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Financial Statements



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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Vilonia Waterworks Association (a public facilities board) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the public facility 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 Vilonia Waterworks Association as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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 Vilonia Waterworks Association 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 Vilonia Waterworks Association'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.

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 Vilonia Waterworks Association'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 Vilonia Waterworks Association'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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and pension information on pages 4-7 and 26-27 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 20, 2024, on our consideration of Vilonia Waterworks Association'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 Vilonia Waterworks Association'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 Vilonia Waterworks Association's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Cabot, Arkansas August 20, 2024

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Introduction

As financial management of Vilonia Waterworks Association, a public facilities board (PFB) we offer readers of these financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the PFB for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. This discussion and analysis is designed to assist the reader in focusing on the significant financial issues and activities and to identify any significant changes in financial position. We encourage those using these financial statements to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the financial statements as a whole.

Financial Highlights

Operating revenues for 2023 were \$5,807,696, an increase of \$103,651 or 1.82%. Operating revenues for 2022 were \$5,704,045, an increase of \$766,003 or 15.51% more than 2021. Operations resulted in an increase in net position of \$599,970 in 2023 and \$694,010 in 2022. The term "net position" refers to the difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. At the close of the fiscal year 2023, the PFB had a net position of \$15,801,889, an increase of \$3,476,873 compared to the 2022 net position of \$12,325,016. The 2022 net position increased \$787,062 compared to the 2021 net position.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the PFB's financial statements, which is comprised of the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements. Since the PFB is comprised of a single enterprise fund, no fund level financial statements are shown.

Financial Statements - The financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the PFB's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the PFB's (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources, and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial condition of the PFB is improving or deteriorating. Net position increases when revenues and capital contributions exceed expenses. Increases to assets without a corresponding increase to liabilities results in increased net position, which indicates financial improvement.

The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position presents information showing how a government's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Therefore, revenues and expenses may be reported in the financial statement for some items that will only result in cash receipts and disbursements in future fiscal periods, for example, accounts receivable outstanding at year end are collected in the following year and accounts payable outstanding at year end are paid in the following year.

The final required financial statement is the statement of cash flows. The statement reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, financing, and investing activities and provides answers to such questions as where did cash come from, what was cash used for, and what was the change in the cash balance during the reporting period.

Notes to Financial Statements - The notes to financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Financial Analysis

Net position may serve, over time, as a useful indicator of a government's financial condition. In the case of the PFB, assets exceeded liabilities by \$15,801,889 at the close of 2023. This represents an increase of \$3,476,873, or 28.21%, compared to the net position of 2022. Assets exceeded liabilities by \$11,537,954 at the close of 2021. This represents an increase of \$787,062, or 6.82%, compared to the net position of 2021.

A portion of the PFB's net position reflects its investment in land and easements, engineering costs, construction of water storage and the distribution system, work in progress, and office furniture and equipment, less the related outstanding capital debt which provided the funds to acquire those assets. The PFB uses these capital assets to provide services and consequently, these assets are not available to liquidate liabilities or use for other spending.

The net position as of December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021 is summarized provided below.

	2023			2022	·	2021
Assets						
Current Assets	\$	3,567,925	\$	3,679,013	\$	2,988,957
Capital Assets		17,767,729		14,360,053		14,532,060
Other Assets		449,441		446,942		445,400
Deferred Outflows of Resources		498,518		481,126	-	161,963
Total Assets	\$	22,283,613	\$	18,967,134	\$	18,128,380
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities	\$	672,370	\$	639,342	\$	573,252
Long-Term Debt Outstanding		5,798,839		5,980,049		5,548,689
Deferred Inflows of Resources		10,515		22,727		468,485
Total Liabilities	\$	6,481,724	\$	6,642,118	\$	6,590,426
Net Position						
Invested in Capital Assets-Net						
of Related Debt	\$	12,864,277	\$	9,134,296	\$	8,985,502
Restricted Net Position		449,441		446,942		445,400
Unrestricted Net Position	_	2,488,171	7/	2,743,778	-	2,107,052
Total Net Position	\$	15,801,889	\$	12,325,016	\$	11,537,954

A condensed summary of the PFB's changes in net position for the calendar years of 2023, 2022 and 2021 is provided below:

