

**CITY OF DECATUR  
WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT  
Decatur, Arkansas  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021  
and  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the City Council  
City Decatur, Arkansas**

### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Decatur, Arkansas, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the 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 financial position of the Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Decatur, Arkansas as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

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 Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Decatur, Arkansas 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 1, the financial statements present only the Water & Wastewater Department and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Decatur, Arkansas as of December 31, 2022, and 2021, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flow for the years 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 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 Responsibility 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 substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement 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 financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures including 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 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 judgement, 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 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.

#### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Decatur, Arkansas's basic financial statements. The Supplementary Information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Supplementary Information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 8, 2023 on our consideration of the Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Decatur, Arkansas'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 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Decatur, Arkansas's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



BERRY & ASSOCIATES, P.A.  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
March 8, 2023

**CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS  
WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION  
December 31, 2022 and 2021**

**ASSETS**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 758,677	\$ 769,154
Accounts receivable	374,696	472,565
Inventory of supplies, at cost	192,798	192,798
Prepaid expenses	-	23,858
Total Current Assets	<u>1,326,171</u>	<u>1,458,375</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>RESTRICTED ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>8,547,263</u>	<u>2,494,776</u>
Capital assets		
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>29,053,842</u>	<u>29,620,574</u>
Other assets		
Capitalized interest, net of accumulated amortization	95,136	100,796
Operating Lease, right-of-use assets	<u>23,950</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>119,086</u>	<u>100,796</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 39,046,362</u>	<u>\$ 33,674,521</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION**

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 572,100	\$ 666,100
Accounts payable	152,543	127,520
Accrued payroll taxes	16,019	18,358
Sales tax payable	2,819	2,327
Due to other funds	14,210	12,220
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	16,400	-
Total Current Liabilities	<u>774,091</u>	<u>826,525</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS</b>		
Customer water meter deposits	61,435	59,730
Accrued interest payable	175,973	130,539
Total Current Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets	<u>237,408</u>	<u>190,269</u>
<b>NONCURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	25,246,202	19,023,202
Operating lease liabilities, net of current maturities	<u>7,550</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>25,253,752</u>	<u>19,023,202</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>26,265,251</u>	<u>20,039,996</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	3,330,740	10,032,068
Unrestricted	7,639,684	1,982,853
Temporarily restricted	<u>1,810,687</u>	<u>1,619,604</u>
Total Net Position	<u>12,781,111</u>	<u>13,634,525</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ 39,046,362</u>	<u>\$ 33,674,521</u>

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

**CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS**  
**WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT**  
**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
Water revenue	\$ 634,200	\$ 532,627
Sewer revenue	4,546,868	4,534,674
Sanitation fees	86,879	84,150
Penalty charges	9,888	24,036
Connection fees	3,675	9,375
Other revenues	21,124	30,345
Total Operating Revenues	<u>5,302,634</u>	<u>5,215,207</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Wages	609,264	564,561
Payroll taxes	45,879	41,949
Employee benefits	87,768	83,160
Purchased water	534,048	546,929
Utilities and telephone	536,760	490,425
Sanitation expense	71,603	72,147
Materials and supplies	198,514	129,655
Vehicle expense	17,791	11,243
Insurance expense	124,573	110,258
Chemical expense	521,744	418,259
Sludge removal	343,348	301,618
Repairs and maintenance	428,734	369,261
Legal and professional fees	57,874	58,677
Miscellaneous expense	34,733	39,147
Depreciation and amortization	996,254	1,004,109
Lease expense	24,304	14,801
Total Operating Expenses	<u>4,633,191</u>	<u>4,256,199</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<u>669,443</u>	<u>959,008</u>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>		
Interest income	86,451	35,388
Interest expense	(972,452)	(841,826)
Other income	36,010	7,747
Grant income	-	3,204
Bond original issue discount	(390,192)	-
Bond issuance costs	(282,674)	-
Net Non-Operating Expenses	<u>(1,522,857)</u>	<u>(795,487)</u>
<b>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	<u>(853,414)</u>	<u>163,521</u>
<b>TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,412)</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	<u>(853,414)</u>	<u>156,109</u>
<b>NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR, originally stated</b>	<u>13,634,525</u>	<u>13,383,110</u>
<b>PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,306</u>
<b>NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR, restated</b>	<u>13,634,525</u>	<u>13,478,416</u>
<b>NET POSITION - ENDING OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 12,781,111</u>	<u>\$ 13,634,525</u>

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

**CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS**  
**WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021**

