

CITY OF HICKORY RIDGE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
HICKORY RIDGE ARKANSAS
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON
APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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PROCEDURES

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on compliance with Ark. Code Ann. 14-234-119 to 122, of the City of Hickory Ridge, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department as of December 31, 2023 and for the year then ended. The City of Hickory Ridge, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department's management is responsible for the Department's accounting records.

City of Hickory Ridge, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended compliance with Ark. Code Ann. 14-234-119 to 122. Additionally, the Mayor, City Council, and Management of City of Hickory Ridge, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purpose. This report may not be suitable for other purposes. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest as a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Cash and Investments:

1. We performed a proof of cash for the year and reconciled year end bank balances to book balances.
2. We obtained confirmation of the cash on deposit for all cash and certificate of deposit accounts for the City of Hickory Ridge, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department.

Cash and Investments (cont'd):

Cross County Bank

Cash - Revenue	\$ 257,794
Cash - Operation and Maintenance	2,238
Cash - Water Construction	83
Cash - Customer Deposits	22,579
Cash - Sewer Additions	16,179
Cash - ANRC Escrow	6,200
Cash - Depreciation	<u>82,984</u>
	<u>\$ 388,057</u>

3. We agreed the proof of cash ending balance to the book balances.

We found no exceptions as a result of these procedures.

Cash Receipts:

1. We agreed the deposits per the proof of cash for the year with the deposits per the cash receipts journal.

2. We agreed 10 customer payments on the accounts receivable subledger to the deposit, and billing documents.

We found no exceptions as a result of these procedures.

Accounts Receivable:

1. We agreed 10 customer billings to the accounts receivable subledger.

We found no exceptions as a result of this procedure.

2. We reviewed process for customer adjustments, noting no documentation of independent review and approval.

Cash Disbursements:

1. Agreed the disbursements per the proof of cash for the year with the disbursements per the journal.

2. Analyzed all property, plant and equipment disbursements.

3. Selected 10 disbursements and determined that they were adequately documented.

We found no exceptions as a result of these procedures.

Property, Plant and Equipment:

1. We determined that all additions and disposals were properly accounted for in the records.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Notes Payable:

Long-term debt was confirmed with lenders and balances are as summarized below:

	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>
5% USDA Note Payable in Monthly Installments of \$543, through 2031	\$ 48,482	\$ -	\$ 4,187	\$ 44,295
1.75% Note Payable to Arkansas Natural Resource Commission, due in semi-annual Payments of \$17,953 through 2041	565,360	-	26,217	539,234
	<u>\$ 613,842</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 30,404</u>	<u>\$ 583,438</u>

Terms of the loan agreements require that transfers be made to debt service reserve accounts and a depreciation reserve account be maintained. We noted that the appropriate transfers were made.

We were engaged by City of Hickory Ridge, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department to perform the agreed-upon procedures engagement and conduct 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 specified elements, accounts or items. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. 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 City of Hickory Ridge, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedure engagement.

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June 23, 2025

CITY OF HICKORY RIDGE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS- CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
AND
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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DEPARTMENT
HICKORY RIDGE, ARKANSAS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of City of Hickory Ridge, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department, which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities and net position – cash basis as of December 31, 2023 and the related statement of revenues and expenses-cash basis for the year then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable reporting framework. 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 form of assurance on these financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that the cash basis of accounting requires 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 financial reporting and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in the financial statements prepared on the cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about City of Hickory Ridge, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department's assets, liabilities and net position, and cash receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

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June 23, 2025

**CITY OF HICKORY RIDGE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$ 260,032
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RESTRICTED ASSETS

Cash	121,825
Escrow account ADFA	6,200
	128,025

PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Land	49,693
Water and Sewer Utility	2,954,472
Equipment	21,265
Accumulated Depreciation	(736,938)
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	2,288,492

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 2,676,549

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Current Portion Bonds Payable	\$ 30,989
Payroll Taxes	5,158
Sale Tax Payable	3,618
Due to General Fund	1,109
Total Current Liabilities	40,874

PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS

Meter Deposits	12,450
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LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable- net of current portion	552,539
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NET POSITION

Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,704,964
Restricted for Debt Service	6,200
Unrestricted	359,522
Total Net Position	2,070,686

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

\$ 2,676,549

SEE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

**CITY OF HICKORY RIDGE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES- CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Cash Receipts

Water Receipts	\$ 97,669	
Sewer Receipts	64,251	
Other Receipts	8,202	
Interest	<u>3,177</u>	
Total Cash Receipts		\$ 173,299

Cash Disbursements

Salaries	37,084	
Repairs and Maintenance	11,544	
Office and Postage	1,411	
Supplies	1,809	
License, Permits and Other Taxes	4,024	
Utilities	18,334	
Insurance	1,703	
Interest	11,774	
Professional Fees	4,250	
Miscellaneous	3,874	
Dues	3,724	
Depreciation	<u>59,560</u>	-
Total Cash Disbursements		<u>159,091</u>

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		<u><u>\$ 14,208</u></u>
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See independent accountant's compilation report.