

**WATALULA WATER USERS  
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of  
Watalula Water Users Association, Inc.  
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### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Watalula Water Users Association, Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Watalula Water Users Association, Inc. as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets, and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 Watalula Water Users Association, Inc. 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.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Watalula Water Users Association, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities 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 opinion. 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* 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, misrepresentations, 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 made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government 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 fraud or error, 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 Watalula Water Users Association, Inc.'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 Watalula Water Users Association, Inc.'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 Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 22, 2025, on our consideration of Watalula Water Users Association, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Watalula Water Users Association, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Watalula Water Users Association, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

  
King Jacobs & Lorfing, CPAs, PA  
Clarksville, Arkansas  
September 22, 2025

WATALULA WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2024 and 2023

ASSETS

	2024	2023
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 95,543	\$ 72,916
Assets limited as to use-current	13,976	29,035
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,254 and \$3,106 respectively	74,349	76,782
Unbilled receivables	33,014	25,757
Inventory	64,773	61,576
Prepaid Expenses	19,472	18,882
Total Current Assets	301,128	284,948
<b>Assets Limited as to Use</b>		
Customer meter deposits	90,458	88,479
Short-lived asset funds	49,265	123,524
Debt reserve funds	154,677	143,024
Internally designated for loan payment	13,976	29,035
	308,377	384,062
Less amount required to meet current liabilities	(13,976)	(29,035)
Total Assets Limited as to Use, net	294,401	355,027
<b>Property and Equipment, at cost</b>		
Land	165,258	165,258
Vehicle and equipment	133,196	125,796
Office furniture and equipment	21,176	21,176
Building	219,379	219,379
Water system	13,877,616	13,862,720
	14,416,625	14,394,329
Less accumulated depreciation	(5,770,164)	(5,404,204)
Total Property & Equipment, net	8,646,460	8,990,124
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Investment - Arkansas Valley Electric Co-op certificates	45,550	40,312
Total Assets	\$ 9,287,538	\$ 9,670,411

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

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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current Liabilities		
Current due on long-term debt	\$ 94,060	\$ 106,074
Accounts payable	28,024	24,954
Accrued expenses	47,125	34,949
Accrued interest	2,350	1,874
	<u>171,558</u>	<u>167,851</u>
Other Liabilities		
Meter deposits	91,424	89,133
Long Term Liabilities		
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	2,361,400	2,475,613
	<u>2,361,400</u>	<u>2,475,613</u>
	<u>2,624,383</u>	<u>2,732,597</u>
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	6,663,155	6,937,814
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	<u>\$ 9,287,538</u>	<u>\$ 9,670,411</u>

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WATALULA WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Operating Revenue		
Water Sales	\$ 934,403	\$ 841,397
Connection Fees	19,824	35,165
Interest Income	8,038	4,802
Maintenance Reserve	26,723	25,549
Other Operating Revenues	35,511	37,439
Total Operating Revenue	1,024,499	944,351
Direct Operating Expenses		
Water Purchases	206,690	174,604
Utilities	70,169	61,440
Repairs and Maintenance	180,986	52,608
Insurance	39,281	39,947
Interest Expense	92,140	95,679
Fees and Permits	14,693	12,564
Wages	62,875	58,945
Payroll Taxes	4,264	4,788
Depreciation	354,851	349,719
Vehicle Expense	18,762	17,368
Total Direct Operating Expenses	1,044,710	867,662
Gross Profit (Loss)	(20,211)	76,689
General and Administrative Expenses		
Bad Debt Expense	-	2,254
Depreciation	11,109	10,850
Simple IRA Match	5,062	4,789
Insurance	15,428	20,085
Miscellaneous	11,067	4,627
Office Supplies and Postage	10,792	8,489
Office Maintenance	3,975	4,574
Professional Fees	11,500	10,342
Wages	151,461	122,495
Payroll Taxes	10,439	9,950
Utilities	17,361	18,011
Vehicle	6,254	5,789
Total General and Administrative Expenses	254,448	222,254
Income (Loss) from Operations	(274,659)	(145,565)
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)		
Gain/Loss on Sale of Asset	-	5,000
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	-	5,000
Increase in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	(274,659)	(140,565)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	6,937,814	7,078,379
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 6,663,155	\$ 6,937,814

