MEYER & WARD, P.A. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS P.O. BOX 1045 WYNNE, ARKANSAS 72396

PARKIN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF PARKIN, ARKANSAS

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Independent Auditor's Report	1 - 3
Managements' Discussion and Analysis	4 - 6
Statements of Net Position	7 - 8
Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes In Net Position	9
Statements of Cash Flows	10
Notes to Financial Statements	11 - 17
Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit Performed in Accordance with <i>Government Auditing Standards</i>	18-19
Schedule of Findings and Responses	20 - 22
Schedule of Prior Year Findings	23
Budgetary Comparison Schedule	24

MEYER & WARD, P.A. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS P.O. BOX 1045 WYNNE, ARKANSAS 72396

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the City Council Parkin, Arkansas 72373

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Parkin Municipal Waterworks as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Waterworks' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Waterworks' preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Waterworks' internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinions

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 Parkin Municipal Waterworks as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 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.

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 schedule on pages 4 through 6 and 24 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 Information

As discussed in Note A, the accompanying financial statements of the Parkin 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 Parkin Municipal Waterworks. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Parkin, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2020, and 2019, 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 20, 2023, on our consideration of the Parkin 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 report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Parkin Municipal Waterworks' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Meyer & Ward

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

January 20, 2023

PARKIN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS December 31, 2020

Within this section of the Parkin Municipal Waterworks' financial report, the Waterworks' management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Waterworks for the year ended December 31, 2020. 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 Parkin 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 and sewer services 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 the changes which have occurred during the year. You can think of the Waterworks' net position (the difference between its 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.

PARKIN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (cont'd) December 31, 2020

Financial Highlights:

	2020	2019	2018
Beginning Net Position	\$ 618,409	\$ 691,999	\$ 793,859
Increase (decrease) in Net Position	(62,824)	(73,590)	(101,860)
Ending Net Position	\$ 555,585	\$ 618,409	\$ 691,999

Assets, liabilities, and net position for 2020, 2019, and 2018 are as follows:

	2020	2019	2018		
Current Assets Restricted Assets Capital Assets	\$ 71,316 24,997 1,450,568 \$1,546,881	\$ 65,400 28,470 <u>1,530,628</u> \$1,624,498	\$ 77,397 52,533 <u>1,600,940</u> \$1,730,870		
Current Liabilities Other Liabilities Long-Term Liabilities Total Liabilities	\$ 81,348 525 909,423 \$ 991,296	\$ 75,940 536 929,613 \$1,006,089	\$ 89,389 548 948,934 \$1,038,871		
Net Position Unrestricted Restricted for Debt Service Net Investment in Capital Assets Net Position Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 9,664 24,997 520,924 555,585 \$1,546,881	\$ 19,130 17,594 581,685 618,409 \$1,624,498	\$ 41,058 17,577 633,364 691,999 \$1,730,870		

PARKIN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (cont'd) December 31, 2020

The following schedule presents a summary of revenues and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018:

		2020		2019	2018			
Operating Revenue	\$	224,177	\$	277,378	\$	263,276		
Operating Expenses	205,338		213,054		213,054			232,831
Operating Income		18,839		64,324		30,445		
Other Income (Expenses)		(81,663)		(137,914)		(132,305)		
Change in Net Position	\$	(62,824)	\$	(73,590)	\$	(101,860)		

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At year end December 31, 2020, the Waterworks had \$ 1,450,568 invested in capital assets. This represents a net decrease of \$ 80,060 which is the result of depreciation expense recognized for the year.

Debt

At year end, the Waterworks had \$ 929,644 in outstanding debt. This represents a net decrease of \$ 19,299 which is the result of principal note payments.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The Waterworks has no plans for any major changes for the upcoming year.

CONTACTING THE AUTHORITY'S 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 Dianne Patterson, Parkin City Mayor.

PARKIN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF PARKIN, ARKANSAS STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2020 and 2019

ASSETS

	2020	2019
Current Assets		
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 34,178	\$ 25,185
Accounts Receivable	35,355	37,640
Prepaid Expenses	1,783	2,575
Total Current Assets	71,316	65,400
Restricted Assets Cash in Banks	24,997	28,470
Capital Assets, Net	1,450,568	1,530,628
Total Assets	\$1,546,881	\$1,624,498

PARKIN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF PARKIN, ARKANSAS STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2020 and 2019

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

	2020			2019		
Current Liabilities:						
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	\$	20,221	\$	19,330		
Accounts Payable		4,610		3,560		
Due to Other Funds		9,854		9,066		
Customer Meter Deposits		46,663		43,984		
Total Current Liabilities		81,348		75,940		
Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets:						
Accrued Interest		525		536		
Total Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets		525		536		
Long-Term Debt:						
Notes Payable, Net of Current Portion		909,423		929,613		
Total Liabilities		991,296		1,006,089		
Net Position:						
Net Investment in Capital Assets		520,924		581,685		
Restricted for debt service		24,997		17,594		
Unrestricted	_	9,664		19,130		
Total Net Position		555,585		618,409		
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	1,546,881	\$	1,624,498		

