RECTOR WATER DEPARTMENT

AUDIT REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2022

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor and City Council Rector Water Department Rector, Arkansas 72461

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Rector Water Department of the City of Rector, Arkansas as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Qualified Opinion on Net Pension Liability

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter discussed in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rector Water Department of the City of Rector, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2022, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Rector Water Department participates in the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS). Because of the failure for inclusion in the financial statements, we were unable to form an opinion regarding the net pension liability. GASB Statement No. 68 requires state and local employers to recognize the net pension liability and pension expense on the financial statements, along with the related deferred outflows and inflows of resources.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Rector Water Department and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Rector, Arkansas, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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 the Rector Water Departments 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 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, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or
 error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include
 examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that
 are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
 effectiveness of the Rector Water Department's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is
 expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
 raise substantial doubt about the Rector Water Department'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.

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November 6, 2023

RECTOR WATER DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2022

ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 195,316
Accounts receivable, net	74,477
Prepaid expenses	1,091
Total current assets	270,884
Noncurrent assets:	
Restricted assets:	
Cash, including time deposits	391,050
Capital assets (net)	1,305,606
Total noncurrent assets	1,696,656
Total assets	_1,967,540
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Unamortized charge on refunding of revenue bonds	8,414
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accrued expenses	0
Current portion of long-term debt	75,000_
Total current liabilities	75,000
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Customer deposits payable	48,187
Long-term debt	1,205,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	1,253,187
Total liabilities	\$ _1,328,187

RECTOR WATER DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2022

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	\$ 34,021
Restricted for debt service	155,429
Restricted for meter deposits	30,191
Unrestricted	428,126
Total net position	\$ 647,767

RECTOR WATER DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

OPERATING REVENUES		
Charges for services	\$	489,316
EPA fees		4,120
Special services		18,334
Miscellaneous		2,485
Total operating revenues	-	514,255
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Personal services		159,924
Materials and supplies		38,417
Other services and charges		188,186
Power		11,996
Depreciation		62,312
Total operating expenses	-	460,835
Operating income	_	53,420
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Interest income		2,049
Interest expense	_	(45,254)
Total nonoperating revenue		
(expense)	-	(43,205)
Income (loss) before transfers		10,215
TRANSFERS OUT	_	0
Change in Net Position		10,215
Net position-beginning of year	_	637,552
Net position-end of year	\$_	647,767

RECTOR WATER DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers	\$	493,311
Other operating cash receipts		24,939
Payments for operating goods and services		(238,599)
Payments to employees		(159,924)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	-	119,727
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Operating transfers in (out)		0
Net cash provided (used) by	-	
non-capital financing activities	-	0
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND		
RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of capital assets		0
Principal paid on bonds payable		(70,000)
Interest paid on bonds payable		(46,235)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and		
related financing activities	1	(116,235)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest and dividends		2,049
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	-	2,049
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash		
equivalents		5,541
Cash - beginning of year		580,825
Cash - end of year	\$	586,366

RECTOR WATER DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS-CONTINUED YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating income (loss)	\$	53,420
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net		
cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Cash flows reported in other categories:		
Depreciation and amortization		62,312
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in receivables, net		(57)
Increase (Decrease) in accrued expenses		0
Increase (Decrease) in deposits payable	_	4,052
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$_	119,727
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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Rector Water Department, an enterprise fund of the City of Rector, Arkansas, operates under a City Council form of government. The major operations of the enterprise fund include the City's water and sewer system.

The Rector Water Department's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through it pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the water department are discussed below.

1.A. REPORTING ENTITY

The financial statements include only the accounts of the Rector Water Department's operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Department's reporting entity is set forth in Section 2100 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards. Based on the criteria included in Section 2100, the Rector Water Department has no component units.

1.B. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

The proprietary fund utilizes an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net assets (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

All proprietary funds, i.e. utility funds, utilize the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used.

1.C. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND EQUITY

Cash

For the purpose of the Statement of Net Position, "cash, including time deposits" includes all demand, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit of the Department. For the purpose of the proprietary fund Statement of Cash Flows, "cash and cash equivalents" include all demand and saving accounts, and certificates of deposit or short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

Receivables

Proprietary fund material receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Utility accounts receivable compose the majority of proprietary fund receivables. Uncollectible receivables are not considered material. An allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded on the financial statements equal to .5% of the utilities water and sewer revenues.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are accounted for as capital assets. All capital assets are valued at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated capital assets which are recorded at the estimated fair value at the date of donation. It is the water department's policy to capitalize and depreciate all assets over \$1,000.

Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation ranging from 5 to 40 years.

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets include cash of the Department that is legally restricted to its use. The primary restricted assets are related to the bond accounts.

Long-term Debt

All long-term debt to be repaid from business-type resources are reported as liabilities in the financial statements. The long-term debt consists of revenue bonds payable.

Compensated Absences

The Department allows full-time employees one week paid vacation per year after one year of employment and two weeks vacation after three years employment. Employees are also granted ten sick days per year which can carry over up to thirty (30) days. The Department does not record any accrual for compensated absences. Any such accrual would be immaterial to the financial statements.

Equity Classifications

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets-Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted net position-Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use by (1) external
 groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments;
 or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net position-All other net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

1.D. REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXPENSES

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

Expenditures/Expenses

Proprietary funds report expenses relating to the use of economic resources.