	2022	2021
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Cash received from customers	\$ 5,400,503	\$ 5,123,515
Cash payments to suppliers	(2,976,944)	(2,731,860)
Cash payments to employees	(609,264)	(564,561)
Net cash provided by operating activities:	1,814,295	1,827,094
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Interest received	86,451	35,388
Net cash provided by investing activities:	86,451	35,388
<b>Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:</b>		
Transfers out to other funds	-	(7,412)
Other income received, net of other expenses	36,010	7,747
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities:	36,010	335
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>		
Purchases of capital assets	(241,616)	(4,245)
Payments on construction in progress	(182,245)	-
Bond fees	(282,674)	-
Bond original issue discount	(390,192)	-
Proceeds from long-term debt	16,215,000	-
Proceeds from grants	-	3,204
Principal payments on long-term debt	(10,086,000)	(645,037)
Interest payments on long-term debt	(927,019)	(845,206)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities:	4,105,254	(1,491,284)
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	6,042,010	371,533
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	3,263,930	2,892,397
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 9,305,940	\$ 3,263,930
<b>Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Operating income	\$ 669,443	\$ 959,008
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	996,254	1,004,109
(Increase) decrease in-		
Accounts receivable	97,869	(91,692)
Inventory	-	(60,472)
Prepaid expenses	23,858	(1,412)
Right of use asset	(23,950)	-
Increase (decrease) in-		
Accounts payable	25,023	10,929
Lease liability	23,950	-
Payroll taxes payable	(2,339)	942
Sales tax payable	492	218
Customer deposits	1,705	5,044
Due to general fund	1,990	420
Total adjustments	1,144,852	868,086
Net cash provided by operating activities:	\$ 1,814,295	\$ 1,827,094
<b>SUPPLEMENTARY DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
Non-cash capital and related financing activities:		
Increase in operating lease right-of-use asset	\$ 23,950	
Adjustments to correct omissions in prior years		\$ 95,306

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

**CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS  
WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2022 and 2021**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

**Reporting Entity**

The Department is a component of the City of Decatur, Arkansas with operations directed by the City Council. The system serves property located within the corporate limits of the City of Decatur and certain properties outside the city limits.

**Basis of Presentation and Accounting**

The accounts of the Department are organized on the basis of a proprietary Fund type, specifically an enterprise Fund. The activities of this Department are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise the Department's assets, liabilities, net position, revenues and expenses. Enterprise funds account for activities (i) that are financed with debt that is secured solely by a pledge of the net revenues from fees and charges of the activity; or (ii) that are required by laws or regulations that the activity's costs of providing services, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service), be recovered with fees and charges, rather than with taxes or similar revenues; or (iii) that the pricing policies of the activity establish fees and charges designed to recover its costs, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service).

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the Department is determined by its measurement focus. The transactions of the Department are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations are included on the statement of net position. Net position (i.e., total assets net of total liabilities) are segregated into invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted for debt service; and unrestricted components.

**Estimates**

Management of the Department has made certain estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and revenues and expenses to prepare these financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Department considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted cash and investments) with maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Certificate of deposits are presented at fair value. Short-term investments generally mature or are otherwise available for withdrawal in less than one year.

**Accounts Receivable**

The Department has elected to record bad debts using the direct write-off method. Generally accepted accounting principles require that the allowance method be used to recognize bad debts; however as of December 31, 2022 management had determined that no additional accounts needed to be written off. Bad debt expense for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$0.

**Inventories**

Inventories consist of expendable supplies held for the Department's use and are carried at cost using the first-in, first-out method.

**Capital Assets**

The cost of additions and major replacements of retired units of property are capitalized. The Department defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Cost includes direct labor, outside services, materials and transportation, employee fringe benefits, overhead, and interest on Departments borrowed to finance construction. The Department did not capitalize interest during the fiscal years 2022 and 2021. The cost and accumulated depreciation of property sold or retired is deducted from capital assets and any profit or loss resulting from the disposal is credited or charged in the nonoperating section of the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. The cost of current repairs, maintenance, and minor replacements is charged to expense. Construction in progress primarily relates to upgrades of existing facilities.

Depreciation has been provided over estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings	10-40 years
Water and sewer system	5-40 years
Automobiles and equipment	5-15 years



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WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: con't**

**Long-Term Debt and Costs**

Long-term debt is reported at face value, net of applicable discounts and deferred loss on refunding. Costs related to the issuance of debt are deferred and amortized over the lives of the various debt issues. Losses occurring from advance refundings of debt are deferred and amortized as interest expense over the remaining life of the old bonds, or the life of the new bonds, whichever is shorter.

**Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating revenues and expenses consist of those revenues that result from the ongoing principal operations of the Department. Operating revenues consist primarily of charges for services. Nonoperating revenues and expenses consist of those revenues and expenses that are related to financing and investing type of activities and result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities. When an expense is incurred for purposes for which there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available, it is the Department's policy to apply those expenses to restricted net position to the extent such are available and then to unrestricted net position.

**Net Position**

Net position comprises the various net earnings from operating income, nonoperating revenues and expenses, and capital contributions. Net position is classified in the following three components:

*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.

*Temporarily Restricted*- This component of net position consists of constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted* - This component of net position consists of net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted."

