

CEDARVILLE WATERWORKS FACILITIES BOARD
OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Board of Directors
Cedarville Waterworks Facilities Board
of Crawford County, Arkansas
Cedarville, Arkansas**

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Cedarville Waterworks Facilities Board of Crawford County, Arkansas** (the Board) as of and for the years ended **September 30, 2024 and 2023**, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Board as of **September 30, 2024 and 2023**, and the respective changes in the financial position, and, where applicable, 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 the Board 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 opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 error or fraud.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are condition or events, considered in the aggregate that raise substantial doubt about the Board's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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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 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 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 the Board'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 the Board'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

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated **March 10, 2025** on our consideration of the Board's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and other grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 the Board's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hubbs & Whitehead, CPAs". The script is cursive and fluid.

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March 10, 2025

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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
Cedarville Waterworks Facilities Board
of Crawford County, 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 **Cedarville Waterworks Facilities Board of Crawford County, Arkansas** (the Board) as of and for the year ended **September 30, 2024**, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated **March 10, 2025**.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Board'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board'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 Board'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Board's financial statements are free of 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 statements. 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*.

Cedarville Waterworks Facilities Board of Crawford County, Arkansas' Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Board's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Board's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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 entity'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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Van Buren, Arkansas

March 10, 2025

CEDARVILLE WATERWORKS FACILITIES BOARD OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

	ASSETS	
	2024	2023
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 874,725	\$ 417,372
Certificates of deposit	-	250,000
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$74,893 and \$71,805 respectively	394,537	370,441
Prepaid expenses	16,303	-
Inventory	52,060	52,611
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Total Current Assets	1,337,625	1,090,424
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CAPITAL ASSETS		
Land	26,636	26,636
Vehicles	255,782	255,782
Office and other buildings	110,428	110,428
Machinery and equipment	168,034	163,200
Water system	10,340,728	10,340,728
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	10,901,608	10,896,774
Less accumulated depreciation	(5,187,798)	(4,814,334)
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Total Capital Assets	5,713,810	6,082,440
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NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Restricted cash	538,857	545,815
Restricted certificates of deposit	-	221,801
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Total Noncurrent Assets	538,857	767,616
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Total Assets	<u>\$ 7,590,292</u>	<u>\$ 7,940,480</u>

See Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to the Financial Statements.

CEDARVILLE WATERWORKS FACILITIES BOARD OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
	2024	2023
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued wages	\$ 11,354	\$ 7,495
Payroll taxes payable	856	565
Accrued interest	37,500	40,875
Sales tax payable	6,561	18,808
Current portion of long-term debt	280,000	270,000
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Total Current Liabilities	336,271	337,743
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NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Meter deposits payable	275,451	268,171
Long-term debt, net of current portion	3,180,000	3,460,000
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Total Noncurrent Liabilities	3,455,451	3,728,171
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Total Liabilities	3,791,722	4,065,914
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NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,253,810	2,352,440
Restricted	538,857	767,616
Unrestricted	1,005,903	754,510
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Total Net Position	3,798,570	3,874,566
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Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 7,590,292	\$ 7,940,480
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CEDARVILLE WATERWORKS FACILITIES BOARD OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
OPERATING REVENUE		
Water sales, net of provision for bad debts	\$ 2,930,018	\$ 2,816,733
Late charges	47,610	45,179
Service charges	11,580	8,160
SDWA	17,297	16,997
Revenue from Arkansas Department of Transportation	41,651	-
	<u>3,048,156</u>	<u>2,887,069</u>
Total Operating Revenue	<u>3,048,156</u>	<u>2,887,069</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Depreciation	373,464	367,175
Materials and supplies	9,871	20,443
Miscellaneous	5,814	6,004
Equipment and vehicle	57,231	63,412
Insurance and bonds	124,867	124,479
Legal and accounting	7,250	7,150
Taxes, licenses and other fees	6,921	4,631
Office and billing	34,151	30,572
Payroll taxes	30,784	29,109
Radio communications	33,116	10,035
Repair and maintenance	307,400	260,189
Salaries	389,289	378,008
Sales tax expense	198,978	183,112
Telephone and utilities	184,279	170,529
Tools	3,355	1,060
Uniforms	1,436	715
Water purchases	1,311,140	1,234,999
	<u>3,079,346</u>	<u>2,891,622</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>3,079,346</u>	<u>2,891,622</u>
OPERATING (LOSS)	<u>(31,190)</u>	<u>(4,553)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)		
Interest and dividend income	45,223	22,266
Miscellaneous income	3,300	-
Trustee fees	(2,654)	(2,783)
Interest expense	(90,675)	(98,763)
	<u>(44,806)</u>	<u>(79,280)</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses)	<u>(44,806)</u>	<u>(79,280)</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>(75,996)</u>	<u>(83,833)</u>
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,874,566	4,082,380
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	<u>-</u>	<u>(123,981)</u>
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR, RESTATED	<u>3,874,566</u>	<u>3,958,399</u>
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 3,798,570</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,874,566</u></u>