1.E. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

1.F. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS / INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government has only one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. It is the deferred charge on refunding. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter life of the refunded or refunding debt.

NOTE 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

By its nature as a local government unit, the Department is subject to various federal, state, and local laws and contractual regulations. An analysis of the Department's compliance with significant laws and regulations and demonstration of its stewardship over the Department's resources follows.

2.A. DEPOSITS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

In accordance with state law, all uninsured deposits of municipal funds in financial institutions must be secured with acceptable collateral valued at the lower of market or par. As reflected in Note 3A., all deposits were fully insured or collateralized at December 31, 2022.

2.B. REVENUE RESTRICTIONS

The Department has various restrictions placed over certain revenue sources from state or local requirements. The primary restricted revenue sources include:

Revenue Source

Water Revenue

Legal Restrictions of Use
Utility Operations and Debt Service

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Department complied, in all material respects, with these revenue restrictions.

2.C. DEBT COVENANTS

The loan agreements relating to the Water & Sewer Refunding and Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 contain restrictions for covenants that are financial related. These include covenants such as required reserve account balances. The following schedule presents a brief summary of the most significant requirements and the Department's level of compliance thereon as of December 31, 2022.

Requirement

Level of Compliance

\$1,725,000 City of Rector, Arkansas Water & Sewer Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2016

- a. Bond Fund:
 - Deposit in bond fund 1/6 of the next interest payment due plus 1/12 of the next principal payment due.

Fund complied with at December 31, 2022.

b. Debt Service Reserve Fund:
 Continuously maintain an amount equal to 1/2 the maximum annual principal and interest requirements on the Bonds (the "Required Level")

Fund complied with at December 31, 2022.

Depreciation Fund:
 Deposit each month an amount equal to not less than 3% of gross revenues for such month.

Fund complied with at December 31, 2022.

On January 26, 2016, the Rector Water Department refunded the City Water & Sewer Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 which financed improvements to the City's Water & Sewer System. This was accomplished through the issuance of the \$1,725,000 City of Rector, Arkansas Water & Sewer Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2016.

NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASS/ACCOUNTS

The following notes present detail information to support the amounts reported in the basic financial statements for its various assets, liabilities, equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses.

3.A. CASH

The Department's cash consists of cash on hand, deposits with local financial institutions and certificates of deposit. It is the Department's policy to require collateral for all deposits at 100% of all amounts not covered by federal deposit insurance.

At December 31, 2022, the Department's carrying amount of deposits was \$586,366 and the bank balance was \$611,430. Of the bank balance, \$384,292 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$227,138 was pledged and collaterialized with securities.

3.B. RESTRICTED ASSETS

The amounts reported as restricted assets are deposited in a financial institution and are related to the required bond accounts as described in Note 2.C.

The restricted assets as of December 31, 2022, are as follows:

Checking-bond reserve & depreciation funds CD's-bond reserve funds

\$ 177,469 213,581 \$ 391,050

3.C. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable of the business-type activities consist of utilities receivable. Receivables detail at December 31, 2022, is as follows:

Business- type Activities
57,166
19,592
76,758
(2,281)
74,477

3.D. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2022, was as follows:

	Balance at Jan. 1, 2022	Additions	Disposals	Balance at Dec. 31, 2022
Business-type activities:				
Buildings	\$ 60,932 \$	0 \$	0 \$	60,932
Land	45,000	0	0	45,000
Water & sewer plant	3,009,160	0	0	3,009,160
Machinery & equipment	470,559	1,629	0	472,188
Totals at historical cost	3,585,651	1,629	0	3,587,280
Accumulated depreciation	(2,219,361)	(62,312)	0	(2,281,673)
Business-type capital assets, net	\$ 1,366,290	(60,683) \$	0 \$	1,305,607

3.E. LONG-TERM DEBT

As of December 31, 2022, the long-term debt payable from proprietary fund resources consisted of the following:

\$1,725,000 City of Rector, Arkansas Water & Sewer Refunding Revenue Bonds,
Series 2016, int rate 2.7% - 4.0%, maturiting 5-1-2036 \$ 1,280,000

Net long-term debt	1,280,000
Current Portion Noncurrent Portion	\$ 75,000 1,205,000
	\$_1,280,000

Changes in Long-term Debt

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2022:

Type of Debt	Balance Jan. 1, 2022	Additions	Deductions	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Amounts Due within One Year
\$1,725,000 City of Rector, Arkansas Water & Sewer Refunding Revenue					
Bonds, Series 2016	1,350,000	0	70,000	1,280,000	75,000
Total Enterprise Fund Debt	\$ 1,350,000	0 \$	70,000 \$	1,280,000	\$ 75,000

Annual Debt Service Requirements

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, for long-term debt as of December 31, 2022, are as follows:

Year Ending			
December 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	75,000	42,650	117,650
2024	80,000	40,437	120,437
2025	80,000	38,037	118,037
2026	85,000	35,562	120,562
2027	85,000	32,906	117,906
2028	85,000	30,143	115,143
2029-2036	790,000	123,693	913,693
Total	\$1,280,000 \$ _	343,428 \$	1,623,428

4. DATE OF MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Subsequent events have been evaluated through November 6, 2023 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.