PARKIN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF PARKIN, ARKANSAS STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Operating Revenues		
Water Fees	\$ 125,466	\$ 164,344
Sewer Fees	81,095	91,821
Other Revenues	17,616	21,213
Total Operating Revenues	224,177	277,378
Operating Expenses		
Salaries and Fringe	43,195	42,851
Advertising	-	323
Depreciation	80,060	80,460
Insurance	3,922	3,932
Miscellaneous	175	1,804
Office Supplies and Postage	4,647	2,495
Operating Supplies and Maintenance	24,376	28,091
Payroll Taxes	3,490	5,335
Professional Fees and Contract Labor	13,616	14,000
Taxes, Licenses, Dues, and Fees	6,431	5,952
Utilities	25,426	27,811
Total Operating Expenses	205,338	213,054
Operating Income (Loss)	18,839	64,324
Non Operating Revenues (Expenses)		
Interest Income	16	37
Transfers	(42,801)	(98,406)
Interest Expense	(38,878)	(39,545)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	(81,663)	(137,914)
Change in Net Position	(62,824)	(73,590)
Beginning Net Position	618,409	691,999
Ending Net Position	\$ 555,585	\$ 618,409

PARKIN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF PARKIN, ARKANSAS STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts from Customers	\$ 229,141	\$ 264,147
Payments to Suppliers	(79,453)	(93,148)
Payments to Employees	(43,195)	(42,851)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	106,493	128,148
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Purchases of Equipment	-	(10,148)
Principal Paid on Capital Debt	(19,299)	(18,633)
Interest Paid on Capital Debt	(38,889)	(39,557)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Capital and		
Related Financing Activities	(58,188)	(68,338)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest Income	16	37
Transfers to General Fund	(42,801)	(98,406)
Transfers (to) from Restricted Accounts	3,473	24,063
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	(39,312)	(74,306)
The cush i forded by (Osed iii) investing redivites	(3),312)	(71,300)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	8,993	(14,496)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	25,185	39,681
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 34,178	\$ 25,185
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash		
Provided by Operating Activities		
Operating Income	\$ 18,839	\$ 64,324
Depreciation and Amortization	80,060	80,460
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	2,285	(2,273)
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	792	(226)
Increase (Decrease) in Other Payables	788	(246)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	1,050	(2,933)
Increase (Decrease) in Customer Deposits	2,679	(10,958)
Total Adjustments	87,654	63,824
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 106,493	\$ 128,148

NOTE A – ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

<u>Organization and Financial Reporting</u> – Parkin Municipal Waterworks is a component unit of the City of Parkin, Arkansas. The accompanying financial statements present only the Parkin Municipal Waterworks and do not include all funds, account groups, and programs controlled by the City of Parkin. Other activities, funds, and account groups and programs are included in a government wide audit performed by the Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit. The Waterworks consist of an enterprise fund with the purpose of providing water and sewer services to the general public within the City's service area. The enterprise fund is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business.

<u>Basis of accounting</u> – The Parkin Municipal Waterworks uses the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

<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 Parkin 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 per loan agreements or other purposes 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. Accounts receivable are collateralized by customer deposits.

<u>Capital Assets</u> – Capital assets consist of Waterworks plant and equipment. These assets are 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 7 - 10 years for office furniture and equipment, to 50 years for the water and sewer system.

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

<u>Restricted Assets</u> – Restricted assets consist of funds established and maintained by the Waterworks to account for and hold debt service reserves.

<u>Risk Management</u> - The Parkin 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 Parkin 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>Advertising</u> – Advertising costs are expenses when incurred.

<u>Net Position</u> – Net Position is categorized as net investments in capital assets, restricted for debt services (pursuant to debt agreements), or unrestricted.

<u>Credit Risk</u> – Financial instruments which subject the Waterworks to concentration of credit risk consist principally of temporary cash investments. The entity places its temporary cash investments with financial institutions, and its policy is to limit the amount of credit risk exposure. The Waterworks' policy is to limit such investments to amounts covered by FDIC coverage and securities pledged to collateralize deposits. Credit risk from accounts receivable is limited due to the large number of customers and security deposits held as collateral.

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 department or by its agent in the Waterworks' name.

Category 3- Uncollateralized.

