ 1,058,398.</u>	<u>\$ 239,370.</u>	343%

Governmental Activities

To aid in the understanding of the Statement of Activities, some additional explanation is given. Of particular interest is the format that is significantly different than a typical Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balance. You will notice that expenses are listed first with revenues from that particular program reported below it. The result is a Net (Expense)/Revenue. The reason for this kind of format is to highlight the relative financial burden of each of the functions on the District's taxpayers. It also identifies how much each function draws from the general revenues or if it is self-financing through fees, and grants or contributions. All other governmental revenues are reported as general. It is important to note that all taxes are classified as general revenue even if restricted for a specific purpose.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, total expenses for governmental activities, resulting from modified cash basis transactions, amounted to \$4,424,432. Of these total expenses, taxpayers and other general revenues funded \$2,925,355, while those directly benefiting from the program funded \$0 from grants and other contributions and \$1,499,077 from charges for services.

Net Cost of Meramec Ambulance District's Governmental Activities - Modified Cash Basis

	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>		<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>		<u>Percentage</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
			<u>2023 - 2022</u>			<u>2023 - 2022</u>
Public safety	\$ 4,424,432.	\$ 4,195,868.	6%	\$ 2,925,355.	\$ 2,860,916.	3%

A FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Certain funds experienced noteworthy changes from the prior year and are highlighted as follows:

- On the modified cash basis of accounting, the General Fund reported revenues of \$5,482,830 and expenditures of \$4,424,432, resulting in an increase in fund balance of \$1,058,398.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the Board of Directors revised the General Fund budget at various times. The final adjusted budget, however, was consistent with the prior year budget.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, General Fund expenditures were even with the final appropriations, while actual resources available for appropriation were even with the final budgeted amount.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets - Modified Cash Basis

At December 31, 2023, the District had \$2,483,698 invested in capital assets, net of depreciation, including buildings, equipment and vehicles. This represents a net decrease of \$238,381 or 9% below last year.

PRIMARY GOVERNMENT CAPITAL ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
(Net of accumulated depreciation)

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Land	\$ 451,827.	\$ 451,827.
Buildings	904,097.	943,074.
Vehicles	1,033,878.	1,187,265.
Medical equipment	<u>93,896.</u>	<u>139,913.</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 2,483,698.</u>	<u>\$ 2,722,079.</u>

There were no significant capital asset additions.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

For the year ending December 31, 2024, the budget is fairly consistent with the December 31, 2023 budget.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions concerning this report or need additional financial information, contact Chief Taz Meyer at 3279 Highway 100, Villa Ridge, MO 63089.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include integrated sets of financial statements as required by the GASB. The sets of statements include:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
 - Governmental funds

In addition, the notes to the financial statements are included to provide information that is essential to a user's understanding of the basic financial statements.

MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,909,171.74
Restricted assets:	
Cash	60,004.50
Capital assets:	
Land	451,826.85
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>2,031,871.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>6,452,874.17</u>

LIABILITIES

Payroll withholding payable	\$ <u>4,847.91</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ <u>4,847.91</u>

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	\$ 2,483,697.93
Restricted for communications	60,004.50
Unrestricted	<u>3,904,323.83</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ <u>6,448,026.26</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023****EXPENSES**

Public safety - ambulance service:

Personnel - wages and fringe benefits	\$ 2,741,611.66
Materials, supplies and maintenance	528,551.15
Depreciation	218,214.51
Insurance	307,338.07
Communications – dispatching	252,426.22
General and administrative	<u>376,289.12</u>

TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES \$ 4,424,430.73

PROGRAM REVENUES

Charges for services \$ 1,499,076.62

TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES \$ 1,499,076.62

NET PROGRAM EXPENSE \$ 2,925,354.11

GENERAL REVENUES

Property taxes, penalties and interest	\$ 2,878,039.93
Sales tax	1,092,144.66
Interest earned	25,542.85
Other revenue	8,191.74
Loss on disposed assets	<u>(20,166.73)</u>

TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES \$ 3,983,752.45

CHANGE IN NET POSITION \$ 1,058,398.34

NET POSITION - Beginning of year \$ 5,389,627.92

NET POSITION - End of year \$ 6,448,026.26

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT**BALANCE SHEET - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,909,171.74	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,909,171.74
Restricted assets:			
Cash	<u>0.00</u>	<u>60,004.50</u>	<u>60,004.50</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,909,171.74</u>	<u>\$ 60,004.50</u>	<u>\$ 3,969,176.24</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Payroll withholdings payable	<u>\$ 4,847.91</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,847.91</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 4,847.91</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,847.91</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>			
Restricted for communications	\$ 0.00	\$ 60,004.50	\$ 60,004.50
Unassigned	<u>3,904,323.83</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,904,323.83</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 3,904,323.83</u>	<u>\$ 60,004.50</u>	<u>\$ 3,964,328.33</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 3,909,171.74</u>	<u>\$ 60,004.50</u>	<u>\$ 3,969,176.24</u>
<u>RECONCILIATION TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION</u>			
Fund Balances			\$ 3,964,328.33
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of the net position are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities of \$4,930,426.74 are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,446,728.81			<u>2,483,697.93</u>
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES			<u>\$ 6,448,026.26</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Property taxes, penalties and interest	\$ 2,641,789.23	\$ 236,250.70	\$ 2,878,039.93
Sales tax	1,092,144.66	0.00	1,092,144.66
Ambulance fees	1,499,076.62	0.00	1,499,076.62
Interest earned	25,058.79	484.06	25,542.85
Other income	<u>8,191.74</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,191.74</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 5,266,261.04</u>	<u>\$ 236,734.76</u>	<u>\$ 5,502,995.80</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Current:			
General and administrative	\$ 3,953,790.00	\$ 252,426.22	\$ 4,206,216.22
Capital outlay:			
Current expenditures	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 3,953,790.00</u>	<u>\$ 252,426.22</u>	<u>\$ 4,206,216.22</u>
<u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES BEFORE OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>	<u>\$ 1,312,471.04</u>	<u>\$ (15,691.46)</u>	<u>\$ 1,296,779.58</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>			
Transfers – in	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,414.60	\$ 21,414.60
Transfers – out	<u>(21,414.60)</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ (21,414.60)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>\$ (21,414.60)</u>	<u>\$ 21,414.60</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<u>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>\$ 1,291,056.44</u>	<u>\$ 5,723.14</u>	<u>\$ 1,296,779.58</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE - Beginning of year</u>	<u>\$ 2,613,267.39</u>	<u>\$ 54,281.36</u>	<u>\$ 2,667,548.75</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE - End of year</u>	<u>\$ 3,904,323.83</u>	<u>\$ 60,004.50</u>	<u>\$ 3,964,328.33</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$ 1,296,779.58

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while
governmental activities report depreciation expense as to allocate those
expenditures over the life of the assets:

Depreciation expense	\$ (218,214.51)
Remaining book value of disposed assets	<u>(20,166.73)</u>

CHANGES IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$ 1,058,398.34

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **DECEMBER 31, 2023**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The District's financial reporting entity is comprised of the following:

Primary Government: Meramec Ambulance District

Component Units: None

In determining the financial reporting entity, the District complies with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds. The statements represent the District's governmental activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other non-exchange revenues.

Fund Financial Statement

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts, which constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. An emphasis is placed on major funds. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund are at least 10% of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type, and
- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund are at least 5% of the corresponding total for all governmental funds combined.

The funds of the financial report entity are described as follows:

Governmental Funds

General Fund

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District and always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all activities except those legally or administratively required to be accounted for in other funds.

Special Revenue Fund

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The Communications Fund is accounted for as a special revenue fund.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe “how” transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to “when” transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus, within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting, as defined in item (b) following.

In the fund financial statements, the “current financial resources” measurement focus or the “economic resources” measurement focus, as applied to the modified cash basis of accounting, is used as appropriate:

- a. All governmental funds utilize a “current financial resources” measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b. All governmental activities utilize an “economic resources” measurement focus in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statements of Activities. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current, financial, or non-financial) associated with their activities are reported.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities and the fund financial statements, governmental activities are presented using a modified cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net position/fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses when they result from cash transactions with a provision for depreciation in the government-wide statements. This basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) *are not recorded* in these financial statements.

If the District utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financials would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity

Cash and Cash Equivalents

“Cash and cash equivalents” include all demand and savings accounts, and certificates of deposit.

Capital Assets

The District’s modified cash basis of accounting reports capital assets resulting from cash transactions and reports depreciation where appropriate. The accounting treatment over property, plant and equipment (capital assets) depends on whether the assets are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

Government-Wide Statements

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets arising from cash transactions are accounted for as assets in the Statement of Net Position. All capital assets are valued at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated capital assets, which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets arising from cash transactions is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets’ estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. A capitalization threshold of \$5,000 is used to report capital assets. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

- Vehicles	8 years
- Buildings and improvements	10 - 50 years
- Equipment	7 years

Fund Financial Statements

In the fund financial statements, capital assets arising from cash transactions acquired for use in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

Long-Term Debt

All long-term debt arising from cash transactions to be repaid from governmental resources are reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements.

Long-term debt arising from cash basis transactions of governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest is reported as expenditures.

Compensated Absences

As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, liabilities related to accrued compensated absences are not recorded in the government-wide or fund financial statements. Expenditures/expenses related to compensated absences are recorded when paid. Employees must use accrued vacation leave. If not used during the year, the vacation time will be lost. Employees are paid 100% of their accumulated vacation pay when they terminate their employment for any reason as long as proper notice is provided. Accumulated sick leave is not paid upon termination of employment.

Equity Classification

Government-Wide Statements:

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position - All other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

It is the District’s policy to first use restricted net position prior to the use of unrestricted net position when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

Fund Balances

The District adopted GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* (GASB 54). The statement is designed to improve financial reporting by establishing fund balance classifications that are easier to understand and apply. GASB 54 establishes the following classifications depicting the relative strength of the constraints that control how specific amounts can be spent:

Non-spendable – Amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact (such as the corpus of an endowment fund).

Restricted – Amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government) through constitutional provisions or by enabling legislation.

