

HIGHWAY 4 & 24 WATER ASSOCIATION

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CHIDESTER, ARKANSAS

JULY 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT  
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors  
Chidester, Arkansas

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the accounting records of Highway 4 & 24 Water Association as of and for the year ended July 31, 2023. Highway 4 & 24 Water Association's management is responsible for the entity's accounting records.

Highway 4 & 24 Water Association has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of satisfying annual reporting requirements of the Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit. Additionally, the Arkansas Legislative Joint Auditing Committee has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1. Cash and Investments

- a. Perform a proof of cash for the year and reconcile year-end bank balances to book balances.
- b. Confirm with depository institutions the cash on deposit and investments.
- c. Agree the proof of cash ending balances to the book balances within 5% or \$500, whichever is greater.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

2. Receipts

- a. Agree the deposits per the proof of cash for the year with the deposits per the journal within 5% or \$500, whichever is greater.
- b. Agree ten customer payments on the accounts receivable sub ledger to deposit and billing documents.
- c. For ten deposits, agree the cash/check composition of the deposit with the receipt information.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

3. Accounts Receivable

- a. Agree ten customer billings to the accounts receivable sub ledger.
- b. Determine that five customer adjustments were properly authorized.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

4. Disbursements

- a. Agree the disbursements per the proof of cash for the year with the disbursements per the journal within 5% or \$500, whichever is greater.
- b. Analyze all property, plant and equipment disbursements.
- c. Select all disbursements paid to employees other than payroll and ten other disbursements and determine if they were adequately documented.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

5. Property, Plant, and Equipment

- a. Determine that additions and disposals were properly accounted for in the records. (Materiality level – 5% of total equipment or \$500, whichever is greater.)

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedure.

6. Long-Term Debt

- a. Schedule long-term debt and verify changes in all balances for the year.
- b. Confirm loans, bonds, notes, and contracts payable with lender/trustee/contractor.
- c. Determine that the appropriate debt service accounts have been established and maintained.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

7. General

- a. Determine that any items of financial significance were approved and documented in the minutes of the governing body's meetings.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedure.

We were engaged by Highway 4 & 24 Water Association to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the accounting records of Highway 4 & 24 Water Association. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of Highway 4 & 24 Water Association and to meet other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Highway 4 & 24 Water Association and the Arkansas Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

*Turner, Rodgers, Manning & Plyler, PLLC*

Arkadelphia, Arkansas

October 1, 2024

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Highway 4 & 24 Water Association  
Chidester, Arkansas

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Highway 4 & 24 Water Association (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of net position as of July 31, 2023, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements, nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

*Turner, Rodgers, Manning & Plyler, PLLC*  
Arkadelphia, Arkansas  
October 1, 2024

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STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION  
JULY 31, 2023

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ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 208,001
Accounts Receivable	50,179
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:	<u>258,180</u>

RESTRICTED ASSETS:

Restricted Cash - Meter Deposits	77,324
Restricted Cash - Emergency Fund	20,411
Restricted Cash - Depreciation	165,564
Restricted Certificate of Deposit - Debt Service	<u>109,651</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED ASSETS:	<u>372,950</u>

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

Land	811
Buildings	11,285
Water System	3,504,853
Equipment	<u>49,837</u>
	3,566,786
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,455,920)</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:	<u>1,110,866</u>

TOTAL ASSETS:

\$ 1,741,996

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 21,629
Current portion of Long-Term Debt	76,800
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>98,429</u>

LIABILITIES PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS:

Meter Deposits Payable	62,424
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LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:

Notes Payable	651,309
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TOTAL LIABILITIES:

812,162

NET POSITION:

Restricted	310,526
Unrestricted	<u>619,308</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION:	<u>929,834</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION:

\$ 1,741,996

See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

HIGHWAY 4 & 24 WATER ASSOCIATION  
 STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND  
 CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
 FOR YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2023

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OPERATING REVENUES:	
Customer Collections	\$ 570,552
Other Income	1,974
TOTAL REVENUES:	<u>572,526</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Water Purchases	166,091
Billing	23,282
Contract Labor	67,461
Depreciation Expense	92,524
Dues and Subscriptions	6,613
Fees	1,922
Insurance	6,340
Legal and Professional	100
Travel	23,403
Office Expense	2,194
Utilities	14,274
Repairs and Maintenance	58,760
Sales Tax	57,624
Miscellaneous	7,123
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	<u>527,711</u>
OPERATING INCOME:	<u>44,815</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
Interest Income	5,660
Interest Expense	(37,566)
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	<u>(31,906)</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS):	12,909
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR:	916,925
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR:	<u><u>\$ 929,834</u></u>

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 570,621
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(438,139)
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	<u>132,482</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Increase in Meter Deposits	<u>898</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING:	
ACTIVITIES:	
Principal Paid on Long-Term Debt	(73,118)
Interest Paid on Long-Term Debt	(37,566)
NET CASH USED FOR CAPITAL AND RELATED	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	<u>(110,684)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Capital Asset Acquisitions	(21,796)
Purchases of Certificates of Deposit	(2,568)
Interest Received	5,660
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	<u>(18,704)</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:	<u>3,992</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR:	467,308
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR:	<u><u>\$ 471,300</u></u>

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Reconciliation of operating income to net cash flow from operating activities:

OPERATING INCOME:	<u>\$ 44,815</u>
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Depreciation	92,524
Change in Assets and Liabilities	
Accounts Receivable	(1,905)
Accounts Payable	<u>(2,952)</u>
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS:	<u>87,667</u>
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	<u><u>\$ 132,482</u></u>

SCHEDULE OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING  
ACTIVITIES:

None

See Independent Accountants' Compilation Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

HIGHWAY 4 & 24 WATER ASSOCIATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JULY 31, 2023

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies:

The Highway 4 & 24 Water Association was formed as a domestic non-profit corporation, without capital stock, on June 14, 1984, under the laws of the State of Arkansas, for the primary purpose of associating members together for their mutual benefit to construct, maintain and operate a private water system for the supplying water to its members, in designated areas of Ouachita County, Arkansas and Nevada County, Arkansas, and engage in any activity related thereto. An elected Board of Directors conducts operations of the corporation.

The accounting policies of the Highway 4 & 24 Water Association are designed to conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to domestic non-profit corporations engaged in the supplying water to its members, applying the principles which require that net assets of the non-profit corporation be classified as either with donor restrictions or without donor restrictions based on their nature and the existence or absence of specific restrictions.

The Highway 4 & 24 Water Association uses the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when they are incurred. Unrecorded billings for water and other services are recorded at year-end and unpaid incurred expenditures are recorded at year-end.

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Highway 4 & 24 Water Association considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

The Highway 4 & 24 Water Association, member water usage is billed to the users (members) in the month of usage and recorded as accounts receivable.

Property and equipment are valued at historical cost. Donated property and equipment are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date donated.

The Highway 4 & 24 Water Association accounts for its property and equipment on a cost of service or "capital maintenance" measurement focus, i.e., all assets or liabilities (whether current or non-current) is included on its balance sheet.

Depreciation is provided in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of depreciable assets to operations over their estimate service lives, and depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	20 Years
System Lines and Tanks	40 Years
Survey Cost and Administration	15 Years
System Equipment	7 Years
Office Equipment	5 Years

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

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 1, 2024, the date the financial statements were available for issuance.

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Note 2. Restricted Assets:

Restricted accounts are segregated on the balance sheet in accordance with the requirements of bond obligation agreements and internally designed restrictions. Cash restricted for debt service requirements at July 31, 2023 was \$109,651.

The Highway 4 & 24 Water Association maintains cash equal to customers' meter deposits in a meter deposit checking account. The account is reflected as a restricted asset and the corresponding liability as a liability payable from restricted assets. Cash restricted for meter deposits at July 31, 2023 was \$77,324.

The Highway 4 & 24 Water Association maintains funds in a depreciation account for water, restricted account, which totaled \$165,564 on July 31, 2023.

The Highway 4 & 24 Water Association maintains funds in an emergency account for water, restricted account, which totaled \$20,411 on July 31, 2023.

Note 3. Property, Plant and Equipment:

Property, plant and equipment activity for the year ended July 31, 2023 was as follows:

	7/31/2022			7/31/2022
	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Property, Plant and Equipment:				
Land	\$ 811	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 811
Buildings	11,285	-	-	11,285
Water System	3,483,057	21,796	-	3,504,853
Equipment	49,837	-	-	49,837
	<u>3,544,990</u>	<u>21,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,566,786</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,363,396)</u>	<u>(92,524)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,455,920)</u>
NET	<u>\$ 1,181,594</u>	<u>\$ (70,728)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,110,866</u>

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Note 4. Long-Term Debt:

Long-Term Debt as of July 31, 2023 consisted of the following:

	7/31/2023
Loan payable to USDA; monthly payments of \$2,778, interest at 5.00%, current portion is \$24,311, maturing in May 2030.	\$ 191,550
Loan payable to USDA; monthly payments of \$246, interest at 5.00%, current portion is \$2,167, maturing in March 2030.	16,685
Loan payable to USDA; monthly payments of \$3,477, interest at 5.00%, current portion is \$28,777, maturing in July 2031.	272,014
Loan payable to USDA; monthly payments of \$1,724, interest at 4.50%, current portion is \$11,686, maturing in October 2036.	205,365
Loan payable to ANRC; annual payments of \$11,984, interest at 5.00%, current portion is \$9,859, maturing in January 2027.	42,495
	728,109
Less portion considered current	(76,800)
Total long-term debt	\$ 651,309

Aggregate maturities of long-term debt as of July 31, 2023 are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 76,800	\$ 33,884	\$ 110,684
2025	80,656	30,028	\$ 110,684
2026	84,707	25,977	\$ 110,684
2027	88,961	21,723	\$ 110,684
2028	81,445	17,255	\$ 98,700
Thereafter	315,540	39,377	\$ 354,917
Total	\$ 728,109	\$ 168,244	\$ 896,353

Note 5. Deposits and Investments:

At July 31, 2023, the carrying value of the Highway 4 & 24 Water Association's accounts, deposits and investments was \$580,951. The bank balances before reduction of outstanding items were \$580,951. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation coverage allows for \$250,000 of coverage on all accounts deposited within each financial institution participating in the FDIC program.

	Cadence Bank	Farmers Bank	US Bank
Bank Carrying Balance	\$ 393,977	\$ 77,324	\$ 109,651
FDIC Insurance Coverage	250,000	77,324	109,651
Uncollateralized Funds	\$ 143,977	\$ -	\$ -