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WATALULA WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Statements of Cash Flow  
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	2024	2023
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Receipts from customers and users and interest income	\$ 1,018,814	\$ 941,154
Payments to suppliers and interest to creditors	(683,911)	(519,962)
Payments to employees	(236,490)	(221,136)
Net Cash from Operating Activities	98,412	200,056
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Increase in Arkansas Valley Electric Certificates	(5,238)	(5,502)
Fixed asset purchases	(22,297)	(82,925)
Sale of Assets	-	5,000
(Increase) Decrease in Assets Limited as to Use	75,685	(63,296)
Net Cash Used for Investing Activities	48,150	(146,723)
Cash Flows from the Non-Capital Financing Activities:		
Customer Meter Deposits Increase	2,292	4,003
Net Cash From Non-Capital Financing Activities	2,292	4,003
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Payments on debt obligations	(126,227)	(98,589)
Net Cash Used For Financing Activities	(126,227)	(98,589)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	22,627	(41,253)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	72,916	114,169
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 95,543	\$ 72,916
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$ 91,667	\$ 95,796

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Nature of Business

The Watalula Water Users Association, Inc. is a not-for-profit association established as a provider of water to rural areas in Franklin County, Arkansas. The Association's primary funding source is water sales.

(b) Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

(c) Capitalization of Interest Costs

The Association capitalizes interest costs as part of the total acquisition costs of construction related to the addition to and/or improvement of facilities. Interest costs capitalized include only the interest incurred during the construction period on debt used to finance the project. The interest capitalization period commences with the first expenditure for the project and continues until the constructed project is substantially completed and ready for its intended use, at which time interest capitalization ceases. Interest capitalized in 2024 was \$0 and in 2023 was \$0.

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the Statements of Cash Flows, the Association considers cash and cash equivalents to be all checking accounts, savings accounts, certificates of deposits, and highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less that are not limited as to use.

e) Income Taxes

The Watalula Water Users Association, Inc is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501 (c) (12) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a result, no provision for current or deferred income tax liability is recognized by the Association's books and records. The Association evaluates and accounts for uncertain tax positions in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification* (ASC) 740, *Income Taxes*. This standard requires certain disclosures about uncertain income tax positions. When tax returns are filed, it is probable that most tax positions would be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. However, it is also possible that some positions might be subject to uncertainty. The Association evaluates any uncertain tax positions using the provisions of ASC 450, *Contingencies*. Accordingly, a loss contingency is recognized when it is probable that a liability has been incurred as of the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. The amount recognized is subject to estimate and management judgment with the respect to the likely outcome of each uncertain tax position. The amount that is ultimately sustained for an individual uncertain tax position or for all uncertain tax positions in the aggregate could differ from the amount recognized. Interest and penalties, if any, resulting from any uncertain tax positions required to be recorded by the Association would be presented in other expenses in the statement of activities. Management does not believe that it has engaged in any activity that would result in an uncertain tax position. As a result, management does not believe that any uncertain tax

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positions currently exist and no loss contingency has been recognized in the accompanying financial statements. The Association has filed all applicable tax returns. Federal and state income tax statutes dictate that tax returns filed in any of the previous three reporting periods remain open to examination. The Association is subject to U.S. federal income tax examinations by tax authorities for income tax returns filed for years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024. Currently, the Association has no open examination with either the Internal Revenue Service or state taxing authorities.

(f) Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Association to credit risk consist primarily of accounts receivable from customers. The Association provides water to customers within the rural outlying areas of Ozark, Arkansas. A security deposit is required to offset any credit risk. No collateral is required beyond the security deposit.

(g) Use of Estimates

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.

(h) Contributions

Gifts of cash and other assets are presented as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statements of Activities as “Net Assets Released from Restrictions”.