	 2023	 2022		2021
Operating Revenues	\$ 5,807,696	\$ 5,704,045	\$	4,938,042
Operating Expenses	5,207,726	5,010,035		4,367,273
Income (Loss) from Operations	\$ 599,970	\$ 694,010	\$	570,769
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)				
Gain on Sale of Fixed Assets	\$ -	\$ 23,984	\$	(2,435)
Interest Income	70,449	19,441		9,876
Contributions in Aid of Construction	2,905,342	151,599		240,644
Interest Expense	(93,328)	(95,048)		(154,931)
Bond Service Fee	(5,560)	(6,924)		(10,130)
Bond Issue Costs	390	 		(106,575)
	\$ 2,876,903	\$ 93,052	\$	(23,551)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ 3,476,873	\$ 787,062	\$	547,218
Net Position, Beginning of Year	 12,325,016	11,537,954	_	10,990,736
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 15,801,889	\$ 12,325,016	\$	11,537,954

Cash Flows - Net cash provided by operating activities for 2023 and 2022 were \$1,435,317 and \$1,288,439, respectively. Net cash used by capital and related financing activities for 2023 and 2022 were \$1,595,907 and \$724,721, respectively, while net cash provided by investing activities for 2023 and 2022 were \$70,449 and \$19,441, respectively.

Significant Events - Projects completed in 2023 included Saltillo Road Bridge line re-location, water line extensions at Rooster Road, Church Street South, Oak Springs subdivision, Weaver Farm Road, Energy Way, Furleigh, Hill Farm, a tank at Hwy 107 and Schultz Road, and the Mount Vernon pump station . Projects completed in 2022 included water line extension at JB Lane, Fritts Way, Highway 36-Montoto, and Vollie Lane.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets - The PFB's investment in capital assets was \$17,767,729 as of December 31, 2023. This was an increase of \$3,407,676 compared to 2022. The PFB's investment in capital assets was \$14,360,053 as of December 31, 2022, an decrease of \$172,007 compared to 2021.

Capital Debt - Vilonia Waterworks Association had two outstanding bond issues as of December 31,2023. One bond series was issued in 2021 in the amount of \$3,350,000 and had outstanding bonds in the amount of \$3,000,000 as of December 31, 2023. Another bond was issued in 2019 in the amount of \$1,700,000 and had an outstanding balance of \$1,282,925 as of December 31, 2023. Other long-term debt consisted of a note payable to U.S.D.A. Rurual Development, which had an unpaid balance of \$679,060 as of December 31, 2023.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Vilonia Waterworks Association's finances for all those with an interest in the PFB's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the General Manager, Vilonia Waterworks Association, 19 Industrial Dr., P.O. Box 300, Vilonia, AR 72173.

VILONIA WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	December 31, 2023		I 	December 31, 2022	
ASSETS					
Current Assets	\$	2 962 515	\$	2.055.155	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	Ф	2,862,515	Φ	2,955,155	
Accounts Receivable, Net		313,698		305,496	
Prepaid Expenses		18,546		13,746	
Accrued Revenues	-	373,166	_	404,616	
	\$	3,567,925	\$	3,679,013	
Capital Assets					
Building	\$	916,164	\$	916,164	
Office Furniture and Equipment		84,326		83,253	
Water Storage and Distribution Facilities		24,568,911		20,556,429	
Shop Building and Equipment		551,646		529,743	
Transportation Equipment		719,164		638,332	
	\$	26,840,211	\$	22,723,921	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(9,291,254)		(8,618,823)	
	\$	17,548,957	\$	14,105,098	
Land		139,892		139,892	
Construction in Progress		78,880		115,063	
	\$	17,767,729	\$	14,360,053	
Noncurrent Assets					
Restricted Cash	\$	449,441	\$	446,942	
Deferred Outflow of Resources					
Bond Reacquistion Costs (Net)	\$	70,201	\$	73,832	
Deferred Pension Outflows		428,317		407,294	
	\$	498,518	\$	481,126	
Total Assets & Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	22,283,613	\$	18,967,134	