Committed – Amounts constrained to specific purposes by the District itself using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District takes the same highest-level action to remove or change the constraint. The District’s highest level of decision-making authority is the Board of Directors. The formal action that is required to be taken to establish committed fund balances is either by ordinance or resolution.

Assigned – Amounts the District intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority.

Unassigned – Amounts that are available for any purpose; these amounts are reported only in the General Fund.

The District's policy is to spend the most restricted resources first before less restricted resources in the following order: Non-spendable (if funds become spendable), restricted, committed, assigned, then unassigned.

The District's fund balance policy was enacted in an effort to ensure financial security through the maintenance of a healthy reserve fund that guides the creation, maintenance, and use of resources for financial stabilization purposes. The District's primary objective is to maintain a prudent level of financial resources to protect against reducing service levels or raising taxes and fees due to temporary revenue shortfalls or unpredicted one-time expenditures. The District also seeks to maintain the highest possible credit ratings which are dependent, in part, on the District's maintenance of a healthy fund balance. The unrestricted fund balances of the General Fund have been accumulating to meet this purpose to provide stability and flexibility in order to respond to unexpected adversity and/or opportunities. The target is to maintain an unrestricted fund balance of not less than 20% of annual operating expenditures in order to provide adequate funding to cover approximately two months of operating expenditures, provide the liquidity necessary to accommodate the District's uneven cash flow, which is inherent in its periodic tax collection schedule, and provide liquidity to respond to contingent liabilities.

E. Property Tax

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on December 15 and payable by December 31. Taxes paid after December 31 are subject to penalties. Jefferson County, Franklin County and St. Louis County bill, collect and remit the taxes to the District. The District records the revenues from property taxes when they are received, as the District uses the modified cash basis of accounting.

F. Revenues, Expenditures and Expenses

Program Revenues

In the Statement of Activities, modified cash basis revenues that are directly derived from each activity or from parties outside the District's taxpayers are reported as program revenues. The District has the following program revenues in each activity:

Public Safety

Ambulance fees

All other revenues are reported as general. All taxes are classified as general revenue even if restricted for a specific purpose.

Operating Revenue and Expenses

Operating revenue and expenses include all revenues and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

G. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the other comprehensive basis of accounting (OCBOA) used by the District requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures (such as estimated useful lives in determining depreciation expense). Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

H. Post-Employment Health Care Benefits

The District provides health care benefits to eligible former employees and eligible dependents as required by Missouri Statute. The premium is paid in full by the insured to the District. This program is offered for a duration of 18 months after the termination date. There is an administrative fee associated with this program. There were no participants in the program as of December 31, 2023.

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The District's investment policy states that interest-bearing checking accounts, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, United States Government Obligations, bonds, notes and any other securities or investments that are lawful for the investment of monies held in such funds or accounts under the law of the State of Missouri are appropriate types of deposits and investments for its needs.

<u>Depository Account</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
Insured	\$ 500,000.00
Collateralized:	
Collateral held by District's agent in the District's name	0.00
Collateral held by pledging bank's trust department in the District's name	3,709,948.85
Collateral held by pledging bank's trust department not in the District's name	0.00
Uninsured and uncollateralized	<u>0.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,209,948.85</u>

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2023, \$0.00 of the District's bank balance of \$4,209,948.85 was exposed to credit risk as follows:

<u>Type of Deposit</u>	<u>Custody Credit Risk Amount</u>
Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$ 0.00
Uninsured and collateralized by pledging bank's trust department not in the District's name	<u>0.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

3. RESTRICTED ASSETS

The amount of restricted net position, restricted for communications, is as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities:</u>	
Cash	\$ 60,004.50
Less: Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
Net Position - Restricted	<u>\$ 60,004.50</u>

<u>Governmental Funds:</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 60,004.50
Less: Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
Fund Balance - Restricted	<u>\$ 60,004.50</u>

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity resulting from modified cash basis transactions for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 was as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities:</u>	<u>Balance Jan. 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 451,826.85	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 451,826.85
Vehicles and equipment	<u>258,096.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>258,096.00</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>\$ 709,922.85</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 709,922.85</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	\$ 1,853,914.58	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,853,914.58
Vehicles	2,009,838.34	0.00	151,337.48	1,858,500.86
Equipment	<u>549,102.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>41,014.00</u>	<u>508,088.45</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>\$ 4,412,855.37</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 192,351.48</u>	<u>\$ 4,220,503.89</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	\$ 910,840.44	\$ 38,977.56	\$ 0.00	\$ 949,818.00
Vehicles	1,080,669.71	153,386.76	151,337.48	1,082,718.99
Equipment	<u>409,188.90</u>	<u>25,850.19</u>	<u>20,847.27</u>	<u>414,191.82</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 2,400,699.05</u>	<u>\$ 218,214.51</u>	<u>\$ 172,184.75</u>	<u>\$ 2,446,728.81</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 2,012,156.32</u>	<u>\$ (218,214.51)</u>	<u>\$ 20,166.73</u>	<u>\$ 1,773,775.08</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,722,079.17</u>	<u>\$ (218,214.51)</u>	<u>\$ 20,166.73</u>	<u>\$ 2,483,697.93</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the public safety function in the Statement of Activities.