Gifts of land, buildings, and equipment are presented as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, the Association reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

Contributed services which increase non-financial assets such as property or inventory as well as services contributed by individuals with specialized skills which would have otherwise been purchased, are reported as unrestricted support. Other contributed services that enhance the Association’s programs, but are not so essential that they would otherwise be purchased, are not recorded as support.

(i) Trade Accounts Receivable

Trade accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to earnings and a credit to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off annually through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to trade accounts receivable. Changes in the valuation allowance have

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not been material to the financial statements.

Accounts receivable are considered past due if the customers' bill is not fully satisfied by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month. After the 15<sup>th</sup> has passed, the customer is then charged a 10% penalty fee. If the bill is still not satisfied by the 25<sup>th</sup>, the customer is contacted by either phone or visit. If the customer is not able to pay within a reasonable time frame, usually the first week of the next month, the water will be shut off.

(j) Inventory

Material and supply inventory is stated at the lower of cost (computed on a first in, first out basis) or market.

(k) Property & Equipment

Property and equipment acquisitions in excess of \$1,000 are capitalized. Property and equipment are carried at cost. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Rates used for computing depreciation are as follows:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Buildings	4.00-6.67%
Distribution system	2.50%
Pump stations and equipment	2.50-20.00%
Automotive equipment	20.00%
Furniture & fixtures	14.29-33.33%

(l) Operating Versus Non-Operating Revenue

Transactions deemed by management to be ongoing, major, or central to the provision of providing water are reported as operating revenue and expenses. Operating revenue consists primarily of water sales, connection fees, and part sales. Non-operating revenue consists primarily of revenue that results from grant income, gain or loss from the sale of assets, and other miscellaneous non-operating receipts.

(m) Compensated Absences

Accumulated vacation and sick leave for employees are recorded as an expense and a liability as the benefits are earned.

(2) CONTINGENCIES

The Association has been the recipient of various federal grants. These grant programs are subject to audit by the Federal or State government or their representatives. Accordingly, the amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the program representatives cannot be determined at this time, although the Association expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

The Association's water system was funded, in part, by grants passed through USDA Rural Development. The grant agreements state that the USDA Rural Development or its successor retains an interest in the property. The Association may retain the property for other uses provided that approval is obtained by USDA Rural Development or its successor. When the

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Association no longer has a need for the property and the property has further use value, the Association is required to request disposition instructions from USDA Rural Development or its successor.

(3) LONG-TERM DEBT

Under the terms of a USDA Rural Development loan agreement dated April 4, 1995, the Association is required to transfer \$140 monthly to a reserve account until a combined balance of \$16,728 is accumulated. The balance was accumulated prior to the year ended December 31, 2004, and the monthly transfers ceased.

Under the terms of a USDA Rural Development loan agreement dated January 25, 1996, the Association is required to transfer \$188 monthly to a reserve account until a balance of \$22,548 is accumulated. The balance was accumulated prior to the year ended December 31, 2005, and the monthly transfers ceased.

Under the terms of a USDA Rural Development loan agreement dated March 12, 2003, the Association is required to transfer \$53 monthly to a reserve account until a balance of \$6,420 is accumulated. The balance was accumulated prior to the year ended December 31, 2014, and the transfers ceased.

Under the terms of a USDA Rural Development loan agreement dated December 20, 2005, the Association is required to transfer \$502 monthly to a reserve account until a balance of \$60,240 is accumulated. The balance was accumulated prior to the year ended December 31, 2020, and the transfers ceased.

Under the terms of a USDA Rural Development loan agreement dated December 27, 2017, the Association is required to transfer \$460 monthly to a reserve account until a balance of \$55,152 is accumulated. Transfers for this account began in 2020. On December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Association met the requirement to have \$5,520 and \$5,520 transferred to the reserve account. Accumulated balances were \$28,140 and \$22,094 for 2024 and 2023 respectively.

Under the terms of a USDA Rural Development loan agreement dated December 27, 2017, the Association is required to transfer a total of \$4,094 monthly to a short-lived asset account to be used to replace those short-lived asset items identified by our consulting engineer in the Preliminary Engineering Report that was developed for this project. As of December 31, 2024, \$49,128 had been transferred to the short-lived asset account. The beginning balance was \$123,524 and ending balance was \$49,265. The original system tank was painted in 2024 at a cost of \$123,415.