VILONIA WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2023 and 2022

e	December 31, 2023		 December 31, 2022
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$	215,504	\$ 200,150
Taxes Payable		17,377	13,685
Accrued Wages		83,784	68,777
Accrued Interest		33,763	31,401
Bonds and Notes Payable Due within One Year		321,942	325,329
·	\$	672,370	\$ 639,342
Long Term Liabilities	9		
Bonds and Notes Payable	\$	4,973,655	\$ 5,299,589
Less: Amount Due within One Year		(321,942)	(325,329)
	\$	4,651,713	\$ 4,974,260
Customer Deposits		0	8,238
Net Pension Obligation		1,147,126	997,551
	\$	5,798,839	\$ 5,980,049
Total Liabilities	\$	6,471,209	\$ 6,619,391
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Deferred Pension Inflows	\$	10,515	\$ 22,727
NET POSITION			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	\$	12,864,277	\$ 9,134,296
Restricted		449,441	446,942
Unrestricted		2,488,171	2,743,778
Total Net Position	\$	15,801,889	\$ 12,325,016
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of			
Resources and Net Position	\$	22,283,613	\$ 18,967,134

VILONIA WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

		2023		2022
Operating Revenues				
Water Sales	\$	4,811,962	\$	4,734,938
Water Taps		115,560		92,205
Miscellaneous Revenues		880,174		876,902
	\$	5,807,696	\$	5,704,045
Operating Expenses				846
Salaries and Wages	\$	890,921	\$	875,707
Repairs and Maintenance		330,838		336,817
Tools and Supplies		43,179		40,142
Truck and Backhoe		91,935		94,960
Water Purchased		2,357,675		2,373,035
Utilities		70,081		71,674
Office Supplies and Postage		107,688		94,818
Professional Fees		74,282		39,852
Payroll Taxes		67,077		65,993
Insurance		211,852		205,328
Bad Debt		15,408		24,242
Depreciation		674,744		651,901
Employee Benefit Plan		247,104		117,876
Miscellaneous		24,942		17,690
	\$	5,207,726	\$	5,010,035
Operating Income	\$	599,970	\$	694,010
Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses				
Interest Income	\$	70,449	\$	19,441
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Fixed Assets		0		23,984
Interest Expense		(93,328)		(95,048)
Bond Service Fee		(5,560)		(6,924)
	\$	(28,439)	\$	(58,547)
Income Before Contributions	\$	571,531	\$	635,463
Contributions in Aid of Construction	_	2,905,342	? <u></u>	151,599
Increase in Net Position	\$	3,476,873	\$	787,062
Net Position, Beginning of Year		12,325,016	-	11,537,954
Net Position, End of Year	\$	15,801,889	\$	12,325,016

VILONIA WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	2023	2022
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash Flows from Operating Activities Cash Received-Water Sales and Fees	\$ 4,819,801	\$ 4,596,827
Other Operating Cash Receipts	995,734	969,107
	(3,373,541)	(3,278,452)
Payments to Suppliers Payments to Employees	(1,006,677)	(999,043)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 1,435,317	\$ 1,288,439
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Expansion of Distribution System and Purchase of Equipment	\$ (1,177,078)	\$ (344,566)
Principal Payments on Bonds and Notes Payable	(325,934)	(324,432)
Contributions in Aid of Construction	0	15,000
Proceeds From the Sale of Fixed Assets	0	25,256
Proceeds from Bond Issue	0	0
Interest and Fees Paid on Debt	(92,895)	(95,979)
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	\$ (1,595,907)	\$ (724,721)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest Income	\$ 70,449	\$ 19,441
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	\$ 70,449	\$ 19,441
Net Increase in Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash	\$ (90,141)	\$ 583,159
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash, Beginning of Year	3,402,097	2,818,938
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash, End of Year	\$ 3,311,956	\$ 3,402,097
Reconciliation to Statement of Net Position		
Cash - Unrestricted	\$ 2,862,515	\$ 2,955,155
Cash - Restricted	449,441	446,942
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash, End of Year	\$ 3,311,956	\$ 3,402,097

