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MARIANNA MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF MARIANNA, ARKANSAS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Marianna Municipal Waterworks Commission Marianna, Arkansas 72360

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Marianna Municipal Waterworks as of and for the years ended August 31, 2024, and 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Marianna Municipal Waterworks' 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 business-type activities of the Marianna Municipal Waterworks, as of August 31, 2024, and 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, 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 Marianna Municipal Waterworks, 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.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note A, the accompanying financial statements of the City of Marianna Municipal Waterworks are intended to present the financial position, and the changes in financial position and the cash flows of the City that is attributable to the transactions of the City of Marianna Municipal Waterworks. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Marianna Arkansas, as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, the changes in its financial position,

or, where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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; this includes 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 Marianna Municipal Waterworks' 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 Marianna Municipal Waterworks 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 Marianna Municipal Waterworks 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

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5–7 and 22 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such 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 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 December 14, 2024, on our consideration of the Marianna Municipal Waterworks' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and 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 the 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 Marianna Municipal Waterworks' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Meyer & Ward

Meyer & Ward, P.A. Certified Public Accountants Wynne, Arkansas 72396

December 14, 2024

MARIANNA MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS August 31, 2024 and 2023

Within this section of the Marianna Municipal Waterworks' financial report, the Waterworks' management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Waterworks for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023. The Waterworks' financial performance is discussed and analyzed with the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Using this annual report

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position provide information about the Waterworks as a whole and present a longer term view of the Waterworks' finances. The Statement of Cash Flows provides a summary of the changes in cash and cash equivalents for the year. Information is included in the notes to financial statements to disclose accounting policies and additional financial detail amounts shown in the financial statements. A report on internal control is also included.

Reporting on Marianna Municipal Waterworks as a whole

Our analysis of the Waterworks as a whole follows in the next section. The Waterworks operates as a business-type activity providing water utilities to its customers. Its revenues must be sufficient to cover the cost of operations, payments of indebtedness, and cost of improvements to the system. One of the most important questions asked about the Waterworks' finances is "Is the Waterworks as a whole better off as a result of this year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position report information about the Waterworks as a whole, and its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Waterworks' net position and changes in them. You can think of the Waterworks' net position (the difference between assets and liabilities) as one way to measure the Waterworks' financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the net position are one indicator of whether the financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as the conditions of the water and sewer system, to assess the overall health of the Waterworks.

MARIANNA MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (cont'd) August 31, 2024 and 2023

Financial Highlights:

	2024	2023	2022	
Beginning Net Position	\$ 5,494,115	\$ 4,836,601	\$ 4,663,293	
Increase (decrease) in Net Position	54,642	657,514	173,308	
Ending Net Position	\$ 5,548,757	\$ 5,494,115	\$ 4,836,601	

The following table summarizes the Waterworks' net position

	2024	2023	2022
Current Assets	\$ 1,290,177	\$ 1,291,950	\$ 1,645,428
Restricted Assets	462,227	489,459	426,432
Capital Assets	4,120,455	4,071,073	3,151,149
Total Assets	\$ 5,872,859	\$ 5,852,482	\$ 5,223,009
Current Liabilities	\$ 203,448	\$ 202,760	\$ 197,129
Long-term Liabilities	120,654	155,607	189,279
Total Liabilities	324,102	358,367	386,408
Net Position			
Unrestricted	1,537,614	1,565,562	1,860,042
Restricted for Debt Service	46,680	46,680	46,680
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,964,463	3,881,873	2,929,879
Total Net Position	5,548,757	5,494,115	4,836,601
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 5,872,859	\$ 5,852,482	\$ 5,223,009

The following schedule presents a summary of revenues and expenses for the years ended August 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022.

	2024	2023	2022	
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,067,202	\$ 1,086,024	\$ 1,081,818	
Operating Expenses	1,044,832	928,699	900,763	
Operating Income	22,370	157,325	181,055	
Other Income (Expenses)	32,272	500,189	(7,747)	
	\$ 54,642	\$ 657,514	\$ 173,308	

MARIANNA MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (cont'd) August 31, 2024 and 2023

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At year end August 31, 2024, the Waterworks had \$ 4,120,455 invested in capital assets. This represents a net decrease of \$ 49,382 which is the result of depreciation expense recognized of \$ 178,961 and additions of \$ 228,343.

Debt

At year end, the Waterworks had \$ 155,992 in outstanding notes payable. This represents a decrease of \$ 33,210 in principal repayments. No new debt was issued in the current year.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The Waterworks does not anticipate a rate increase for next year. The Waterworks is also considering improvements to oxidation ponds. The total estimated costs may be approximately \$ 4,000,000 unless engineers are able to determine a more cost effective process.

