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Natchitoches Parish Communications District

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9-1-1 Communications District Adopts 2014 Budget and Authorizes the Engagement of New Audit Firm...

Natchitoches, LA., December 19, 2013 — On December 17, 2013 the Board of Commissioners to the Natchitoches Parish Communications District approved the 2014 Operating Budget for the District. The District's 2014 Operating Budget reflects estimated revenues of \$411,780, with \$397,060 estimated total expenses for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Staff, in collaboration with the District's Budget/Finance Committee and the District's contracted accounting firm, began the 2014 budget preparation process in September.

In other business, Commissioners approved the engagement of Ms. Deborah Dees, CPA of Mansfield, LA to conduct an annual financial review of the District in accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide. Prompting the search for a new audit firm was the notice by Hines, Sheffield and Squyres, LLC. earlier this year that they were discontinuing audit services. The District interviewed prospective firms in Jonesboro, Mansfield, and Winfield, all of which are listed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as approved to perform governmental audits.

During this meeting, the Communications District also announced that the Administrative Offices will close on December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holiday, and again on January 1, 2014 in observance of New Years.

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About the Natchitoches Parish Communications District (Natchitoches 9-1-1) *Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1 is committed to providing fast, efficient and effective access to emergency public safety services for all the citizens and visitors to Natchitoches Parish. Since 1988 the "District" has served in a pivotal role ensuring the safety of residents and visitors to Natchitoches Parish by providing the support services, which connects the citizens experiencing emergencies with emergency services via the use of one, easy to remember and simple to use 3-digit number, 9-1-1. The Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1 District provides the equipment and systems necessary to receive 9-1-1 calls from the nearly 40,000 residents of the parish, as well as the ever-increasing numbers of visitors to the area. We are proud to serve as "Natchitoches Parish's Gateway to Public Safety Services".*

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