Depreciation expense totaled \$218,214.51 for fiscal year end December 31, 2023.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District is a member of the Missouri Association of Fire and Ambulance Districts (MOFAD) which provides uniform workers' compensation insurance coverage under a comprehensive plan for all members. The District pays an annual premium to MOFAD for its workers' compensation insurance coverage. MOFAD is self-sustaining through member premiums and reinsures with commercial companies for excess insurance. The District has purchased a commercial insurance policy for all other types of loss.

The District manages these various risks of loss as follows:

<u>Type of Loss</u>	<u>Method Managed</u>	<u>Risk of Loss Retained</u>
a. Torts, errors, and omissions	Purchased commercial insurance	None
b. Workers' compensation, health and life	Purchased commercial insurance	None
c. Physical property loss and natural disasters	Purchased commercial insurance	None

Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

6. ASSESSED VALUATION AND TAX LEVY

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Franklin County	\$ 615,984,477.00	\$ 630,391,514.00	
Jefferson County	48,657,055.00	45,684,569.00	
St. Louis County	<u>7,252,598.00</u>	<u>6,451,634.00</u>	
	<u>\$ 671,894,130.00</u>	<u>\$ 682,527,717.00</u>	
	<u>Tax Levy Per \$100.00 of Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Levy Per \$100.00 of Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Total Taxes Collected</u>
General Fund	\$.3088	\$.3131	
Special Revenue Fund	<u>.0280</u>	<u>.0280</u>	
	<u>\$.3368</u>	<u>\$.3411</u>	
Total taxes assessed	<u>\$ 2,262,939.43</u>	<u>\$ 2,328,102.05</u>	
Tax collections (including delinquent taxes)	<u>\$ 673,183.21</u>	<u>\$ 2,204,856.72</u>	<u>\$ 2,878,039.93</u>

The receipts of current and delinquent property taxes during the year ended December 31, 2023 aggregated approximately 30% of the 2023 assessed taxes, and 95% of the 2022 assessed taxes.

7. PENSION PLAN

LAGERS

The District participates in the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS), an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for local government entities in Missouri. LAGERS is a defined benefit pension plan which provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries.

General Information about the Plan

Plan description. The Meramec Ambulance District defined benefit pension plan provides certain retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The District participates in the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS). LAGERS is an agent multiple-employer, statewide public employee pension plan established in 1967 and administered in accordance with RSMo.70.600-70.755. As such, it is the system's responsibility to administer the law in accordance with the expressed intent of the General Assembly. The plan is qualified under the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a) and it is tax-exempt. The responsibility for the operations and administration of LAGERS is vested in the LAGERS Board of Trustees consisting of seven persons.

LAGERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained by accessing the LAGERS website at www.molagers.org.

Benefits provided. LAGERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. Benefit provisions are adopted by the governing body of the employer, within the options available in the state statutes governing LAGERS. All benefits vest after 5 years of credited service. Employees who retire on or after age 55 with 5 or more years of service are entitled to an allowance for life based upon the benefit program information provided below. Employees may retire with an early retirement benefit with a minimum of 5 years of credited service and after attaining age 50 and receive a reduced allowance.

2023 Valuation

Benefit Multiplier:	1% for life
Final Average Salary:	5 years
Member Contributions:	4%
Rule of 80 provision:	yes
Contribution refund adopted	no

Benefit terms provide for annual post-retirement adjustments to each member's retirement allowance subsequent to the member's retirement date. The annual adjustment is based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index and is limited to 4% per year.

Contributions. The employer is required to contribute amounts at least equal to the actuarially determined rate, as established by LAGERS. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance an unfunded accrued liability. Full-time employees of the employer contribute 4% of annual pay to the pension plan. The employer contribution rate is 11.4% of its annual covered payroll. Contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$196,248.92 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The pension payable at December 31, 2023 is \$4,847.91.

8. INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2023 consisted of the following amounts:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Transfer – in</u>	<u>Interfund Transfer – out</u>
General	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,414.60
Special Revenue	<u>21,414.60</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 21,414.60</u>	<u>\$ 21,414.60</u>

The transfer from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund is to assist in the payment of the dispatching expense.

9. TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS

The cities/counties served by the District utilize two types of tax abatement programs to attract jobs and industrial investments to their cities/counties. They are Chapter 100 and Chapter 353.

Chapter 100 - At December 31, 2023, the cities/counties served by the District had no Chapter 100 projects. Chapter 100 is a means of using bonds to purchase the building and equipment with the city/county holding title to the property and the company paying a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) or a grant to the city/county each year. The cities/counties share a portion of these taxes with the District. At

December 31, 2023, \$0.00 of the District’s share of the real estate property taxes and sales taxes were abated through the Chapter100 program.

Chapter 353 - At December 31, 2023, the cities/counties served by the District had one active Chapter 353 projects. Chapter 353 is taking a blighted piece of property and giving tax abatement for a limited number of years to a company who will improve the property and bring in jobs. At December 31, 2023, \$2,677.40 of the District’s share of the real estate property taxes were abated through the Chapter 353 program.