VILONIA WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	,==	2023	_	2022
Reconciliation of Income (Loss) from Operations to				
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities				
Operating Income	\$	599,970	\$	694,010
Adjustments to Reconcile Income (Loss) from Operations				
to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities				
Depreciation	\$	674,744	\$	651,901
(Increase) Decrease in:				
Accounts Receivable		(8,202)		(23,832)
Prepaid Expenses		(4,800)		5,430
Accrued Revenues		31,450		(90,037)
Deferred Pension Outflows		(21,023)		(322,794)
Increase (Decrease) in:				
Accounts Payable		15,354		52,788
Taxes Payable		3,692		3,639
Accrued Wages		15,007		5,723
Customer Deposits		(8,238)		0
Net Pension Obligation		149,575		757,369
Deferred Pension Outflows		(12,212)		(445,758)
Total Adjustments	\$	835,347	\$	594,429
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$	1,435,317	\$	1,288,439
Non-Cash Capital and Related Financing Activities				
System Improvements Paid for and Contributed by Developers	\$	2,905,342	\$	136,599

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note A - Significant Accounting Policies

(1) Financial Reporting Entity

Vilonia Waterworks Association was organized as a nonprofit corporation on May 16, 1974. On June 17, 1991, the nonprofit authorized the transfer of assets and operations to a public facilities board to be established by the City of Vilonia. The City created the Public Facilities Board (PFB) bearing the same name as the predecessor organization with the passage of Ordinance No. 91-6 on July 11, 1991. PFBs are authorized by Arkansas Code Annotated Section 14-137-101 et seq, and have such powers as the exercise of eminent domain and issuance of tax exempt bonds. The Vilonia Waterworks Association is governed by a board of five members. The PFB provides water service to individuals and businesses located in the City of Vilonia, Arkansas and surrounding areas.

(2) Proprietary Fund

The PFB's operations are accounted for as a proprietary fund. Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are (a) financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses including depreciation) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis are to be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

(3) Basis of Accounting

The PFB's proprietary fund is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned, rather than when received, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred, rather than when they are paid. All Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, are applied unless these pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

(4) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the PFB defines cash as cash on hand and in banks, including time certificates of deposit and restricted cash accounts.

(5) Capital Assets

Property and equipment are capitalized at cost. Depreciation is provided by applying the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Useful lives estimated are: 5 to 10 years for office furniture and equipment, 3 to 10 years for transportation equipment, 15 to 50 years for buildings and related improvements, and 20 to 50 years for water storage, distribution lines, and related items.

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note A - Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(6) Compensated Absences

Liabilities for compensated balances for sick leave benefit and vacation benefits have been accrued in the period in which they were earned by employees. Regular full-time employees accumulate 10 paid sick days per year with up to 60 days eligible to be carried forward to the following year. Regular full-time employees are eligible for paid vacation accrued at a rate as follows:

One to Five Years	2 weeks
Six to Fifteen Years	3 weeks
Fifteen to Twenty Years	4 weeks
Twenty Years or more	5 weeks

Regular full-time employees may accumulate 10 days of vacation time to be carried over to the next calendar year.

(7) Interest Component of the Cost of Refunding Bonds

When bonds are refunded the difference between the reacquisition cost price and the net carrying amount is recognized as a component of interest using the straight-line method.

(8) Cash and Investments

The PFB is considered an Arkansas governmental entity. Arkansas law requires public funds to be held by financial institutions located in the State of Arkansas and investments to be in obligations of the United States government. Public funds must be insured or secured by pledged collateral.

(9) Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System Plan (APERS Plan) and additions to/deductions from APERS Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the APERS Plan.

For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

(10) 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.

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Note B - Cash Insured and Collateralized

Cash deposits with any one financial institution not exceeding \$250,000 are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (F.D.I.C.) The PFB's financial institutions have pledged securities as collateral on amounts in excess of the F.D.I.C. limit.

Note C - Restricted Cash

The composition of restricted cash as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 is provided below.

	2023		_	2022	
Meter Deposit Fund	\$	14	\$	4,396	
Debt Service Reserve-Rural Development Loan		74,520		74,520	
Bond Fund-2021 Bond		96,337		89,442	
Debt Service Reserve Funds-2021 Bonds		103,584		103,584	
ANRC Meter Replacement Reserve Fund		175,000	1	175,000	
	\$	449,441	\$	446,942	

On the fifteenth day of each month, the PFB is required to pay into the bond fund an amount equal to the sum of one-sixth of the next installment of interest on the outstanding bonds plus the trustee's and paying agent's fees plus one-twelfth of the next installment of principal on the outstanding bonds.

