SOUTHEAST BRADLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Management and Board of Directors of Southeast Bradley County Water District Public Water Authority

We have performed the procedures enumerated below for the Southeast Bradley County Water District Public Water Authority, ("the Authority"), the year ended December 31, 2024. The Authority's management is responsible for accounting records.

The Authority 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:

Cash and Investments

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

Finding: No findings identified.

Receipts

- 1. Agree the deposits per the proof of cash for the year with the deposits per the journal within 5% or \$500, whichever is greater.
- 2. Agree 10 customer payments on the accounts receivable sub-ledger to deposit and billing documents.
- 3. For one deposit, agree the cash/check composition of the deposit with receipt information.

Findings: No findings identified.

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Accounts Receivable

- 1. Agree 10 customer billings to the accounts receivable sub-ledger.
- 2. Determine that five (5) customer adjustments were properly authorized.

Findings: No findings identified.

Disbursements

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

Findings: No findings identified.

Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

Findings: No findings identified.

Long-Term Debt

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

Findings: No findings identified.

<u>General</u>

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

Findings: No findings identified.

We were engaged by the Authority 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. 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 the Authority and to meet our 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 the Authority, Arkansas Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Cearing & Associates LLC

Monticello, Arkansas February 7, 2025

To the Management and Board of Directors of Southeast Bradley County Water District Public Water Authority

We have compiled the accompanying Statement of Financial Position of Southeast Bradley County Water District Public Water Authority as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the year then ended. We have not audited or reviewed the 2024 financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Southeast Bradley County Water District Public Water Authority, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended 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. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on these financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilations in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

Cearing Associates LLC

Monticello, Arkansas February 7, 2025

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SOUTHEAST BRADLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024		2023		
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	263,683	\$	147,810	
Accounts receivable (net)	Ψ	54,145	Ψ	51,688	
Other assets		150		150	
Total current assets		317,978		199,648	
Restricted cash and investments					
Cash and cash equivalents		293,370		289,965	
Total restricted cash and investments		293,370		289,965	
		200,070		200,000	
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation		4,309,824		4,531,664	
Total assets	\$	4,921,172	\$	5,021,277	
Liabilities and Net Position					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$	200,774	\$	200,774	
Accrued sales tax		4,438		4,438	
Deferred revenue		3,764		3,764	
Other accrued expenses		4,925		4,925	
Current portion of bonds payable		132,904		394,479	
Total current liabilities		346,805		608,380	
Long term liabilities					
Bonds payable, net of current amount		2,820,014		2,667,416	
Customer deposits		81,930		78,525	
Total long term liabilities		2,901,944		2,745,941	
<u>Net position</u>		4 050 000		4 400 700	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		1,356,906		1,469,769	
Restricted		211,440		211,440	
Unrestricted		104,077		(14,253)	
Total net position		1,672,423		1,666,956	
Total liabilities and net position	\$	4,921,172	\$	5,021,277	

SOUTHEAST BRADLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

		2024	 2023
Operating revenues			
Water sales	\$	638,123	\$ 606,450
Connection charges and fees		24,253	15,243
Total operating revenue		662,376	 621,693
Operating expenses			
Plant operations and distribution		249,260	242,615
General and administrative		55,528	59,444
Depreciation		221,840	 210,647
Total operating expenses		526,628	512,706
Income / (loss) from operations		135,748	108,987
Other revenue / (expenses)			
Interest income		1,050	1,114
Interest expense	1	(131,331)	 (126,856)
Total other revenue / (expenses)		(130,281)	 (125,742)
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenses	\$	5,467	\$ (16,755)
Net position, beginning of year	\$	1,666,956	\$ 1,683,711
Change in net invested in capital assets		(112,863)	80,961
Change in unrestricted assets		118,330	(97,716)
Change in net position		5,467	 (16,755)
Net position, end of year	\$	1,672,423	\$ 1,666,956

SOUTHEAST BRADLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

		2024	 2023
<u>Cash flows from operating activities</u> Cash received from customers Payments for salaries and benefits Payments for operating and administrative expenses Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$	659,919 (126,139) (178,649) 355,131	\$ 629,458 (132,251) (169,809) 327,398
<u>Cash flows from investing activities</u> Purchase of property, plant and equipment Interest income Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities			 (183,157) 1,114 (182,043)
<u>Cash flows from financing activities</u> Principal payments on debt Interest payments Change in customer deposits Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities		(108,977) (131,331) 3,405 (236,903)	 (108,451) (126,856) 2,695 (232,612)
Change in cash and cash equivalents		119,278	(87,257)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		437,775	 525,032
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	557,053	\$ 437,775
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ \$	263,683 293,370 557,053	\$ 147,810 289,965 437,775
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SOUTHEAST BRADLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024		2023	
Reconciliation of operating income to				
net cash from operating activities:				
Operating income (loss)	\$	135,748	\$	108,987
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to				
net cash from operating activities:				
Depreciation		221,840		210,647
Changes in assets and liabilities:		,		,
Accounts receivable		(2,457)		8,438
Accounts payable		(_,,		(1)
Total adjustments		219,383		218,411
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$	355,131	\$	327,398

SOUTHEAST BRADLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Financial Reporting Entity

Southeast Bradley County Water District Public Water Authority (the "Authority") has been designated a public water authority by the state of Arkansas. The Authority is operated by an independent board of directors for the purpose of distributing water to customers in the rural areas of Bradley County. The Authority has adopted the provisions of Statement 14 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") regarding the definition of the financial reporting entity. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements include only the accounts and transactions of the Authority. Under the criteria specified in Statement No. 14, the Authority is not a component unit of another entity. The Authority is not financially accountable for any other organization.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Operating revenues and expenses are distinguished from other revenue (expense) items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the principal ongoing operations of the Authority. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as other revenues (expenses) but remain a major component of the overall revenues and expenses of the Authority.