10. DISTRICT OFFICIALS

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Director - Chairman	Shelby Cox / Curt Saitta
Director - Vice Chairman	Katherine Hodge / Shelby Cox
Director - Treasurer	Thomas Lyons, Jr. / Katherine Hodge
Director	Cathy Hartmann / Thomas Lyons Jr.
Director	Curt Saitta / Floyd Blake
Director	Justin Smith
Chief	Justin Duncan

OTHER INFORMATION

Other information includes financial information and disclosures that are presented for purposes of additional analysis but are not considered a part of the basic financial statements. Such information includes:

- Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
- Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Special Revenue Fund
- Notes to Other Information - Budgetary Comparison Schedule

MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS****GENERAL FUND****YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
<u>BEGINNING BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE</u>	\$ 2,613,267.39	\$ 2,613,267.39	\$ 2,613,267.39
<u>RESOURCES (inflows):</u>			
Property taxes, penalties and interest	\$ 1,900,000.00	\$ 2,641,789.23	\$ 2,641,789.23
Sales tax	1,075,000.00	1,092,144.66	1,092,144.66
Ambulance fees	995,500.00	1,301,247.69	1,301,247.69
Interest earned	5,000.00	25,542.85	25,058.79
Other revenue	2,000.00	223.40	8,191.74
GEMT Revenue	<u>0.00</u>	<u>197,828.93</u>	<u>197,828.93</u>
AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	<u>\$ 6,590,767.39</u>	<u>\$ 7,872,044.15</u>	<u>\$ 7,879,528.43</u>
<u>CHARGES TO APPROPRIATIONS (outflows):</u>			
Current:			
Ambulance supplies	\$ 108,500.00	\$ 154,462.14	\$ 154,462.14
Board expenses	1,500.00	225.00	225.00
Building expense	49,500.00	54,988.14	57,950.14
Education benefit	12,000.00	7,352.28	7,352.28
Election expense	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
Fuel	105,000.00	74,745.63	74,745.63
Insurance	220,000.00	307,338.07	307,338.07
Information technology	35,100.00	87,925.58	87,925.58
Office expense	15,500.00	15,232.60	15,232.60
Operation - business	77,400.00	78,884.26	78,884.26
Payroll expense	150,000.00	153,720.68	153,720.68
Personnel expenses	386,900.00	326,090.05	326,581.72
Professional fees	147,000.00	163,887.07	163,887.07
Public relations	2,000.00	979.28	979.28
Retirement expense	210,000.00	195,718.19	196,248.92
Salaries expense	1,950,000.00	2,057,708.06	2,057,708.06
Uniforms	27,500.00	29,276.56	29,155.33
Utilities	65,000.00	75,652.57	75,652.57
Vehicle expense	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>134,829.28</u>	<u>165,740.67</u>
TOTAL CURRENT	<u>\$ 3,617,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,919,015.44</u>	<u>\$ 3,953,790.00</u>

See accompanying notes to budgetary comparison schedule.

MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS****GENERAL FUND****YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	
<u>CHARGES TO APPROPRIATIONS (outflows) cont.:</u>			
Capital Outlay:			
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,962.00	\$ 0.00
Vehicles	275,000.00	22,821.82	0.00
Equipment	<u> 0.00</u>	<u> 0.00</u>	<u> 0.00</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	<u>\$ 275,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 25,783.82</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL CHARGES TO APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 3,892,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,944,799.26</u>	<u>\$ 3,953,790.00</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>			
Transfers - out	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ (21,414.60)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ (21,414.60)</u>
<u>ENDING BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>\$ 2,697,867.39</u>	<u>\$ 3,927,244.89</u>	<u>\$ 3,904,323.83</u>

See accompanying notes to budgetary comparison schedule.

MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	
<u>BEGINNING BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE</u>	\$ 54,281.36	\$ 54,281.36	\$ 54,281.36
<u>RESOURCES (inflows):</u>			
Taxes, penalties and interest	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 236,250.70	\$ 236,250.70
Interest earned	<u>150.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>484.06</u>
AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	<u>\$ 214,431.36</u>	<u>\$ 290,532.06</u>	<u>\$ 291,016.12</u>
<u>CHARGES TO APPROPRIATIONS (outflows):</u>			
Current:			
Dispatch services	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 252,426.22	\$ 252,426.22
Bank charges	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL CHARGES TO APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 230,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 252,426.22</u>	<u>\$ 252,426.22</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>			
Transfers - in	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 21,414.60</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 21,414.60</u>
<u>ENDING BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>\$ (15,568.64)</u>	<u>\$ 38,105.84</u>	<u>\$ 60,004.50</u>

See accompanying notes to budgetary comparison schedule.

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NOTES TO OTHER INFORMATION BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE DECEMBER 31, 2023

Budgets and Budgetary Practices

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- a. Prior to August 1, the District Administrator prepares and submits to the Board of Directors a proposed operating budget for the upcoming year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- b. Open meetings of the Board of Directors are held to obtain taxpayer comments.
- c. Prior to December 31, the budget is adopted by the Board of Directors.
- d. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with the modified cash basis of accounting.
- e. Any revisions that alter the total expenditures must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- f. Prior to year end, the Board of Directors adopts an amended budget approving any additional expenditures.
- g. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

Basis of Accounting

The budget is prepared on the same modified cash basis of accounting as applied to the governmental funds in the basic financial statements. Revenues and expenditures are reported when they result from cash transactions.