CONTACTING THE WATERWORKS' FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our customers, suppliers, and creditors with a general overview of the Waterworks' finances and to show the Waterworks' accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Jim Keasler, chairman of the Marianna Municipal Waterworks' Board of Directors.

MARIANNA MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF MARIANNA, ARKANSAS STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

ASSETS

	2024	2023
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 618,461	\$ 632,455
Certificates of Deposit	470,243	459 <i>,</i> 050
Accounts Receivable - Customers	117,390	124,091
Accounts Receivable - Unbilled	46,825	43,701
Inventory	27,965	23,308
Prepaid Expenses	9,042	9,094
Accrued Interest Receivable	251	251
Total Current Assets	1,290,177	1,291,950
Restricted Assets:		
Certificates of Deposit - Depreciation	415,547	442,779
Certificates of Deposit - Debt Service	46,680	46,680
Total Restricted Assets	462,227	489,459
Capital Assets, Net	4,120,455	4,071,073
Total Assets	\$5,872,859	\$5,852,482

MARIANNA MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF MARIANNA, ARKANSAS STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

	2024	2023	
Current Liabilities:			
Current Portion of Long Term Debt	\$ 35,338	\$	
Accrued Interest	231	281	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	13,474	23,981	
Due to Other Funds	55,816	56,155	
Accrued Vacation Pay	8,411	7,115	
	113,270	121,127	
Payable From Restricted Assets:			
Customer Meter Deposits	90,178	81,633	
Long Term Debt, less current portion	120,654	155,607	
Total Liabilities	324,102	358,367	
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,964,463	3,881,873	
Restricted for Debt Service	46,680	46,680	
Unrestricted	1,537,614	1,565,562	
Total Net Position	5,548,757	5,494,115	
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$5,872,859	\$5,852,482	
Accrued Vacation Pay Payable From Restricted Assets: Customer Meter Deposits Long Term Debt, less current portion Total Liabilities Net Position: Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted for Debt Service Unrestricted Total Net Position	8,411 113,270 90,178 120,654 324,102 3,964,463 46,680 1,537,614 5,548,757	7,115 121,127 81,633 155,607 358,367 3,881,873 46,680 1,565,562 5,494,115	

MARIANNA MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF MARIANNA, ARKANSAS STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023	
Operating Revenues:			
Water Fees	\$ 717,227	\$ 730,092	
Sewer Fees	288,703	300,627	
Other Revenues	61,272	55,305	
Total Operating Revenues	1,067,202	1,086,024	
Operating Expenses:			
Depreciation	178,961	150,878	
Equipment, Repairs & Maintenance	107,529	91,487	
Insurance	34,386	34,161	
Legal & Professional	10,091	10,361	
Licenses & Permits	7,550	7,460	
Meetings & Travel	1,245	385	
Miscellaneous		300	
Office Supplies	14,957	14,335	
Operating Supplies & Maintenance	125,967	135,218	
Outside Services	6,945	6,662	
Salaries & Fringe	456,738	376,193	
Utilities	100,463	101,259	
Total Operating Expense	1,044,832	928,699	
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	22,370	157,325	
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses):			
Interest Income	13,848	10,462	
Gain on Sale of Equipment	27,500		
Grant from Lee County	-	500,000	
Interest Expense	(9,076)	(10,273)	
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	32,272	500,189	
Change in Net Position	54,642	657,514	
Beginning Net Position	5,494,115	4,836,601	
Ending Net Position	\$ 5,548,757	\$ 5,494,115	

MARIANNA MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF MARIANNA, ARKANSAS STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	\$ 1,079,324	\$ 1,089,229
Payments to suppliers	(422,949)	(394,363)
Payments to employees	(456,738)	(376,193)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	199,637	318,673
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities		
Transfer (to) from other funds	(339)	(472)
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Proceeds on sale of assets	27,500	
Principal paid on capital debt	(33,210)	(32,068)
Purchases of equipment	(228,343)	(1,070,802)
Interest paid on capital debt	(9,126)	(10,269)
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related		
activities	(243,179)	(1,113,139)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest income	13,848	10,462
Grant Income	-	500,000
Certificates of Deposit (purchases) maturities	(11,193)	293,656
Net transfers (to) from restricted accounts	27,232	(63,027)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	29,887	741,091
Increase (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(13,994)	(53,847)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	632,455	686,302
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 618,461	\$ 632,455

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MARIANNA MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF MARIANNA, ARKANSAS STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

