

**BAY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BAY, ARKANSAS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022 and 2021**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the City Council
City of Bay, Arkansas 72411

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Bay Water and Sewer Department as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Bay Water and Sewer Department's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Bay Water and Sewer Department, as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year 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 the Bay Water and Sewer Department 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 financial statements present only the Bay Water and Sewer Department and do not purport to and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Bay, Arkansas as of December 31, 2022, 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.

Management Responsibility 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 department's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bay Water and Sewer 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 Bay Water and Sewer 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.

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 4–6 and 20 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

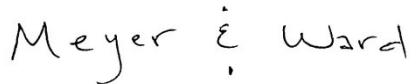
Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 17, 2023, on our consideration of the Bay Water and Sewer Department's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bay Water and Sewer Department's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Bay Water and Sewer Department's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meyer & Ward".

Meyer & Ward, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants
Wynne, Arkansas 72396
October 17, 2023

**BAY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Within this section of the Bay Water and Sewer Department's financial report, the Department's management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Department for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. The Water and Sewer Department's 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 Water and Sewer Department as a whole and present a longer term view of the Department's 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 Bay Water and Sewer Department as a whole

Our analysis of the Water and Sewer Department as a whole follow in the next section. The Department 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 Water and Sewer Department's finances is: "Is the Department 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 Water and Sewer Department 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 Water and Sewer Department's net position and the changes which have occurred in the year. You can think of the Department's net position (the difference between its assets and liabilities) as one way to measure the Water and Sewer Department's 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 Department.

**BAY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Financial highlights are presented below. Future year information will include comparative prior year data when available.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Financial Highlights			
Beginning Net Position	\$ 201,861	\$ 203,703	\$ 147,091
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	<u>69,967</u>	<u>(1,842)</u>	<u>56,612</u>
Ending Net Position	<u><u>\$ 271,828</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 201,861</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 203,703</u></u>

Assets, liabilities, and net position for 2022, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Current Assets	\$ 111,070	\$ 55,305	\$ 52,038
Restricted Assets	127,265	114,340	108,857
Capital Assets	<u>641,132</u>	<u>673,968</u>	<u>714,937</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 879,467</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 843,613</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 875,832</u></u>
Current Liabilities	\$ 114,865	\$ 105,819	\$ 99,783
Long-term Liabilities	<u>492,774</u>	<u>535,933</u>	<u>572,346</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 607,639</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 641,752</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 672,129</u></u>
Net Position			
Unrestricted	\$ 101,052	\$ 39,931	\$ 36,327
Restricted for Debt Service	60,894	60,606	60,243
Net Investment in Capital Assets	<u>109,882</u>	<u>101,324</u>	<u>107,133</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 271,828</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 201,861</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 203,703</u></u>

**BAY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

The following schedule presents a summary of revenues and expenditures for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 319,308	\$ 336,769	\$ 340,477
Operating Expenses	<u>288,504</u>	<u>335,389</u>	<u>288,684</u>
Operating Income	30,804	1,380	51,793
Other Income (Expenses)	<u>39,163</u>	<u>(3,222)</u>	<u>4,819</u>
	<u>\$ 69,967</u>	<u>\$ (1,842)</u>	<u>\$ 56,612</u>

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At year end December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Department had \$ 641,132 and \$ 673,968 respectively invested in capital assets. This represents a net decrease of \$ 32,836 which is the result of depreciation expense recognized of \$ 41,010 and purchases of \$ 8,174.

Debt

At year end, the Water and Sewer Department had \$ 531,250 in outstanding debt. This represents a decrease of \$ 41,394 of principal payments made.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The Water and Sewer Department 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 Water and Sewer Department's finances and to show the Department's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Paul Keith, Mayor of Bay, Arkansas.

**BAY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BAY ARKANSAS
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2022 and 2021**

ASSETS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Current Assets:		
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 70,672	\$ 12,443
Unbilled Revenue	<u>40,398</u>	<u>42,862</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>111,070</u>	<u>55,305</u>
Restricted Assets:		
Cash - Customer Deposits	54,529	41,948
Debt Service CDs	60,894	60,606
Meter Deposit CD	<u>11,842</u>	<u>11,786</u>
Total Restricted Assets	<u>127,265</u>	<u>114,340</u>
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Buildings	12,593	12,593
Equipment	120,001	111,827
Land	12,038	12,038
Water and Sewer System	<u>1,971,550</u>	<u>1,971,550</u>
	2,116,182	2,108,008
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,475,050)</u>	<u>(1,434,040)</u>
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>641,132</u>	<u>673,968</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 879,467</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 843,613</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**BAY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BAY ARKANSAS
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2022 and 2021**