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 62, the Authority applies accounting standards in accordance with the Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which incorporates applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989.

D. Use of Estimate

Management used estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

E. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Authority considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents. For the purpose of financial reporting, all demand accounts, savings accounts, cash on hand, certificates of deposits, and money market accounts are considered to be cash and cash equivalents.

NOTE 1 (continued)

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable relate to water service billings and are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance is based upon historical losses and a review of the past-due accounts. Credit extended to customers is generally uncollateralized. Accounts are due ten days after the billing date. Past-due accounts are charged a late fee penalty. Customers are required to make a deposit, and deposits can be offset against the receivable.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recorded at cost, including interest incurred during the construction period. Contributed property is recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. Depreciation is recorded on each class of depreciable property utilizing the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The ranges of estimated useful lives are as follows:

Water Plant	20-40 years
Wells & Water Tanks	20-40 years
Buildings & Improvements	20-25 years
Vehicles & Equipment	5-10 years

The Authority's capitalization policy states that capital assets are defined as assets with an estimated useful life of greater than one year and over \$1,000.

Net Position Classifications

- Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted net position Consists of net assets with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments.
- Unrestricted net position All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "invested in capital assets, net of related debt" or "restricted."

F. Date of Management's Review

The Authority evaluated its December 31, 2024, financial statements for subsequent events through February 7, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The Authority is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

NOTE 2 – LONG-TERM DEBT

USDA Note Payables

- 1. Revenue bond payable to the USDA, due in monthly installments of \$6,874, interest at 4.5%.
- 2. Revenue bond payable to the USDA, due in monthly installments of \$6,495, interest at 4.5%.
- 3. Revenue bond payable to the USDA, due in monthly installments of \$1,028, interest at 3.6%.
- 4. Revenue bond payable to the USDA, due in monthly installments of \$1,624, interest at 4.4%.
- 5. Revenue bond payable to the USDA, due in monthly installments of \$1,588, interest at 3.3%.

Commercial Bank & Trust Note Payable

Note to Commercial Bank & Trust that includes a due on demand, but if no demand, in monthly installment payments of \$500. The note has an interest rate of 2.35%, and a balloon payment due on April 10, 2025, of \$25,601. The note is secured by the pledge of a bank deposit.

Warren Bank & Trust Note Payable

Warren Bank & Trust note due in monthly installments of \$1,500, with an interest rate of 4%. The note includes a balloon payment due on December 15, 2029, of \$250,000. The note is secured by real estate.

Changes in long term debt for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

	De	Balance cember 31, 2022	Increases Decreases		Balance December 31, 2023		Amounts 1, Due With One Yea			
1998 USDA		\$922,775	\$	-	\$	(41,823)	\$	880,952	\$	43,740
2004 USDA		1,056,636		-		(31,030)		1,025,606		32,451
2008 USDA		299,665		-		(6,508)		293,157		6,798
2008 USDA		205,337		-		(4,975)		200,362		5,158
2010 USDA		346,004		-		(7,929)		338,075		8,190
First State Bank of Warren		36,138		-		(5,207)		30,931		5,330
Warren Bank & Trust		303,791		-		(10,979)		292,812		292,812
	\$	3,170,346	\$	-	\$	(108,451)	\$	3,061,895	\$	394,479
	De	Balance cember 31, 2023	Increases	i	D	ecreases	De	Balance cember 31, 2024	Du	mounts le Within ne Year
1998 USDA	\$	880,952	\$	_	\$	(43,742)	\$	837,210	\$	45,749
2004 USDA	Ŧ	1,025,606	Ŧ	-	+	(32,454)	Ŧ	993,152	+	33,942
2008 USDA		293,157		-		(6,798)		286,359		7,101
2008 USDA		200,362		-		(5,158)		195,204		5,348
2010 USDA		338,075		-		(8,190)		329,885		8,460
Commercial Bank & Trust		30,931		-		(5,330)		25,601		25,601
Warren Bank & Trust		292,812		-		(7,305)		285,507		6,703
	\$	3,061,895	\$	-	\$	(108,977)	\$	2,952,918	\$	132,904

SOUTHEAST BRADLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 2 (continued)

Annual debt service requirements to maturity based on current interest rates for long-term debt are as follows for the year ending:

Year Ending			
December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 132,904	\$ 117,490	\$ 250,394
2026	116,739	112,569	229,308
2027	121,670	107,638	229,308
2028	126,814	102,494	229,308
2029	357,849	97,125	454,974
2030-2034	682,705	373,835	1,056,540
2035-2039	728,023	211,736	939,759
2040-2044	480,523	83,118	563,641
2045-2049	191,945	16,854	208,799
2050-2054	13,746	83	13,829
	\$2,952,918	\$1,222,942	\$4,175,860

NOTE 3 – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENTS

Arkansas Code Annotated 19-1-501 outlines the eligible investments allowed by a municipality along with Certificates of Deposits when secured in compliance with Arkansas Code 19-8-202. Deposits in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance (FDIC) are required to be secured by gualified pledged securities allowed by the Code to mitigate custodial credit risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure a government's deposits may not be returned to it.