	 2024	 2023
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 22,370	\$ 157,325
Depreciation	178,961	150,878
(Increase) Decrease in:		
Accounts Receivable	6,701	4,609
Unbilled Receivables	(3,124)	1,872
Inventory	(4,657)	(94)
Prepaid Expenses	52	(412)
Increase (Decrease) in:		
Accounts Payable	(10,507)	9,293
Other Accrued Payables	1,296	(1,522)
Customer Meter Deposits	 8,545	(3,276)
	\$ 199,637	\$ 318,673

NOTE A – ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

<u>Organization and Financial Reporting Waterworks</u> – Marianna Municipal Waterworks is a department of the City of Marianna, Arkansas. The accompanying financial statements present only the Marianna Municipal Waterworks and do not include all funds, account groups, and programs controlled by the City of Marianna. Other activities, funds, and account groups and programs are included in a government wide audit performed by the Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit.

Activities of the Marianna Municipal Waterworks are governed by a Commission established by city ordinance. The Waterworks serves the City of Marianna and the rural residents of the surrounding area.

<u>Basis of accounting</u> – The Marianna Municipal Waterworks uses the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred.

<u>Estimates</u> - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that could affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates.

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> – The Marianna Municipal Waterworks considers all cash, savings accounts, and certificate of deposits purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. However, all cash balances designated as restricted are excluded from Cash Equivalents.

<u>Accounts Receivable</u> - Accounts receivable arise from sales of water and sewer services to local customers. Accounts receivable are presented at estimated net realizable value. The direct charge-off method is used to record bad debt expense. No material difference results from use of the direct charge-off method rather than the allowance method as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

NOTE A- ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

<u>Property and Equipment</u> – Property and equipment is stated at cost. Expenditures for major renewals and betterments are capitalized, while minor repairs, replacements, and maintenance which does not improve or extend the life of such assets are charged to operations as incurred. Depreciation is provided by the straight-line method over the estimated lives of the assets, which range from 5 years for office and transportation equipment to 50 years for the water and sewer systems.

<u>Restricted Assets</u> - The Marianna Municipal Waterworks is required under the terms of various bond ordinances to establish and maintain prescribed cash balances that can only be used for specific purposes.

<u>Risk Management</u> - The Marianna Municipal Waterworks minimizes risk of loss through purchase of commercial insurance coverage.

<u>Operating Revenues and Expenses</u> – Operating Revenues and Expenses consists of those revenues that result from ongoing operations and are primarily charges for services. Nonoperating revenues and expenses consist of those revenues and expenses that are related to financing and investing type activities and result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary services. When an expense is incurred for purposes for which there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available, it is the Waterworks' policy to apply those expenses to restricted net assets to the extent such as are available and then to unrestricted net assets.

<u>Sales Tax</u> – The Marianna Municipal Waterworks collects sales taxes on water sold, and remits taxes collected monthly to the State of Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration. Water fees are presented in the accompanying financial statements net of sales taxes.

<u>Net Position</u> – Net Position is categorized as Net Investment in Capital Assets, Restricted for Debt Service (pursuant to debt agreements) or Unrestricted.

NOTE B – DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

The Waterworks' policy is for deposits to be secured by collateral valued at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance. The Waterworks' deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Waterworks. The categories are described as follows:

Category 1- Insured or collateralized by the Waterworks or by its agent in the Waterworks' name.

Category 2- Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust Waterworks or by its agent in the Waterworks' name.

Category 3- Uncollateralized.

At August 31, 2024, cash deposits categorized by level of risk are as follows:

		category					
carry	ing amount		1		2		3
\$	1,550,931	\$	500,000	\$	1,050,931	\$	-

NOTE C- PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of property, plant and equipment for the Waterworks is presented below:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
Capital Assets Not Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 27,284	\$-	\$-	\$ 27,284
Construction in progress	1,036,185	112,343	(1,148,528)	-
	1,063,469	112,343	(1,148,528)	27,284
Capital Assets Depreciated:				-
Water Plant	4,844,794	1,148,528	-	5,993,322
Sewer Plant	2,088,719	-		2,088,719
Tank and improvements	923,659	-		923,659
Building and Improvements	148,888	-	-	148,888
Equipment	802,402	116,000	(20,548)	897,854
	8,808,462	1,264,528	(20,548)	10,052,442
Less: Accumulated Depreciation				
Water Plant	(3,507,011)	(62,428)	-	(3,569,439)
Sewer Plant	(1,405,677)	(34,555)	-	(1,440,232)
Tank and Improvements	(160,866)	(20,900)		(181,766)
Building and Improvements	(76,101)	(3,033)	-	(79,134)
Equipment	(651,203)	(58,045)	20,548	(688,700)
Total	(5,800,858)	(178,961)	20,548	(5,959,271)
Net Capital Assets	\$ 4,071,073	\$ 1,197,910	\$ (1,148,528)	\$ 4,120,455

NOTE D- LONG TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of the Marianna Water Waterworks' long-term debt at August 31, 2024 and 2023.