The debt service reserve funds above in the total amount of \$103,584 in 2023 and \$103,584 in 2022 are maintained for the payment of principal and interest should the PFB lack adequate funds for these payments. These reserves are to be maintained until all bonds have been retired.

Note D - Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of unpaid amounts billed to customers for water and related charges. The PFB uses the allowance method to account for bad debts. Management reviews these amounts and increase the allowance as deemed appropriate in the circumstances.

A summary of aged accounts receivable is provided below:

	2023		2022
Due Currently	\$	250,964	\$ 234,940
Past Due			
30 Days		8,365	9,812
60 Days		909	1,879
Over 90 Days		492,882	482,879
	\$	753,120	\$ 729,510
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	<u> </u>	(439,422)	(424,014)
	\$	313,698	\$ 305,496

VILONIA WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note E - Capital Assets

		Balance 12/31/22		Increases		Decreases	Balance 12/31/23
Buildings	\$	916,164	\$	177)	\$	- \$	916,164
Office Furniture and Equipment		83,253		1,073		120 270	84,326
Water Storage and Distribution		20,556,429		4,012,482		=	24,568,911
Shop Building and Equipment		529,743		21,903		=	551,646
Transportation Equipment		638,332		80,832		<u> </u>	719,164
	\$	22,723,921	\$	4,116,290	\$	- \$	26,840,211
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	_	(8,618,823)	_	(698,893)	_	26,462	(9,291,254)
•	\$	14,105,098	\$	3,417,397	\$	26,462 \$	17,548,957
Land		139,892		H		-	139,892
Construction in Progress		115,063		-		(36,183)	78,880
	\$	14,360,053	\$	3,417,397	\$	(9,721) \$	17,767,729
		Balance					Balance
		12/31/21		Increases	_	Decreases	12/31/22
Buildings Office Furniture and	\$	916,164	\$	=	\$	- \$	916,164
Equipment		76,674		6,579		-	83,253
Water Storage and Distribution		20,224,846		331,583		-	20,556,429
Shop Building and Equipment		527,370		2,373		-	529,743
Transportation Equipment		629,872		78,767		(70,307)	638,332
	\$	22,374,926	\$	419,302	\$	(70,307)\$	22,723,921
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	_	(8,035,958)		(651,901)	_	69,036	(8,618,823)
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	\$	14,338,968	\$	(232,599)	\$	(1,271)\$	14,105,098
Land	\$	14,338,968 S 139,892	\$	(232,599)	\$	(1,2/1)\$	14,105,098
Land Construction in Progress	\$		\$	(232,599)	\$	(1,2/1)\$ -	

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Note F - Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term revenue bonds and notes payable collateralized by pledge of water revenue consisted of the following at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

	2023	2022
United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development 4.25% note payable, due in monthly installments in the amount of \$3,928, including interest. This note matures May 4, 2046.	\$ 679,060	\$ 696,852
Vilonia Waterworks Association Water Revenue Bond, 0% interest, \$1,700,000 bond with a disbursement cut-off date of April 21, 2021. Upon full disbursement, semi-annual installments in the amount of \$87,249 plus a .5% servicing fee will commence. Prior to full disbursement, the servicing fee of .05% on the unpaid principal balance shall be payable semi-annually. This Bond matures April 15, 2031.	1,282,925	1,450,380
Vilonia Waterworks Association Water Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2021 with principal payments due each August 1st. The bonds bear interest rates of 0.75% to 2.375% annually with interest payable on February 1st and August 1st each year. These		
bonds mature serially through August 1, 2042.	3,011,670	3,152,357
	\$ 4,973,655	\$ 5,299,589
Less: Amounts Due within One Year	(321,942)	(325,329)
	\$ 4,651,713	\$ 4,974,260

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Note F - Long-Term Liabilities (continued)

In refunding the 2003 bonds in 2010 and the 2007 bonds in 2013, the PFB's reacquisition prices exceeded the net carrying values of the refunded debt resulting in deferred outflows of resources on the bonds refunded in the amount of \$184,051 and \$106,512 respectively. In accordance with GASB 65, Items Previously Reported as Asssets and Liabilities, the deferred outflows of resources due to losses on bond refundings are amortized over the lives of the 2003 and 2007 bonds and are charged to interest expense. The amounts of these deferred outflows of resources charged to interest expense were \$3,631 and \$3,631 in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Required future principal payments of the long-term debt and future payments of interest on the long-term debt are provided in the two schedules below:

		Future Principal Payments								
	2021	USDA RD	ANRC							
	Bonds	Note Payable	Bond	Total						
2024	135,000	18,648	168,294 \$	321,942						
2025	145,000	19,457	169,136	333,593						
2026	135,000	20,300	169,982	325,282						
2027	145,000	21,180	170,833	337,013						
2028	155,000	22,097	171,689	348,786						
2029-2033	785,000	125,709	432,991	1,343,700						
2034-2038	865,000	155,415		1,020,415						
2039-2043	635,000	192,140		827,140						
2044-2046		104,114		104,114						
Plus Premiums	11,670			11,670						
	\$ 3,011,670	\$ 679,060\$	1,282,925 \$	4,973,655						

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		2021 Bonds	USDA RD Note Payable	ANRC Bond	Total
2024	-	60,429	28,488		88,917
2025		59,146	27,679		86,825
2026		57,769	26,836		84,605
2027		55,069	25,956		81,025
2028		52,169	25,039		77,208
2029-2033		216,270	109,970		326,240
2034-2038		134,519	80,265		214,784
2039-2043		37,879	43,540		81,419
2044-2046			5,378		 5,378
	\$	673,250	\$ 373,151		\$ 1,046,401

Future Interest Payments

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Note F - Long-Term Liabilities (continued)

Changes in long-term debt for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

		Balance 12/31/22	Increases		ecreases	Balance 12/31/23	Due Within One Year	Due in Excess of One Year
Revenue Bonds	\$	4,590,380 \$		\$	307,455 \$	4,282,925 \$	303,294	\$ 3,979,631
Notes Payable		696,853	-	2	17,793	679,060	18,648	660,412
Customer Deposits		8,238	,	2	8,238	: * :		
Net Pension Obligation		997,551	149,575	5	ž	1,147,126	핖	1,147,126
Bond Premiums	-	12,356			686	11,670		11,670
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$	6,305,378 \$	149,575	\$	334,172 \$	6,120,781	321,942	\$ 5,798,839

	Balance 12/31/21	Increases		Decreases	Balance 12/31/22	Due Within One Year	Due in Excess of One Year
Revenue Bonds	\$ 4,897,001 \$		\$	306,621 \$	4,590,380 5	307,455	\$ 4,282,925
Notes Payable	713,977		-	17,124	696,853	17,874	678,979
Customer Deposits	8,238		ē	-	8,238	w	8,238
Net Pension Obligation	240,182	757,36	9	i#:	997,551		997,551
Bond Premiums	13,043		=	687	12,356		12,356
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 5,872,441 \$	757,36	9 \$	324,432 \$	6,305,378	325,329	\$ 5,980,049

Note G - Schedule of Rates Charged to Customers

Generally, the minimum monthly water rate inside the City of Vilonia is \$12.50 on the first 1,000 gallons and \$7.65 per 1,000 gallons thereafter. In a select area of the City and outside of the City the minimum rate ranges between \$12.50 and \$56.09 (depending upon the cost of extending the distributions lines to those areas) and \$7.65 per 1,000 gallons thereafter.

The monthly rates charged to customers receiving sewage disposal range from \$37 to \$65 depending upon the area served.

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Note H - Water Source and Water Purchase Contracts

- (1) Community Water System The PFB has a water purchase contract with Community Water System which is located at Greers Ferry, Arkansas on Greers Ferry Lake.
- (2) Lonoke/White Public Water Authority Vilonia Waterworks Association is a member of this PWA which owns water intake, treatment, and storage facilities located in the Cove Creek area of Greers Ferry Lake. The 2011 contract requires minimum daily purchases of 1,000,000 gallons at a rate of \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons. In addition to the purchase of water the members of the PWA are required to pay monthly participation fees of \$5 per contracted meter. Water purchases from the PWA were \$474,850 and \$557,090 for 2023 and 2022. Member participation fees were \$600,540 for 2023 and 2022.
- (3) Mid-Arkansas Utilities Public Water Authority The water purchase agreement with this PWA terminates in January of 2030. The required minimum daily purchase of water is 20,000 gallons.