APPENDIX B

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

This **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING** dated as of September 1, 2025 (this “*Undertaking*”) is executed and delivered by the **MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT** (the “*Issuer*”).

RECITALS

1. This Undertaking is executed and delivered by the Issuer in connection with the issuance by the Issuer of **\$13,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025** (the “*Bonds*”), pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Issuer on August 19, 2025 (the “*Resolution*”).

2. The Issuer is entering into this Undertaking for the benefit of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “*Rule*”). The Issuer is the only “**obligated person**” (as defined by the Rule) with responsibility for continuing disclosure hereunder.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions set forth in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Undertaking unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

“*Annual Report*” means any Annual Report filed by the Issuer pursuant to, and as described in, **Section 2.**

“*Beneficial Owner*” means any registered owner of any Bonds and any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

“*Business Day*” means a day other than (a) a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, (b) a day on which banks located in any city in which the principal corporate trust office or designated payment office of the trustee, any paying agent or the Dissemination Agent, as applicable, is located are required or authorized by law to remain closed or (c) a day on which the Securities Depository or the New York Stock Exchange is closed.

“*Dissemination Agent*” means any entity designated in writing by the Issuer to serve as dissemination agent pursuant to this Undertaking and which has filed with the Issuer a written acceptance of such designation.

“*EMMA*” means the Electronic Municipal Market Access system for municipal securities disclosures established and maintained by the MSRB, which can be accessed at www.emma.msrb.org.

“*Financial Obligation*” means (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of (a) or (b) in this definition; *provided however*, the term Financial Obligation shall not

include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

“Fiscal Year” means the **12**-month period beginning on **January 1** and ending on **December 31** or any other **12**-month period selected by the Issuer as its Fiscal Year for financial reporting purposes.

“Material Events” means any of the events listed in **Section 3**.

“MSRB” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or any successor repository designated as such by the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Rule.

“Participating Underwriter” means any of the original underwriter(s) of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with the offering of the Bonds.

Section 2. Provision of Annual Reports.

- (a) The Issuer shall file its audited financial statements for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2024, with the MSRB, through EMMA, as soon as practical after it is made available. Additionally, the Issuer shall not later than **300** days after the end of the Issuer’s Fiscal Year, commencing with the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2025, file with the MSRB, through EMMA, the following financial information and operating data (the *“Annual Report”*):
 - (1) The audited financial statements of the Issuer for the prior Fiscal Year prepared by its independent auditors on the modified basis of accounting. If audited financial statements are not available by the time the Annual Report is required to be filed pursuant to this Section, the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Report promptly after they become available.
 - (2) Updates as of the end of the Fiscal Year of certain financial information and operating data related to the Bonds, as described in **Exhibit A** hereto, with such modifications to the formatting and general presentation thereof as deemed appropriate by the Issuer; provided, any substantive change to information provided shall be effected only in accordance with **Section 6**.

Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues with respect to which the Issuer is an **“obligated person”** (as defined by the Rule), which have been filed with the MSRB and are available through EMMA or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document included by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB on EMMA. The Issuer shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

In each case, the Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in this Section; provided that the audited financial statements of the Issuer may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report and later than the date required above for the filing of the Annual Report if they are not available by that date. If the

Issuer's Fiscal Year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Material Event under **Section 3**.

- (b) The Annual Report shall be filed with the MSRB in such manner and format as is prescribed by the MSRB.
- (c) In addition to the foregoing requirements of this Section, the Issuer agrees to provide copies of the most recent Annual Report to any requesting Beneficial Owner or prospective Beneficial Owner, but only after the same has been filed with the MSRB on EMMA.

Section 3. Reporting of Material Events.

No later than **10** Business Days after the occurrence of any of the following events, the Issuer shall give, or cause to be given, to the MSRB, through EMMA, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds ("*Material Events*"):

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions; the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) modifications to rights of bondholders, if material;
- (8) bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer (which shall be deemed to occur as provided in the Rule);
- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of the trustee, if material;
- (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

If the Issuer has not submitted the Annual Report to the MSRB by the date required in **Section 2(a)**, the Issuer shall send a notice to the MSRB of the failure of the Issuer to file on a timely basis the Annual Report, which notice shall be given by the Issuer in accordance with this **Section 3**.

Section 4. Termination of Reporting Obligation.

The Issuer's obligations under this Undertaking shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds. If the Issuer's obligations under this Undertaking are assumed in full by some other entity, such entity shall be responsible for compliance with this Undertaking in the same manner as if it were the Issuer, and the Issuer shall have no further responsibility hereunder. If such assumption occurs prior to the final maturity of the Bonds, the Issuer shall give notice of such assumption in the same manner as for a Material Event under **Section 3**.

Section 5. Dissemination Agent.