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CEDARVILLE WATERWORKS FACILITIES BOARD OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 3,024,060	\$ 3,021,937
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(2,333,162)	(2,137,489)
Cash payments to employees for services	(389,289)	(378,008)
	<u>301,609</u>	<u>506,440</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest and dividend income	45,223	22,266
Net change in certificates of deposit	471,801	(257,027)
Miscellaneous income	3,300	-
	<u>520,324</u>	<u>(234,761)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Retirement of bonds payable	(270,000)	(265,000)
Trustee fees	(2,654)	(2,783)
Interest paid	(94,050)	(102,075)
Additions to vehicles, machinery and equipment	(4,834)	(70,095)
	<u>(371,538)</u>	<u>(439,953)</u>
CHANGE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	450,395	(168,274)
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>963,187</u>	<u>1,131,461</u>
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 1,413,582</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 963,187</u></u>
RECONCILIATION OF CASH TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 874,725	\$ 417,372
Restricted cash	538,857	545,815
	<u><u>\$ 1,413,582</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 963,187</u></u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO		
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating (loss)	\$ (31,190)	\$ (4,553)
Adjustments to reconcile operating (loss) to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Depreciation	373,464	367,175
Change in:		
Accounts receivable	(24,096)	134,868
Inventory	551	726
Prepaid expenses	(16,303)	-
Accrued wages	3,859	361
Payroll taxes payable	291	27
Sales tax payable	(12,247)	859
Meter deposits payable	7,280	6,977
	<u>332,799</u>	<u>510,993</u>
Total Adjustments		
	<u>\$ 301,609</u>	<u>\$ 506,440</u>
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
	<u>\$ 301,609</u>	<u>\$ 506,440</u>

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CEDARVILLE WATERWORKS FACILITIES BOARD OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Cedarville Waterworks Facilities Board of Crawford County, Arkansas (the Board) was formed July 15, 1968 by the Quorum Court of Crawford County, Arkansas pursuant to the provisions of Arkansas code Annotated Section 14-137-101 et seq. (1987; Supply 1995) (the Act). The Board was formed for the purpose of owning, acquiring, constructing, extending, equipping, improving, operating, maintaining, selling, and leasing contracts concerning or otherwise disposing of waterworks facilities.

Financial Reporting

The accounts of the Board are organized on the basis of a proprietary fund type, specifically an enterprise fund. The activities of this fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise the Board's assets, liabilities, net position, revenues and expenses. Enterprise Funds account for activities (i) that are financed with debt that is secured solely by a pledge of the net revenues from fees and charges of activity; or (ii) that are required by laws or regulations that the activity's costs of providing services, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service), be recovered with fees and charges, rather than with taxes or similar revenues; or (iii) that the pricing policies of the activity establish fees and charges designed to recover its costs, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service).

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the Board is determined by its measurement focus. The transactions of the Board are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operations are included on the statement of net position. Net position (i.e., total assets net of total liabilities) are segregated into invested in capital assets, net of related debt, restricted for debt service; and unrestricted components.

Basis of Accounting

The Board's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned. Expenses are recognized in the period in which they are incurred. Operating revenues in the enterprise fund are those revenues that are generated from the primary operations of the fund. All other revenues are reported as non-operating revenues. Operating expenses are those expenses that are essential to the primary operations of the fund. All other expenses are reported as non-operating expenses. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Board's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Board's financial instruments include cash, certificates of deposit, accounts receivable, and accounts payable. The Board's estimate of the fair value of all financial instruments does not differ materially from the aggregate carrying value of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The carrying amount of these financial instruments approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these investments.

CEDARVILLE WATERWORKS FACILITIES BOARD OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Accounts Receivable

The Board establishes an allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable based on historical collection experience and management's evaluation of the collectability of outstanding accounts receivable. The allowance for doubtful accounts was \$74,893 and \$71,805 respectively, as of September 30, 2024 and 2023.

Inventory

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or net realizable value. Inventories consist primarily of water meters, pipes, valves and related supplies.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses consist of those revenues that result from the ongoing principal operations of the Board. Operating revenues consist primarily of water sales and fees for related services. Non-operating revenue and expenses consist of those revenues and expenses that are related to financing and investing type activities.