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

	<u>2022</u>	<u>21</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,229	\$ 909
Sanitation Payable	12,153	11,707
Sales Tax Payable	2,412	1,966
Accrued Interest Payable	179	184
Current Portion of Long Term Debt	38,476	36,711
Total Current Liabilities	<u>54,449</u>	<u>51,477</u>
Current Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets		
Customer Meter Deposits	<u>60,416</u>	<u>54,342</u>
Long - Term Liabilities		
First Community Bank	33,110	60,229
Bonds Payable - USDA	498,140	512,415
	531,250	572,644
Less Current Portion	<u>(38,476)</u>	<u>(36,711)</u>
Net Long - Term Liabilities	<u>492,774</u>	<u>535,933</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>607,639</u>	<u>641,752</u>
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	109,882	101,324
Restricted for Debt Service	60,894	60,606
Unrestricted	101,052	39,931
Total Net Position	<u>271,828</u>	<u>201,861</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u><u>\$ 879,467</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 843,613</u></u>

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**BAY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BAY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Water Fees	\$ 194,961	\$ 200,328
Sewer Fees	103,006	116,911
Other Revenues	<u>21,341</u>	<u>19,530</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>319,308</u>	<u>336,769</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Operating Supplies	36,833	52,063
Salaries and Wages	92,116	101,978
Dues and Fees	3,388	4,067
Auto and Truck Expense	4,994	4,215
Depreciation	41,010	40,969
Employee Benefits	1,561	2,179
Insurance Expense	17,900	31,817
Laboratory Expense	4,240	6,815
Miscellaneous	1,200	3,120
Office Expense	12,475	8,718
Professional Fees	6,000	-
Rent	2,878	2,625
Retirement	5,210	5,048
Travel	1,371	2,643
Repairs and Maintenance	7,300	22,327
Utilities Expense	<u>50,028</u>	<u>46,805</u>
Total Operating Expense	<u>288,504</u>	<u>335,389</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>30,804</u>	<u>1,380</u>
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)		
Interest Income	424	457
Interest Expense	(24,377)	(25,460)
Insurance Settlement	51,791	-
Transfers from (to) City	<u>11,325</u>	<u>21,781</u>
Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>39,163</u>	<u>(3,222)</u>
Change in Net Position	69,967	(1,842)
Beginning Net Position	<u>201,861</u>	<u>203,703</u>
Ending Net Position	<u>\$ 271,828</u>	<u>\$ 201,861</u>

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**BAY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BAY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts from Customers	\$ 327,846	\$ 333,872
Payments to Suppliers	(154,166)	(190,559)
Payments to Employees	<u>(92,116)</u>	<u>(101,978)</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>81,564</u>	<u>41,335</u>
Cash Flows from Non-Capital Financing Activities		
Transfers (to) from Restricted Accounts	<u>(12,925)</u>	<u>(5,483)</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	<u>(12,925)</u>	<u>(5,483)</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Cash Received From New Financing	-	-
Principal Paid on Capital Debt	(41,394)	(35,160)
Transfers from (to) Governmental Fund (City General)	11,325	21,781
Proceeds from Insurance	51,791	-
Purchase of Capital Assets	(8,174)	-
Interest Paid on Capital Debt	(24,382)	(25,465)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(10,834)</u>	<u>(38,844)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest Income	<u>424</u>	<u>457</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	<u>424</u>	<u>457</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	58,229	(2,535)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>12,443</u>	<u>14,978</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 70,672</u>	<u>\$ 12,443</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
Operating Income	30,804	1,380
Depreciation	41,010	40,969
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	2,464	(5,802)
Increase (Decrease) in Sales Tax Payables	446	1,966
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	766	(83)
Increase (Decrease) in Customer Deposits	<u>6,074</u>	<u>2,905</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 81,564</u>	<u>\$ 41,335</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

**BAY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BAY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022 and 2021**

NOTE A – ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES

Organization and Financial Reporting – Bay Water and Sewer Department is a component unit of the City of Bay, Arkansas. The accompanying financial statements present only the Bay Water and Sewer Department and do not include all funds, account groups, and programs controlled by the City of Bay. Other activities, funds, and account groups and programs are included in a government wide audit performed by the Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit. The Water and Sewer Department consists of an enterprise fund with the purpose of providing water and sewer services to the general public within the City and the rural residents of the surrounding area.