Under the terms of an Arkansas Natural Resource Commission loan agreement dated May 1, 2019, the Association is required to transfer 3% to a depreciation reserve fund. Arkansas Natural Resources Commission has approved that the short-lived asset account required by the USDA Rural Development loan agreement dated December 27, 2017 is adequate to satisfy the depreciation reserve requirement for their loan.

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Long-term debt maturities for each of the next five years and in the aggregate are as follows:

	Principal	Interest
2025	94,060	86,894
2026	88,160	83,289
2027	91,444	80,005
2028	94,733	76,716
2029	98,427	73,018
2030-2034	474,518	307,481
2035-2039	398,443	221,140
2040-2044	429,982	144,923
2045-2049	333,508	69,750
2050-2054	220,964	34,106
2055-2057	131,222	5,073
	\$ 2,455,460	\$ 1,182,396

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Schedule of Long-Term Debt  
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	2023	Due in One Year	2024	Due in One Year
4.5% note payable to USDA Rural Development; collateralized by real and personal property and assignment and pledge of revenues; due in monthly installments of \$1,394, including interest maturing in 2035.	\$ 128,034	\$ 11,163	\$ 116,838	\$ 11,692
5.0% note payable to USDA Rural Development; collateralized by real and personal property and assignment and pledge of revenues: interest only due January 25, 1998 and 1997: thereafter, due in monthly installments of \$1,720, including interest, maturing in 2036.	180,704	11,823	168,828	12,453
5.0% note payable to USDA Rural Development; collateralized by real and personal property and assignment and pledge of revenues; due in monthly installments of \$159, including interest, maturing in 2036.	16,439	1,107	15,327	1,165
4.375% note payable to USDA Rural Development; collateralized by real and personal property and assignment and pledge of revenues; due in monthly installments of \$535, including interest, maturing in 2043.	82,705	2,863	79,846	3,001
5.0% note payable to Arkansas Natural Resources Commission; uncollateralized; due in annual installments of \$9,505, including interest, maturing in 2035.	17,673	8,621	9,052	9,052
4.25% note payable to USDA Rural Development; collateralized by real and personal property and assignment and pledge of revenues; due in monthly installments of \$5,020, including interest, maturing in 2047.	894,868	22,648	872,221	23,737
5.0% note payable to Arkansas Natural Resources Commission; collateralized by property and equipment in the Highway 23 extension; due in annual installments of \$4,794 beginning December 1, 2019, maturing in 2038.	49,756	2,306	47,450	2,421

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>Due in One Year</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Due in One Year</u>
2.75% note payable to USDA Rural Development; collateralized by real and personal property and assignment and pledge of revenues; interest only due December 28, 2019; thereafter due in monthly installments of \$4,596 on January 27, 2020 and \$4,248 monthly thereafter.	1,118,386	20,465	1,097,908	21,035
.5% note payable to Arkansas Natural Resources Commission; collateralized by property and equipment in the project; due in annual installments of \$9,743 beginning June 1, 2020, maturing in 2029.	57,445	9,456	47,989	9,503
4.99% note payable to First National Bank of Paris; collateralized by office building and improvements; only interest is due in 2021; beginning on January 8, 2022, monthly payments of \$1,119; balloon payment due December 8, 2024.	35,677	15,621	-	-
	<u>\$ 2,581,687</u>	<u>\$ 106,073</u>	<u>\$ 2,455,460</u>	<u>\$ 94,060</u>
Current portion of long-term debt	106,073		94,060	
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	<u>\$ 2,475,614</u>		<u>\$ 2,361,400</u>	

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(4) CONCENTRATIONS

Concentrations that could affect the operations of the system are the small geographic area of the system's customers and that the Ozark Water Department is the sole supplier of all the water purchased.