Income Taxes

The Board 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 in the Board's books and records. The Board evaluates and accounts for uncertain tax positions in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 740, *Income Taxes* (formerly FASB Interpretation 48 (FIN 48) Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. This standard requires certain disclosures about uncertain 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 use 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 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 Board would be presented in other expenses in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. 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 positions currently exist and no loss contingency has been recognized in the accompanying financial statements. The Board 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. Currently, the Board has no open examinations with either the Internal Revenue Service or state taxing authorities.

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Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions. This will affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Board considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Board had no cash equivalents as of September 30, 2024 and 2023.

Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets of the Board are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Expenditures for maintenance, repairs and renewals of relatively minor items are charged to expense as incurred. The estimated useful lives of the assets are as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Office and other buildings	25-50
Machinery and Equipment	5-10
Vehicles	3-5
Water System	5-60

It is the Board's policy to capitalize all asset purchases greater than or equal to \$500. Expenditures of less than \$500 are expensed at the time of purchase.

Depreciation expense for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 were \$373,464 and \$367,175, respectively.

The cost basis of fully depreciated property and equipment still in use by the Board at September 30, 2024 and 2023 amounted to approximately \$542,000 and \$486,000, respectively.

CEDARVILLE WATERWORKS FACILITIES BOARD OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Net Position Classifications

Net position is classified and displayed in the following three components:

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.”

When an expense is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available, the Board’s policy is to make payment from unrestricted funds and generally take reimbursement from restricted funds.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 10, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2: Deposits and Restricted Cash

The Board maintains its operating bank accounts in a local financial institution. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures accounts at each institution up to \$250,000. The custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Board’s deposits may not be returned to the Board. The Board’s deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of state law. State law requires collateralization of all deposits with Federal depository insurance, bond and other obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. agencies or instrumentalities or the State of Arkansas. At September 30, 2024, all of the Board’s deposits were insured or collateralized.

CEDARVILLE WATERWORKS FACILITIES BOARD OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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Restricted cash and cash equivalents and restricted certificates of deposit are restricted by the various ordinances of the Board, and laws. Expenditures from these accounts are restricted to improvements and betterments to the utility plant, water system, the trustee's and paying agent's fees, and refunds of customer deposits. At September 30, 2024 and 2023, restricted cash and cash equivalents and restricted certificates of deposit consisted of the following:

<u>As of September 30,</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Restricted cash		
Meter deposits	\$ 25,236	\$ 53,079
Debt service reserve	183,600	183,600
Bond fund	330,021	309,136
	<u>\$ 538,857</u>	<u>\$ 545,815</u>
<u>As of September 30,</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Restricted certificates of deposit		
CD - Citizens Investment Services	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 221,801</u>

Note 3: Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

	<u>October 1,</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>September 30,</u> <u>2024</u>
Land	\$ 26,636	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,636
Vehicles	255,782	-	-	255,782
Office and other buildings	110,428	-	-	110,428
Machinery and equipment	163,200	4,834	-	168,034
Water system	10,340,728	-	-	10,340,728
Total	<u>\$ 10,896,774</u>	<u>\$ 4,834</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,901,608</u>
	<u>October 1,</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>September 30,</u> <u>2023</u>
Land	\$ 26,636	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,636
Vehicles	185,687	70,095	-	255,782
Office and other buildings	110,428	-	-	110,428
Machinery and equipment	170,988	-	7,787	163,200
Water system	10,340,728	-	-	10,340,728
Total	<u>\$ 10,834,467</u>	<u>\$ 70,095</u>	<u>\$ 7,787</u>	<u>\$ 10,896,774</u>

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Note 4: Long-Term Debt

The Board reissued Water Refunding and Construction Revenue Bonds, Series 2019 adopted August 13, 2019 in the amount of \$4,560,000. Proceeds from the bond issue were deposited with the Bank OZK in a trust account on August 13, 2019, pursuant to the Escrow Deposit Agreement. The Board used the proceeds to pay off the Series 2014 bonds payable during fiscal year 2020 and is presently using remaining funds to finance water system projects under construction. The bonds are primarily payable from and secured by a pledge of, the Board's revenues from the sale of water and secured by a lien on and security interest on all property owned by the Organization. Interest rates are payable at rates of 1.650% to 3.125% over the life of the issue, which is scheduled to mature on November 1, 2039.

The Board is required by the Bond Indenture to keep money in escrow fund accounts that will be used to service the bonds and construction cost. Under the Indenture, a Bond Fund was created which requires the Board to make monthly deposits into an escrow account which will be used for payment of principal and interest on the bonds. The Indenture also requires the establishment of a Debt Service Reserve Fund which will service the bonds in event there is no money available in the Bond Fund. The Debt Service Reserve Fund requires a minimum balance of \$127,500. As of September 30, 2024 and 2023, the debt service reserve had a of \$183,600. As of September 30, 2024 and 2023, the Bond Fund had balances of \$330,021 and \$309,136, respectively. These amounts are included in the restricted cash balance on the financial statements.