Basis of accounting – The Bay Water and Sewer Department uses the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The enterprise fund is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Estimates - 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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – The Bay Water and Sewer Department 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.

Accounts Receivable - Accounts receivable arise from sales of water and sewer services to local customers. Accounts receivable are presented at net estimated 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.. Accounts receivable are collateralized by customer deposits.

Property and Equipment – Property and Equipment 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 5 - 7 years for office furniture and equipment, to 40 years for the water and sewer system.

Restricted Assets – The Bay Water and Sewer Department is required under the terms of various bond ordinances to establish and maintain prescribed cash balances that can only be used for specific purposes.

Risk Management - The Bay Water and Sewer Department minimizes risk of loss through purchase of commercial insurance coverage.

Operating Revenues and Expenses – Operating Revenues and Expenses consist 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 Department's policy to apply those expenses to restricted net assets to the extent such are available and then to unrestricted net assets.

Sales Tax – The Bay Water and Sewer Department 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.

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NOTE A – ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONT'D)

Compensated absences – No accrual has been made for compensated absences because the amounts would not be material.

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

Advertising – Advertising costs are charged to expenses when incurred.

Credit Risk – Financial instruments which subject the Department to concentration of credit risk consist principally of temporary cash investments. The Department places its temporary cash investments with financial institutions, and its policy is to limit the amount of credit risk exposure. The Department's 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 Water and Sewer Department's 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 Water and Sewer Department's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Water and Sewer Department. The categories are described as follows:

Category 1- Insured or collateralized by the Water and Sewer Department or by its agent in the Water and Sewer Department's name.

Category 2- Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or by its agent in the Water and Sewer Department's name.

Category 3- Uncollateralized.

At December 31, 2022, cash deposits categorized by level of risks are as follows:

Carrying Amount	Category		
	1	2	3
<u>\$ 197,937</u>	<u>\$ 197,937</u>		

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NOTE C – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of property, plant and equipment for the Water and Sewer Department is presented below:

	December 31, 2021	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2022
Land	\$ 12,038			\$ 12,038
Buildings	12,593			12,593
System Plant, Wells, & Lines	1,971,550			1,971,550
Equipment	111,827	8,174	-	120,001
	2,108,008	8,174	-	2,116,182
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,434,040)	(41,010)		(1,475,050)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u>\$ 673,968</u>	<u>\$ (32,836)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 641,132</u>

NOTE D – LONG TERM NOTES PAYABLE

The following is a summary of the Bay Water and Sewer Department's long-term notes payable:

	2022	2021
USDA, 4.375 % , monthly \$ 728, through June 2044, secured by future revenues	\$ 113,832	\$ 117,500
USDA, 4.375 % , monthly \$ 2,306 through June 2044, secured by future revenues	384,308	394,915
First Community Bank, 4.5%, monthly \$2,006 through January 2021. Refinanced subsequent to year end at 4%, due in monthly installments of \$ 2039 through July, 2024, unsecured.	33,110	60,229
	\$ 531,250	\$ 572,644
Less Current Portion	(38,476)	(36,711)
Net Long-Term Notes Payable	<u>\$ 492,774</u>	<u>\$ 535,933</u>

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NOTE D – LONG TERM NOTES PAYABLE (CON'T'D)

A summary of notes payable activity is as follows:

	<u>12/31/2021</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>
First Community Bank	\$ 60,229		\$ 27,119	\$ 33,110
USDA	512,415	-	14,275	498,140
Total	<u>\$ 572,644</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 41,394</u>	<u>\$ 531,250</u>

A Schedule of the future payments required is as follows:

For the Years Ending
December 31,

	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 38,476	\$ 22,403	\$ 60,879
2024	25,064	20,984	46,048
2025	16,270	20,138	36,408
2026	16,997	19,411	36,408
2027	17,755	18,653	36,408

For the five years
ending December 31,

2032	101,294	80,746	182,040
2037	126,084	55,956	182,040
2042	151,001	25,249	176,250
2047	38,309	1,282	39,591
	<u>\$ 531,250</u>	<u>\$ 264,822</u>	<u>\$ 796,072</u>

NOTE E – RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

The Debt Service Reserve cash accounts have been established pursuant to agreements with U.S. Rural Development. These accounts are required to maintain monthly transfers as defined by loan agreements and are restricted for retirement of long-term debt and repairs.