Note I - Insurance Coverage

The PFB has workers compensation coverage and vehicle and equipment liability and property damage coverage through the respective programs sponsored by Arkansas Municipal League. For 2023 vehicles and equipment valued at \$719,164 were covered, and for 2022 vehicles and equipment valued at \$638,332 were covered. Buildings, contents, water tanks and related structures are insured by Employers Mutual Casualty Company. The limit of the coverage is \$11,061,943.

Note J - Retirement Plan - APERS

The Public Facility Board contributes to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS Plan), which is a cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers municipal employees whose municipalities have elected coverage under this system. The Plan was established by the authority of the Arkansas General Assembly with the passage of Act 177 and 1957. The costs of administering the plan are paid out of investment earnings.

The general administration and responsibility for the proper operation of the System is vested in the nine members of the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (the Board). Membership includes three state and three non-state employees, all appointed by the governor, and three exofficio trustees, including the Auditor of the State, the Treasurer of the State and the director of the Department of Finance and Administration.

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Note J - Retirement Plan - APERS (continued)

(1) Benefits Provided

Benefit provisions are set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapters 5 and 6 and may only be amended by the Arkansas General Assembly. APERS provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Retirements benefits are determined as a percentage of the member's highest 3 year average compensation times the member's years of service.

The percentage used to determine benefits is based upon whether a member is contributory or non-contributory as follows:

Contributory, prior to 7/1/2005 2.07%

Contributory, on or after

Non-Contributory

2.03%

7/1/2005

1.72%

Members are eligible to retire with a full benefit under the following conditions:

- at age 65 with 5 years of service
- at any age with 28 years of actual service
- at age 60 with 20 years of actual service if under the old contributory plan (prior to July 1, 2005)
- at age 55 with 35 years of credited service for elected or safety officials

Members may retire with a reduced benefit at age 55 with at least 5 years of actual service or at any age with 25 years of service.

Members are eligible for disability benefits with 5 years of service. Disability benefits are computed as an age and service benefit, based on service and pay at disability. Death benefits are paid to a surviving spouse as if the member had 5 years of service and the monthly benefit is computed as if the member had retired and elected the Joint & 75% Survivor option. A cost-of-living adjustment of 3% of the current benefit is added each year.

(2) Contributions

Contribution requirements are set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapter 4. The contributions are expected to be sufficient to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year and make a level payment that, if paid annually over a reasonable period of future years, will fully cover the unfunded costs of benefit commitments for services previously rendered (A.C.A. 24-2-701(a)). Members who began service prior to July 1, 2005 are not required to make contributions to APERS. Members who began service on or after July 1, 2005 are required to contribute 5.25% of their salary. Employers are required to contribute at a rate established by the Board of trustees of APERS based on an actuary's determination of a rate required to fund the plan (A.C.A. 24-2-701(c)(3)). The employer contribution rates applicable were 15.32% (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022), 15.32% (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023), and 15.32% (July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023).

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Note J - Retirement Plan - APERS (continued)

The Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for APERS. Detailed information about APERS's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued APERS Financial Report which is accessible online at http://www.apers.org/annualreports.

(3) Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources to Pension

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the PFB reported a liability of \$1,147,126 and \$997,551, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability.

The collective net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. Each employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the total contributions of all participating employers. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022 the PFB's proportions was .039% and .037%, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the PFB recognized pension expense of \$247,104 and \$117,876, respectively. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the PFB's reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Ou	tflows	Deferred Inflows		
	2023	2022	2023	2022	
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 64,573 \$	23,945 \$	- \$	(12,044)	
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	142,776	210,435	Ē	•	
Changes of assumptions	53,929	差	-	5m)	
Changes in proportion and difference between employer contributions and share of contributions	95,372	98,530	(10,515)	(10,683)	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	71,667	74,384		2 1	
	\$ 428,317 \$	407,294 \$	(10,515) \$	(22,727)	

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Note J - Retirement Plan - APERS (continued)

Amounts of \$71,667 and \$74,384 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the PFB's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the years ending December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended 12/31	_	Amount
2024	\$	83,116
2025		41,558
2026		235,494
2027		(13,853)
2028		_
Thereafter	-	
	\$	346,315

(4) Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Actuarial Cost Method: Entry Age Normal

Amortization Method: Level of Percent Payroll, Closed

Actuarial Assumptions

Investment Rate of Return: 7.00%

Salary Increases: 3.25% to 9.85% including inflation

Inflation Rate: 3.25% wage inflation, 2.50% price inflation

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2006 Healthy Annuitant benefit weighted generational mortality tables for males and females. Mortality rates are multiplied by 135% for males and 125% for females and are adjusted for fully generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2017.