The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Undertaking, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent may resign as dissemination agent hereunder at any time upon **30** days prior written notice to the Issuer. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report (including without limitation the Annual Report) prepared by the Issuer pursuant to this Undertaking.

Section 6. Amendment; Waiver.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Undertaking, the Issuer may amend this Undertaking and any provision of this Undertaking may be waived, provided that Bond Counsel or other counsel experienced in federal securities law matters provides the Issuer with its written opinion that the undertaking of the Issuer contained herein, as so amended or after giving effect to such waiver, is in compliance with the Rule and all current amendments thereto and interpretations thereof that are applicable to this Undertaking.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of this Undertaking, the Issuer shall describe such amendment or waiver in the next Annual Report, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or, in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the Issuer. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, (a) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as for a Material Event under **Section 3**, and (b) the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

Section 7. Additional Information.

Nothing in this Undertaking shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Undertaking or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event, in addition to that which is required by this Undertaking. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event, in addition to that which is specifically required by this Undertaking, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Undertaking to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event.

Section 8. Default.

If the Issuer fails to comply with any provision of this Undertaking, any Participating Underwriter or any Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Undertaking. A default under this Undertaking shall not be deemed an event of default under the Resolution or the Bonds, and the sole remedy under this Undertaking if there is any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Undertaking shall be an action to compel performance.

Section 9. Beneficiaries.

This Undertaking shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Participating Underwriter and the Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Bonds and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Section 10. Severability.

If any provision in this Undertaking, the Resolution or the Bonds shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Undertaking shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 11. Electronic Transactions.

The arrangement described herein may be conducted and related documents may be sent, received or stored by electronic means. Copies, telecopies, facsimiles, electronic files and other reproductions of original documents shall be deemed to be authentic and valid counterparts of such original documents for all purposes, including the filing of any claim, action or suit in the appropriate court of law.

Section 12. Governing Law.

This Undertaking shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this Undertaking to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT

By: _____
Title: Chairman of the Board of Directors

EXHIBIT A
TO CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND OPERATING DATA TO BE
INCLUDED IN ANNUAL REPORT**

The financial information and operating data contained in the tables in the following described sections of the final Official Statement relating to the Bonds:

- “PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Property Valuations – *Current Assessed Valuation*”
- “PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Property Valuations – *History of Property Valuations*”
- “PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Property Tax Levies and Collections – *Tax Rates*”
- “PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Property Tax Levies and Collections – *Tax Collection Record*”

EXHIBIT B
TO CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

FORM OF FAILURE TO FILE EVENT NOTICE

Event Notice Pursuant to SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5)(C)

Issuer/Obligated Person: Meramec Ambulance District (the “Obligated Person”)
Issues to which this
Notice relates: General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025

CUSIP Numbers for Issue to which this Report relates:

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>CUSIP Number</u>
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Event Reported: Failure to Timely File Annual Financial Information, Operating Data and/or Audited Financial Statements

The Obligated Person did not timely file its financial information and operating data for the fiscal year ended December 31, 20____. Such financial information and operating data [*will be*] [*were*] filed with the MSRB through EMMA on _____, 20____.

The Obligated Person did not timely file its audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 20____. Such audited financial statements [*will be*] [*were*] filed with the MSRB through EMMA on _____, 20____.

The information contained in this Notice has been submitted by the Obligated Person pursuant to contractual undertakings the Obligated Person made in accordance with SEC Rule 15c2-12. Nothing contained in the undertaking or this Notice is, or should be construed as, a representation by the Obligated Person that the information included in this Notice constitutes all of the information that may be material to a decision to invest in, hold or dispose of any of the securities listed above, or any other securities of the Obligated Person.

For additional information, contact:

Meramec Ambulance District
429 E. Osage Street
Pacific, Missouri 63069
(636) 451-5816

Date Submitted: _____, 20____

MERAMEC AMBULANCE DISTRICT

APPENDIX C

SPECIMEN MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY



MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY

ISSUER: [NAME OF ISSUER]

Policy No: _____

MEMBER: [NAME OF MEMBER]

BONDS: \$ _____ in aggregate principal
amount of [NAME OF TRANSACTION]
[and maturing on]

Effective Date: _____

Risk Premium: \$ _____

Member Surplus Contribution: \$ _____

Total Insurance Payment: \$ _____

BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY ("BAM"), for consideration received, hereby UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY agrees to pay to the trustee (the "Trustee") or paying agent (the "Paying Agent") for the Bonds named above (as set forth in the documentation providing for the issuance and securing of the Bonds), for the benefit of the Owners or, at the election of BAM, directly to each Owner, subject only to the terms of this Policy (which includes each endorsement hereto), that portion of the principal of and interest on the Bonds that shall become Due for Payment but shall be unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer.