Debt is scheduled to be repaid as follows:

Year ending			
September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 280,000	\$ 87,200	\$ 367,200
2026	280,000	81,600	361,600
2027	285,000	75,594	360,594
2028	295,000	69,069	364,069
2029	305,000	62,128	367,128
2030-2034	1,385,000	187,766	1,572,766
2035-2039	515,000	59,609	574,609
2040	115,000	1,797	116,797
Total	\$ 3,460,000	\$ 624,763	\$ 4,084,763

Activity of long-term debt consists of the following:

	October 1,			September 30,
	2023	Additions	Retirements	2024
2019 issued Bonds	<u>\$ 3,730,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 270,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,460,000</u>
	October 1,			September 30,
	2022	Additions	Retirements	2023
2019 issued Bonds	<u>\$ 3,995,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 265,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,730,000</u>

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Interest paid on long-term debt for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$94,050 and \$102,075, respectively.

Note 5: Concentrations of Risk

Revenues and Receivables

Financial instruments that potentially subject the board to credit risk consist primarily of accounts receivable.

Water Supply System

The Board purchases 100% of its water from the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Note 6: Risk Management

The Board is exposed to various levels of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The Board carries commercial insurance for risk of loss.

There has been no significant reduction in the Board's insurance coverage from the previous year.

Note 7: Commitments

The Water Refunding and Construction Revenue Bonds are revenue obligations of the Issuer and are secured by an irrevocable pledge of the gross revenues of the Issuer. The Board has a principal amount outstanding of \$3,460,000, and interest due of \$45,000 on November 1, 2024. Interest expense of \$37,500 has been accrued on these financial statements as of September 30, 2024.

The Board is obligated to make payments for principal and interest to the Bank OZK. These payments are deposited monthly into escrow accounts that have been established for the bond issue payments. These escrow accounts contain a cash balance of \$513,621 and \$492,736 as of September 30, 2024 and 2023.

Note 8: Prior Period Adjustment

During the year ended September 30, 2019, it was discovered that a journal entry to eliminate miscellaneous costs was posted to an unrestricted cash account in error, leaving cash overstated as of the year ended September 30, 2019. The effect of correcting this entry is summarized as follows:

Decrease in cash and equivalents	\$ 123,981
Decrease in unrestricted net position	123,981

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SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of **Cedarville Waterworks Facilities Board of Crawford County, Arkansas**.
2. Our audit was conducted 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
3. One deficiency disclosed during the audit of the financial statements is reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on and Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. The condition is reported as a material weakness.
4. The Board received no Federal Awards.
5. The Board is in substantial compliance with all sections of its Escrow Deposit Agreement.
6. All deposits are either fully insured by the Federal Government or collateralized by securities.
7. Additional information necessary for full disclosure is included in the audit report dated **March 10, 2025**, and the audited financial statements of the **Cedarville Waterworks Facilities Board of Crawford County, Arkansas** for the year ended September 30, 2024.

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SECTION I – CURRENT YEAR

2024-001 Internal Control over Financial Reporting - Segregation of Duties

Criteria: The segregation of duties and responsibilities between different individuals for custody of assets, recordkeeping for those assets and reconciliation of those asset accounts is an important control activity needed to adequately protect the Board's assets and ensure accurate financial reporting.

Condition: The Board has a limited number of employees which effectively preclude an adequate segregation of duties relating to the recording, processing, reconciling and reporting of cash and other transactions in the accounting records, as well as the safeguarding of assets.

Cause: The Board's limited size and staffing resources have made it difficult for management to provide sufficient staffing to fully segregate incompatible duties in a cost-effective manner.

Effect or Potential Effect: Without sufficient segregation of duties, the risk significantly increases that errors and fraud related to billing and collection activities, including misappropriation of assets, could occur and not be detected within a timely basis.

Recommendation: We recommend that management and the Board should consider a formal evaluation of their risks associated with this lack of duties segregation. In response to the identified risks, consideration should be given to identifying and implementing controls that could help mitigate the risks associated with lack of segregation of duties, such as providing increased management oversight and an independent reconciliation of accounts.

Responsible Official's Response: The Board concurs with the recommendation, although, the cost to correct this condition might exceed the benefit, the District plans to make certain changes in procedures that will improve the overall lack of segregation of duties.

SECTION II – DEFICIENCY – PRIOR YEAR

2023-001 – Prior year findings same as current year findings.

FINDINGS – GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS AUDIT

SECTION III – INTERNAL CONTROLS

Same as Section I finding 2024-001

SECTION IV – COMPLIANCE

No findings