The required balance for the Debt Service Reserve accounts at December 31, 2022 is \$36,408. The actual amounts held in the Debt Service Reserve cash accounts at December 31, 2022 is \$60,894, for a surplus in the Debt Service Reserve of \$24,486. The required balance for the Debt Service reserve accounts at December 31, 2021 was \$ 36,408. The actual amount held in the Debt Service Reserve cash account was \$ 60,606.

The Customer Meter Deposit Cash account is reserved for customer meter deposits. The cash balance should equal or exceed the Customer Meter Deposit liability. At December 31, 2022, the Customer Meter cash balances exceeded the Deposit liability by \$5,995 and at December 31, 2021 the Customer Meter Deposit Liability exceeded the cash balances held by \$ 608.

**BAY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BAY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022 and 2021**

NOTE F – RETIREMENT PLAN

The Department maintains a pension plan for all water and sewer employees and has contracted with a private insurance carrier, who maintains the account for the Department. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investments earnings. The plan requires the Department to contribute to the insurance carrier an amount up to 5% of employee contribution match of the employee's base salary. Earnings are credited to the employees account quarterly. Employees are entitled only to the funds deposited by them and on their behalf; therefore, there is no unfunded liability. The department's contribution to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 was \$5,210, and \$5,048 respectively..

NOTE G – LEASE

The Water and Sewer Department leases land from the railroad. The lease term is less than twelve months and qualifies as a short term lease.

NOTE H – 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 City Council
Bay, Arkansas

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Bay Water and Sewer Department as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022, and 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Water and Sewer Department's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 17, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Bay Water and Sewer Department's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bay Water and Sewer Department's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Water and Sewer Department's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Water and Sewer Department'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 over financial reporting 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be significant deficiencies (#22-001)

Compliance and Other Matters

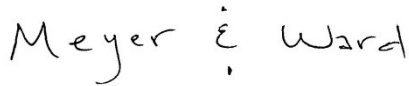
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Bay Water and Sewer Department's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Bay Water and Sewer Department's Response to Findings

Bay Water and Sewer Department's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Bay Water and Sewer Department's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement 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 Water and Sewer Department'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 Water and Sewer Department's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meyer & Ward".

Meyer & Ward, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants
Wynne, Arkansas 72396
October 17, 2023

**BAY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BAY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

22-001 Segregation of Duties

CONDITION: The Bay Water and Sewer Department 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 Department's internal control over financial reporting, processing of transactions, and safeguarding of assets.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department's management should review all transactions, accounting records, and reconciliations in order to compensate for the limited number of employees. Such a review should be performed at least monthly and documented.

RESPONSE: Additional employees for the purpose of improving internal controls would not be cost beneficial. Currently, all employees are supervised by management, and financial records and reports are reviewed monthly by the Council.

**BAY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BAY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Prior year finding #21-01 – Lack of Segregation of Duties

This finding has been repeated as finding #22-001.

**BAY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BAY, ARKANSAS
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Operating Revenues:			
Water Fees	\$ 194,961	\$ 497,000	\$ (302,039)
Sewer Fees	103,006	-	103,006
Other Revenues	<u>21,341</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>13,841</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>319,308</u>	<u>504,500</u>	<u>(185,192)</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Operating Supplies	36,833	31,000	(5,833)
Salaries and Wages	92,116	110,089	17,973
Dues and Fees	3,388	7,500	4,112
Auto and Truck Expense	4,994	5,000	6
Depreciation	41,010		(41,010)
Employee Benefits	1,561	6,000	4,439
Equipment		16,460	16,460
Insurance Expense	17,900	31,980	14,080
Laboratory Expense	4,240	7,000	2,760
Miscellaneous	1,200	15,600	14,400
Office Expense	12,475	4,000	(8,475)
Professional Fees	6,000	7,300	1,300
Rent	2,878	3,000	122
Retirement	5,210		(5,210)
Sanitation Expense		130,000	130,000
Travel	1,371	3,000	1,629
Loan Payments		36,408	36,408
Sales Tax		29,500	29,500
Repairs and Maintenance	7,300	6,000	(1,300)
Utilities Expense	<u>50,028</u>	<u>49,200</u>	<u>(828)</u>
Total Operating Expense	<u>288,504</u>	<u>499,037</u>	<u>210,533</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>30,804</u>	<u>5,463</u>	<u>25,341</u>
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)			
Interest Income	424	36	388
Interest Expense	(24,377)		(24,377)
Insurance Settlement	51,791		51,791
Transfers from (to) City	<u>11,325</u>		<u>11,325</u>
Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>39,163</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>39,127</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 69,967</u>	<u>\$ 5,499</u>	<u>\$ 64,468</u>