The schedule below is designed to disclose the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the Authority based upon how its deposits were insured or secured by pledged securities, or unsecured at December 31, 2024.

Category 1 – Insured FDIC or secured with securities held by the Authority (or public trust) or by its agent in its name.

Category 2 – Uninsured but collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions' trust department in the Authority's name.

Category 3 – Unsecured and uncollateralized, or collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution, or by its trust department or agent in the Authority's name or collateralized with no written or approved collateralized agreement.

SOUTHEAST BRADLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 3 – (continued)

The level of Security for the Authority's bank deposits are as follows:

	2024							
			C	Category	С	ategory	С	ategory
Depository	Total			1		2		3
Bank A	\$	169,649	\$	169,649	\$	-	\$	-
Bank B		388,035		250,000		138,035		-
Total	\$	557,684	\$	419,649	\$	138,035	\$	-
				20	23			
			Category Category		Category	С	ategory	
Depository	Total			1		2		3
Bank A	\$	284,226	\$	250,000	\$	34,226	\$	-
Bank B		303,124		250,000		53,124		-
Total	\$	587,350	\$	500,000	\$	87,350	\$	-

The amounts shown are bank ledger balances of the referenced bank's deposits and may differ from the Authority's general ledger balances.

The Authority has certain amounts of its cash accounts restricted at December 31, 2024 as follows:

	2024		 2023
Meter deposits	\$	81,930	\$ 78,525
Debt Service Reserve - 1998 USDA		82,440	82,440
Debt Service Reserve - 2004 USDA		78,000	78,000
Debt Service Reserve - 2008 USDA		19,560	19,560
Debt Service Reserve - 2008 USDA		12,360	12,360
Debt Service Reserve - 2010 USDA		19,080	 19,080
Total restricted cash & investments	\$	293,370	\$ 289,965

Customers' meter deposits are restricted for the use of refunding a departing customers' refund upon leaving the Authority or for offsetting any amounts owed by the customer upon departure.

NOTE 4 – CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

Changes in fixed assets for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

	De	Balance ecember 31, 2022	Trar	nsfers	Δ	Additions	Dispo	sals	De	Balance ecember 31, 2023
Land	\$	17,199	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17,199
Buildings & improvements		489,827		-		-		-		489,827
Machinery & equipment		45,457		-		-		-		45,457
Water system		7,666,984		-		183,157		-		7,850,141
		8,219,467		-		183,157		-		8,402,624
Accumulated depreciation		(3,660,312)		_		(210,647)		-		(3,870,959)
	\$	4,559,154	\$		\$	(27,490)	\$	-	\$	4,531,664
	Balance December 31, 2023		Trar	nsfers	A	Additions	Dispo	sals	De	Balance ecember 31, 2024
Land	\$	17,199	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17,199
Buildings & improvements		489,827		-		-		-		489,827
Machinery & equipment		45,457		-		-		-		45,457
Machinery & equipment		45,457		-		-		-		45,457

	\$ 4,531,664 \$	- \$ (221,840)	\$ - \$ 4,309,824
Accumulated depreciation	(3,870,959)	- (221,840)	- (4,092,799)
	8,402,624		- 8,402,624
Water system	7,850,141		7,850,141
Machinery & equipment	+5,+57		

NOTE 5 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the three preceding years.

NOTE 6 – DEPARTURE FROM GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

Management has elected to omit the Budget to Actual Comparison and the Management Discussion and Analysis of the Authority from the financial statements which are required by GAAP.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SOUTHEAST BRADLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024		2023	
Plant operations and distributions				
Salaries and wages	\$	95,850	\$	100,156
Payroll taxes		5,062		5,645
Repairs and maintenance		15,370		17,227
Utilities		23,740		25,750
Insurance		12,185		10,896
License, permits, fees		6,274		10,228
Contract labor		16,427		14,030
Operating supplies		73,762		58,106
Water purchases		590		577
Total plant operations and distributions		249,260		242,615
General and administrative				
Salaries and wages		23,962		25,039
Payroll taxes		1,265		1,411
Office supplies		14,187		12,966
Professional fees		5,535		6,210
Communication		3,971		3,892
Travel expenses		6,506		8,335
Other expenses		102		1,591
Total general and administrative		55,528		59,444
Depreciation		221,840		210,647
Total operating expenses	\$	526,628	\$	512,706

See Independent Accountant's Compilation Report.