(5) CASH

The Association maintained cash balances at two banks on December 31, 2024. Cash accounts at banks are insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000. Amounts in excess of insured limits are generally collateralized by assets pledged by the banks. Details of cash insured and uninsured are as follows:

	Book Balance	Bank Balance
FDIC Insured Deposits	\$ 308,492	\$ 308,492
Collateral Pledged by Financial Institution	70,092	87,432
Total	\$ 378,584	\$ 395,924

Even though both banks are located in the same general area, the credit risk is minimized by the fact that all monies are insured by the FDIC and pledged collateral.

(6) ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE

Board Designated Funds

A board designated account was established to transfer monthly amounts of \$1,131 for the purpose of making annual payments in the amount of \$13,574 to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission in October and December of each year. The balance in the account on December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$8,229 and \$8,223. Another account was designated by the board in 2017 to transfer monthly amounts of \$1,427 to be used to pay off loans. The balance in the account at the end of 2024 and 2023 was \$5,747 and \$20,812.

Customer Deposits

The Association requires a security deposit of \$100 per homeowner and \$150 per renter to insure collection of its water charges. These deposits are kept in a separate bank account. The balance in the accounts on December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$90,458 and \$88,479.

Debt Reserve Funds & Short-Lived Asset Funds

The Association has loans outstanding with the USDA Rural Development and Arkansas Natural Recourses Commission. In accordance with the covenants of the loan agreements, the Association is required to maintain debt service, short-lived asset, and depreciation reserve balances. The Association added \$1.89 charge to customer bills to maintain its liquid resources for general expenditures and its required reserve balances. The reserve balances on December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$203,942 and \$266,548.

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(7) RISK MANAGEMENT

The Association is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the Association carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage for the year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years. The current coverage is listed below.

Expiration Dates	Company	Amount of Coverage (Aggregate Limit)	Description of Coverage
June 18, 2025	Glatfelter	\$ 1,000,000	Automobile Liability
June 18, 2025	Glatfelter	3,000,000	Public Officials & Management
June 18, 2025	Glatfelter	4,818,819	Property
June 18, 2025	Glatfelter	250,000	Government Crime
June 18, 2025	Glatfelter	104,000	Inland Marine Scheduled Equipment
June 18, 2025	Glatfelter	10,000	Inland Marine \$10,000 per item Blanket Tools and Equipment
June 18, 2025	Glatfelter	3,000,000	General Liability Aggregate
June 18, 2025	Glatfelter	1,000,000	Commercial Excess Liability

(8) PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

Changes in property and equipment are as follows:

	Beginning Balance 12/31/2023	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance 12/31/2024
Land	\$ 165,258	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,258
Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 125,796	\$ 7,400	\$ -	\$ 133,196
Office Furniture and Equipment	\$ 21,176	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,176
Building	\$ 219,379	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 219,379
Water System	\$ 13,862,720	\$ 14,896	\$ -	\$ 13,877,616
Construction in Progress	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 14,394,329</u>	<u>\$ 22,296</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 14,416,625</u>
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ (5,404,204)	\$ (365,960)	\$ -	\$ (5,770,164)
Total	<u>\$ 8,990,124</u>	<u>\$ (343,664)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,646,460</u>

Depreciation expense was \$365,960 in 2024 and \$360,569 in 2023.

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(9) SIMPLE IRA

Watalula Water Users Association maintains a SIMPLE IRA plan and will match an employee's salary reduction contributions up to 3% of the employee's annual compensation. The employee must be employed for one year to be eligible. The cost of this plan was \$5,064 in 2024 and \$4,789 in 2023.

(10) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through September 22, 2025 which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material events to be disclosed.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Board of Directors of  
Watalula Water Users Association, Inc.  
Ozark, Arkansas

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Watalula Water Users Association, Inc. (a nonprofit association), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of activities, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 22, 2025.

### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Watalula Water Users Association, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Watalula Water Users Association's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.

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

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

## Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Watalula Water Users Association, Inc.'s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statement. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the association's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

  
King Jacobs & Lorfing, CPAs, PA  
Clarksville, Arkansas  
September 22, 2025