On the later of the day on which such principal and interest becomes Due for Payment or the first Business Day following the Business Day on which BAM shall have received Notice of Nonpayment, BAM will disburse (but without duplication in the case of duplicate claims for the same Nonpayment) to or for the benefit of each Owner of the Bonds, the face amount of principal of and interest on the Bonds that is then Due for Payment but is then unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer, but only upon receipt by BAM, in a form reasonably satisfactory to it, of (a) evidence of the Owner's right to receive payment of such principal or interest then Due for Payment and (b) evidence, including any appropriate instruments of assignment, that all of the Owner's rights with respect to payment of such principal or interest that is Due for Payment shall thereupon vest in BAM. A Notice of Nonpayment will be deemed received on a given Business Day if it is received prior to 1:00 p.m. (New York time) on such Business Day; otherwise, it will be deemed received on the next Business Day. If any Notice of Nonpayment received by BAM is incomplete, it shall be deemed not to have been received by BAM for purposes of the preceding sentence, and BAM shall promptly so advise the Trustee, Paying Agent or Owner, as appropriate, any of whom may submit an amended Notice of Nonpayment. Upon disbursement under this Policy in respect of a Bond and to the extent of such payment, BAM shall become the owner of such Bond, any appurtenant coupon to such Bond and right to receipt of payment of principal of or interest on such Bond and shall be fully subrogated to the rights of the Owner, including the Owner's right to receive payments under such Bond. Payment by BAM either to the Trustee or Paying Agent for the benefit of the Owners, or directly to the Owners, on account of any Nonpayment shall discharge the obligation of BAM under this Policy with respect to said Nonpayment.

Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, the following terms shall have the meanings specified for all purposes of this Policy. "Business Day" means any day other than (a) a Saturday or Sunday or (b) a day on which banking institutions in the State of New York or the Insurer's Fiscal Agent (as defined herein) are authorized or required by law or executive order to remain closed. "Due for Payment" means (a) when referring to the principal of a Bond, payable on the stated maturity date thereof or the date on which the same shall have been duly called for mandatory sinking fund redemption and does not refer to any earlier date on which payment is due by reason of call for redemption (other than by mandatory sinking fund redemption), acceleration or other advancement of maturity (unless BAM shall elect, in its sole discretion, to pay such principal due upon such acceleration together with any accrued interest to the date of acceleration) and (b) when referring to interest on a Bond, payable on the stated date for payment of interest. "Nonpayment" means, in respect of a Bond, the failure of the Issuer to have provided sufficient funds to the Trustee or, if there is no Trustee, to the Paying Agent for payment in full of all principal and interest that is Due for Payment on such Bond. "Nonpayment" shall also include, in respect of a Bond, any payment made to an Owner by or on behalf of the Issuer of principal or interest that is Due for Payment, which payment has been recovered from such Owner pursuant to the United States Bankruptcy Code in accordance with a final, nonappealable order of a court having competent jurisdiction. "Notice" means delivery to BAM of a notice of claim and certificate, by certified mail, email or telecopy as set forth on the attached Schedule or other acceptable electronic delivery, in a form satisfactory to BAM, from and signed by an Owner, the Trustee or the Paying Agent, which notice shall specify (a) the person or entity making the claim, (b) the Policy Number, (c) the claimed amount, (d) payment instructions and (e) the date such claimed amount becomes or became Due for Payment. "Owner" means, in respect of a Bond, the person or entity who, at the time of Nonpayment, is entitled under the terms of such Bond to payment thereof, except that "Owner" shall not include the Issuer, the Member or any other person or entity whose direct or indirect obligation constitutes the underlying security for the Bonds.

BAM may appoint a fiscal agent (the "Insurer's Fiscal Agent") for purposes of this Policy by giving written notice to the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Member and the Issuer specifying the name and notice address of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent. From and after the date of receipt of such notice by the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Member or the Issuer (a) copies of all notices required to be delivered to BAM pursuant to this Policy shall be simultaneously delivered to the Insurer's Fiscal Agent and to BAM and shall not be deemed received until received by both and (b) all payments required to be made by BAM under this Policy may be made directly by BAM or by the Insurer's Fiscal Agent on behalf of BAM. The Insurer's Fiscal Agent is the agent of BAM only, and the Insurer's Fiscal Agent shall in no event be liable to the Trustee, Paying Agent or any Owner for any act of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent or any failure of BAM to deposit or cause to be deposited sufficient funds to make payments due under this Policy.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, BAM agrees not to assert, and hereby waives, only for the benefit of each Owner, all rights (whether by counterclaim, setoff or otherwise) and defenses (including, without limitation, the defense of fraud), whether acquired by subrogation, assignment or otherwise, to the extent that such rights and defenses may be available to BAM to avoid payment of its obligations under this Policy in accordance with the express provisions of this Policy. This Policy may not be canceled or revoked.

This Policy sets forth in full the undertaking of BAM and shall not be modified, altered or affected by any other agreement or instrument, including any modification or amendment thereto. Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, any premium paid in respect of this Policy is nonrefundable for any reason whatsoever, including payment, or provision being made for payment, of the Bonds prior to maturity. THIS POLICY IS NOT COVERED BY THE PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE SECURITY FUND SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 76 OF THE NEW YORK INSURANCE LAW. THIS POLICY IS ISSUED WITHOUT CONTINGENT MUTUAL LIABILITY FOR ASSESSMENT.

In witness whereof, BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY has caused this Policy to be executed on its behalf by its Authorized Officer.

BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

By: _____
Authorized Officer

Notices (Unless Otherwise Specified by BAM)

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