At December 31, 2020, cash deposits categorized by level of risk are as follows

NOTE C- PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

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

	December 31 2019		December 31 2019 Additions		Additions		Additions		Additions		Additions		Additions		Additions		Additions		Additions		Additions		Additions		Additions		Deletions		December 31 2020	
Not Subject to Depreciation:																														
Land	\$	28,683	\$	-	\$	-	\$	28,683																						
Total		28,683		-		-	_	28,683																						
Subject to Depreciation:																														
Utility Plant in Service	3	8,850,629		-		-		3,850,629																						
Improvements		49,750		-		-		49,750																						
Buildings		26,210		-		-		26,210																						
Equipment		152,477		-		-		152,477																						
Total	4	,079,066		-		-		4,079,066																						
Less Accumulated Depreciation:																														
Utility Plant in Service	(2	2,355,521)		(77,982)		-		(2,433,503)																						
Improvements		(49,750)		-		-		(49,750)																						
Buildings		(26,210)		-		-		(26,210)																						
Equipment		(145,640)		(2,078)		-		(147,718)																						
Total	(2	2,577,121)		(80,060)		-		(2,657,181)																						
Net Capital Assets	\$ 1	,530,628	\$	(80,060)	\$	_	\$	1,450,568																						

NOTE D- LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of the Parkin Municipal Waterworks' long-term notes payable:

	 2020	2019		
4.125% Note Payable due to USDA, due in monthly installments of \$4,130 through 2047, secured by pledge of future revenues and water and sewer system	\$ 826,396	\$	843,546	
4.125% Note Payable due to USDA, due in monthly installments of \$539 through 2047, secured by pledge of				
future revenues and water and sewer system	103,248		105,397	
	929,644		948,943	
Less Current Portion	 (20,221)		(19,330)	
Long-Term Debt, Net of Current Portion	\$ 909,423	\$	929,613	

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

Notes Payable:

	12/31/2019		Additions		Re	ductions	12	12/31/2020		
USDA Note	\$	843,546	\$	-	\$	17,150		826,396		
USDA Note		105,397		_		2,149		103,248		
	\$	948,943	\$	-	\$	19,299	\$	929,644		

NOTE D- LONG-TERM DEBT (Cont'd)

A schedule of the future payments required on notes payable is as follows:

For the years ending						
December 31,	<u>F</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u> </u>	<u>Interest</u>		<u>Total</u>
2021	\$	20,221	\$	37,967	\$	58,188
2022		21,071		37,117		58,188
2023		21,957		36,231		58,188
2024		22,779		35,409		58,188
2025		23,838		34,350		58,188
For the five years						
ending December 31,						
2030		134,992		155,948		290,940
2035		165,866		125,074		290,940
2040		203,761		87,179		290,940
2045		250,438		40,501		290,939
2050		64,721		1,647		66,368
Total	\$	929,644	\$	591,423	\$	1,521,067

NOTE E – RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

Restricted Accounts at December 31, 2020 and 2019 consists of the following:

	2020		2019	
Cash:				•
Customer Meter Deposits	\$ 7,392	\$	10,876	
Debt Service	17,605		17,594	
Total Restricted Accounts	\$ 24,997	\$	28,470	

NOTE F – DUE TO OTHER FUNDS

Due to other funds consists of amounts billed for trash and mosquito control services. The Entity bills and collects these charges for the City of Parkin, Arkansas.

NOTE G – CONCENTRATIONS

During the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, water sales to the Parkin Rural Water Authority were \$ 41,264 and \$ 36,137. This represents 33% and 22% of water revenues for the years ended December 31, 2020, and 2019.

NOTE H – CONTINGENCIES

The Waterworks is subject to governmental regulations regarding water quality and waste disposal. Fines may result from noncompliance.

NOTE I – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

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

MEYER & WARD, P.A. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS P.O. BOX 1045 WYNNE, ARKANSAS 72396

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Mayor and City Council Parkin, Arkansas 72373

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 Parkin Municipal Waterworks, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Parkin Municipal Waterworks' basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 20, 2023.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Parkin 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 Parkin Municipal Waterworks' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Parkin Municipal Waterworks' internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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 *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. 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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be material weaknesses (#20-001, and #20-002).

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Parkin 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 two instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items (#20-003, and 20-004.)

The Parkin Municipal Waterworks' Response to Findings

The Parkin Municipal Waterworks' response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Parkin Municipal Waterworks' response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.

Meyer & Ward

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

January 20, 2023

PARKIN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF PARKIN, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES December 31, 2020

MATERIAL WEAKNESS:

<u># 20-001 Segregation of Duties</u>

CONDITION: The Parkin Municipal Waterworks does not have enough employees for the appropriate segregation of duties necessary for effective internal controls.

CRITERIA: Segregation of duties provides for independent review and approval of all transactions at various stages of the financial reporting process. Adequate segregation of duties is an essential part of an effective internal control structure.

EFFECT: Inadequate segregation of duties reduces the Entity's internal control over financial reporting, processing of transactions, and safeguarding of assets.