	2024		2023	
5% Note Payable to USDA due in monthly installments of \$ 3,528 through 2028 secured by pledge of future revenues	\$	155,992	\$	189,202
Less Current Portion Long-Term Debt, less current portion	\$	(35,338) 120,654	\$	(33,595) 155,607

A summary of future payments required at August 31, 2024 is as follows:

For the years ending August 31,		Principal		Interest		Total	
	2025	\$	35,338	\$	6,998	\$	42,336
	2026		37,146		5,190		42,336
	2027		39,047		3,289		42,336
	2028		41,041		1,295		42,336
	2029		3,420		14		3,434
Five years ending	2034		-		-		-
		\$	155,992	\$	16,786	\$	172,778

A summary of long-term debt activity is as follows:

Balance	,		Balance	
9/1/2023	Additions	Reductions	8/31/2024	
\$ 189,202	\$ -	\$ 33,210	\$ 155,992	

NOTE E – RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

The Debt Service Reserve and Depreciation Reserve cash accounts have been established pursuant to agreements with U.S. Rural Development. These accounts are to maintain monthly transfers as defined by loan agreements and are restricted for retirement of long-term debt and repairs. As of August 31, 2024, the Marianna Municipal Waterworks was in compliance with the required reserve amounts.

Restricted accounts at August 31, 2024 and 2023 consist of the following:

		2024		2023	
Certificates of Deposit - Depreciation Certificates of Deposit - Debt Service	\$	415,547 46.680	\$	442,779 46,680	
Total Restricted Assets		462,227		489,459	•

NOTE F – INVENTORY

Supplies and materials inventory are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined on the first in, first out basis.

NOTE G – DUE TO OTHER FUNDS

Due to other funds consists of amounts billed for mosquito control and trash services. The Waterworks bills and collects these charges for the City of Marianna, Arkansas. Transfers are made monthly to the City of Marianna General Fund.

NOTE H – CONCENTRATIONS

Revenues – Major Customers:

The Waterworks maintains a water supply agreement with the Lee County Water Association, Inc., a water company serving the rural areas of Lee, Monroe, and Phillips Counties in Eastern Arkansas. For the years ended August 31, 2024, and 2023 water sales to Lee County Water Association, Inc., totaled \$ 193,015 and 194,405 or approximately 18 % and 18 % of total water and sewer revenues.

NOTE I – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Waterworks participates in the City of Marianna Money Purchase Pension Plan and Trust. All full time employees are eligible to participate upon meeting minimum age and service requirements. Funding is provided by employee contributions and employer match. Total employer retirement contributions for the year ended August 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$ 8,659 and \$ 9,145.

NOTE J – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of this report, no items were noted which would require disclosure.

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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 Marianna Waterworks Commission Marianna, Arkansas 72360

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 the business-type activities of the Marianna Municipal Waterworks, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Marianna Municipal Waterworks' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Marianna Municipal Waterworks' 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 the Waterworks' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Waterworks' 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 the Marianna Municipal Waterworks' financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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.

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December 14, 2024

MARIANNA MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF MARIANNA, ARKANSAS BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

	Budget	Actual	Variance	
Operating Revenues:				
Water	\$ 730,000	\$ 717,227	\$ (12,773)	
Sewer	290,000	288,703	(1,297)	
Other	54,600	61,272	6,672	
Total Revenues	1,074,600	1,067,202	(7,398)	
Operating Expenses:				
Depreciation	141,600	178,961	37,361	
Equipment, Repairs, Maint	89,300	107,529	18,229	
Insurance	42,000	34,386	(7,614)	
Legal & Professional	8,250	10,091	1,841	
Licenses & Permits	, -	7,550	7,550	
Meetings & Travel	-	1,245	1,245	
Miscellaneous	22,800	-	(22,800)	
Office Supplies	-	14,957	14,957	
Operating Supplies & Maint	123,600	125,967	2,367	
Outside Services	-	6,945	6,945	
Salaries & Fringe	390,000	456,738	66,738	
Utilities	99,200	100,463	1,263	
Total Expenses	916,750	1,044,832	128,082	
Income (Loss) from Operations	157,850	22,370	(135,480)	
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):				
Interest Income	7,800	13,848	6,048	
Gain on Sale of Equipment		27,500	27,500	
Interest Expense	(8,700)	(9,076)	(376)	
Net Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	(900)	32,272	33,172	
Change in Net Position	\$ 156,950	\$ 54,642	\$ (102,308)	