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Note J - Retirement Plan - APERS (continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the APERS Plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the table below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Broad domestic equity	37%	6.19%
International equity	15%	6.77%
Real assets	8%	4.08%
Absolute return	0%	0.26%
Domestic fixed	40%	1.79%
Total	100%	

The target allocation for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was as follows:

		Long-Term Expected Real
	Target	Rate of
Asset Class	Allocation	Return
Broad domestic equity	37%	6.22%
International equity	24%	6.69%
Real assets	16%	4.81%
Absolute return	5%	3.05%
Domestic fixed	18%	0.57%
Total	100%	

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note J - Retirement Plan - APERS (continued)

(5) Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability at June 30, 2023 and 2022, was 7.00% and 7.15%, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between the actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine pension liability.

(6) Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the PFB's net pension liability as of June 30, 2023 measurement date, calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the PFB's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percent point lower (6.00%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Lower 6.00%	Current Rate 7.00%	1% Higher 8.00%
Net pension liability	\$ 1,823,930	\$ 1,147,126	\$ 585,034

Note K - Concentrations of Risk

While the operations of the PFB are always subject to the availability of a quality source of water, adequate water storage, and disruption of supply lines, as well as the risk of public safety in the event of contamination of the water, management does not consider these, or any other risks, to be significant concentrations of risks at this time.

Note L - Schedule of Water Customers

The PFB had and average of 9,287 and 9,213 residential customers in the years 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Note M - Date of Management's Review

Subsequent events have been evaluated through August 20, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

VILONIA WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY

APERS Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 through 2017

	June 30,	June 30,	June 30,	June 30,	June 30,	June 30,	June 30,
	2023	_2022_	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	.0394%	.0370%	.0321%	.0319%	.0307%	.0336%	0.0315%
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	1,147,126	997,551	240,182	914,079	741,662	741,329	814,546
Covered-Employee Payroll	882,483	740,842	636,498	640,895	664,296	616,416	586,234
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	129.99%	134.65%	37.73%	142.63%	111.65%	120.30%	138.95%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	77.94%	78.31%	93.57%	75.35%	78.55%	79.59%	<u>75.65%</u>

This schedule represents Vilonia Waterworks Association's proportionate share of the Arkansas Public Employee Retirement Plan System. Ten years of data will be presented in future years as the data becomes available.

VILONIA WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

APERS Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 through 2017

	June 30,	June 30,	June 30,	June 30,	June 30,	June 30,	June 30,
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Contractually Required Contributions	\$ 133,661 \$	129,059 \$	\$ 115,187 \$	113,732	\$ 118,522	\$ 101,123 \$	80,326
Contractually Required Contribution	_(133,661)	(129,059)	(115,187)	(113,732)	(118,522)	(101,123)	(80,326)
Contribution Deficiency	\$ 0\$	0.9	0 \$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.5	S 0
Covered Employee Payroll	\$882,483	740,842	<u>6 636,498</u> <u>\$</u>	640,895	\$664,296	\$ 616,416	5 586,234
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	15.15%	17.42%	18.10%	17.75%	17.84%	16.40%	13.70%

This schedule represents Vilonia Waterworks Association's historical contributions and covered payroll to the Arkansas Public Employee Retirement Plan System. In the future ten years of data will be presented as the data becomes available.



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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

Members of the Public Facilities Board Vilonia Waterworks Association Vilonia, Arkansas

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of Vilonia Waterworks Association, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Vilonia Waterworks Associations' basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 20, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Vilonia Waterworks Association's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 Vilonia Waterworks Association's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Vilonia Waterworks 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 weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Vilonia Waterworks Association'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.

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

Cabot, Arkansas August 20, 2024

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