RECOMMENDATION: The Entity's management should review all transactions and accounting records, and reconciliations in order to compensate for the limited number of employees. This review should be performed monthly and documented. Additionally management should consider additional staff, or reassignment of job duties to improve segregation of duties.

RESPONSE: We agree with this recommendation and will begin implementation as soon as possible.

PARKIN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF PARKIN, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES DECEMBER 31, 2020

MATERIAL WEAKNESS:

<u># 20-002 Reconciliation of Accounts</u>

CONDITION: The Parkin Municipal Waterworks system of internal control does not include controls to provide for reconciliation of bank accounts, and accounts receivable customer detail to the general ledger control account.

CRITERIA: The Entity is accountable for public funds. A system of internal control should include timely reconciliations for cash accounts and the accounts receivable control accounts. Account reconciliations should be prepared by responsible parties who are otherwise independent of the transaction process.

EFFECT: If appropriate reconciliations are not prepared, all transactions may not be posted, and all transactions posted may not be valid.

RECOMMENDATION: All cash accounts and accounts receivable should be reconciled monthly, and all differences should be resolved on a timely basis, and the reconciliations should be reviewed and approved by management.

RESPONSE: Management will implement this recommendation immediately.

PARKIN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF PARKIN, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES DECEMBER 31, 2020

<u># 20-003 Noncompliance: USDA Loan Assistance CFDA#10.760</u> <u>Debt Service Reserve Accounts</u>

CONDITION: The Parkin Municipal Waterworks does not maintain the required debt service reserves as established by the USDA loan agreement.

CRITERIA: The terms of the loan agreement require the Entity to maintain a debt service account to provide for future debt payments.

EFFECT: Failure to maintain the required reserve is noncompliance with the terms of the loan agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: The Entity should make additional transfers to the reserve account.

RESPONSE: Additional transfers will be made when funds are available.

<u>#20-004 – Noncompliance: USDA Loan Assistance CFDA 10.760 Cash Transfers:</u>

CONDITION – Terms of the loan agreements with USDA specify that loans are secured by pledge of water and sewer revenues. During our audit we noted transfers of \$ 42,801 were made to other funds without lender approval.

CRITERIA – Terms of the loan agreements require the Entity use water and sewer revenue funds for the operation of the water and sewer system, and to fund required debt service reserve accounts.

EFFECT – Transfers to other funds without lender authorization is noncompliance with the terms of the loan agreement.

 $\label{eq:RECOMMENDATION-Transfers to other funds should not be made without lender approval.$

RESPONSE- Management will seek lender approval for transfers.

PARKIN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF PARKIN, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2020

<u>Prior year finding #19-001 – Lack of Segregation of Duties</u>

This finding has been repeated as material weakness finding #20-001.

<u>Prior year finding #19-002 – Accounts Receivable Management</u>

This finding has been repeated as finding # 20-002.

Prior year finding #19-003 – Noncompliance: Debt Service Reserve

This finding has been repeated as finding #20-003.

<u>Prior year finding #19-004 – Noncompliance: USDA Loan Assistance CFDA 10.760 Cash</u> <u>Transfers</u>:

Transfers of water and sewer funds were also noted in current year – finding 20-004,

PARKIN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS CITY OF PARKIN, ARKANSAS BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Variance</u>	
Operating Revenues:						
Water Fees	\$	125,466	\$	138,000	\$	(12,534)
Sanitation				100,000		(100,000)
Pest Control				14,500		(14,500)
Sales Tax				17,500		(17,500)
Sewer Fees		81,095		98,000		(16,905)
Other Revenues		17,616		18,380		(764)
Total Operating Revenues		224,177		386,380		(162,203)
Operating Expenses:						
Salaries and Fringe		43,195		41,600		1,595
Depreciation		80,060				80,060
Excise Tax		-		-		-
Insurance		3,922		-		3,922
Miscellaneous		175		1,550		(1,375)
Office Supplies and Postage		4,647		2,100		2,547
Operating Supplies and Maintenance		24,376		38,280		(13,904)
Payroll Taxes		3,490		8,300		(4,810)
Professional Fees and Contract Labor		13,616		6,308		7,308
Sanitation		-		100,000		(100,000)
Taxes, Licenses, Dues and Fees		6,431		3,183		3,248
Water Bond Expense		-		64,900		(64,900)
Utilities		25,426		25,600		(174)
Total Operating Expenses		205,338		291,821		(86,483)
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		18,839		94,559		(75,720)
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)						
Interest Income		16		-		16
Transfers		(42,801)		(51,000)		8,199
Interest Expense		(38,878)		-		(38,878)
Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)		(81,663)		(51,000)		(30,663)
Change in Net Position	\$	(62,824)	\$	43,559	\$	(106,383)