**Date of Management's Review**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 8, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Adoption of GASB 87**

Effective January 1, 2022, the Company adopted GASB 87, Leases. The new standard establishes a right of use (ROU) model that requires a lessee to record an ROU asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases are classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the income statement. Leases with a term of less than 12 months will not record a right of use asset and lease liability and the payments will be recognized into profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The adoption of FASB ASC 842 resulted in the recognition of right-of-use-assets, net of prepaid lease payments and lease incentives, of \$23,950 and operating lease liabilities of \$23,950 as of January 1, 2022. Results for periods beginning prior to January 1, 2022 continue to be reported in accordance with our historical accounting treatment, based on relief provided in the practical expedients of this new standard. The adoption of GASB 87 did not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations or cash flows.

**Capitalized Interest**

Interest costs are capitalized when incurred on debt where proceeds were used to finance the construction of assets. Interest earned on proceeds of tax-exempt borrowing arrangements restricted to the acquisition of qualifying assets is offset against interest costs in determining the amount to be capitalized.

**NOTE 2 - MAJOR CUSTOMERS:**

Of the total wastewater revenues of \$4,546,868 earned in the year ended December 31, 2022, a combined total of 97% of all wastewater revenues was earned from two customers.

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WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 3 - LONG-TERM DEBT:**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
General Obligation Bond, payable to Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, due in semi-annual installments, including interest at 4.75% beginning December 2009 through June 2039. (1)	\$ 583,302	\$ 624,302
Revenue bond payable to Citizens Bank and Trust, due in varying monthly installments, including interest at a variable rate beginning June 2015 through December 2033. (2)	1,230,000	1,320,000
Revenue bond payable to First Arkansas Bank and Trust, due in varying monthly installments, including interest at a variable rate beginning May 2017 through May 2036. (3)	7,790,000	8,205,000
Revenue bond payable to First Arkansas Bank and Trust, due in varying monthly installments, including interest at a variable rate beginning May 2017 through May 2041. (4)	-	9,540,000
Revenue bond payable to Simmons Bank, due in varying monthly installments, including interest at a variable rate beginning Nov 2022 through May 2042. (5)	7,435,000	-
Revenue bond payable to Simmons Bank, due in varying monthly installments, including interest at a variable rate beginning Nov 2022 through May 2049. (5)	8,780,000	-
	<u>25,818,302</u>	<u>19,689,302</u>
Less Current Portion	<u>(572,100)</u>	<u>(666,100)</u>
Total Long-Term Portion	<u>\$ 25,246,202</u>	<u>\$ 19,023,202</u>

- (1) The general obligation bonds have restrictive covenants including requirements to accumulate a debt service reserve at a rate equal to 3% of the gross monthly revenue while the bond is outstanding.
- (2) The Revenue Bonds have restrictive covenants including a requirement to have a reserve of \$147,000 while the bond is outstanding.
- (3) The Revenue Bonds have restrictive covenants including a requirement to have a reserve of \$437,000 while the bond is outstanding.
- (4) The Revenue Bonds have restrictive covenants including a requirement to have a reserve of \$745,900 while the bond is outstanding.
- (5) The Revenue Bonds have restrictive covenants including a requirement to have a reserve of \$750,275 while the bond is outstanding.

The annual maturities of long-term debt payable at December 31, 2022 are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023	\$ 572,100	\$ 1,082,186	\$ 1,654,286
2024	593,200	1,067,549	1,660,749
2025	609,300	1,052,536	1,661,836
2026	630,400	1,027,842	1,658,242
2027	651,600	1,010,548	1,662,148
2028-2032	3,711,600	4,630,591	8,342,191
2033-2037	4,640,102	3,676,696	8,316,798
2038-2042	5,630,000	2,674,343	8,304,343
2043-2047	5,960,000	1,458,472	7,418,472
2048-2049	2,820,000	142,750	2,962,750
	<u>\$ 25,818,302</u>	<u>\$ 17,823,512</u>	<u>\$ 43,641,814</u>

**CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS  
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**NOTE 3 - LONG-TERM DEBT (con't):**

Long-term liability activity for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 is as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Long Term Debt					
Bonds Payable	\$ 19,689,302	\$ 16,215,000	\$ (10,086,000)	\$ 25,818,302	\$ 572,100
	<u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/2021</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2021</u>	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Long Term Debt					
Bonds Payable	\$ 20,334,339	\$ -	\$ (645,037)	\$ 19,689,302	\$ 666,100

Proceeds from the bonds were used for the building of and additional improvements to the Department's water and sewer systems. Principal and interest on the bonds are payable through 2049, solely from the water and sewer customer net revenues. Principal and interest paid in the year ended December 31, 2022 were \$10,086,000 and \$927,019, respectively. Principal and interest paid in the year ended December 31, 2021 were \$645,037 and \$845,206, respectively.

**NOTE 4 – PENSION PLAN:**

**Plan Description.** The City of Decatur contributes to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers municipal employees whose municipalities have elected coverage under this System. APERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for APERS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, One Union National Plaza, 124 W. Capitol, Little Rock, AR 72201 or by calling 1-800-682-7377.

**Funding Policy.** APERS has contributory plans. Contributory members are required by code to contribute 5.25% of their salary. Each participating employer is required by code to contribute at a rate established by the Board of Trustees of the system based on the annual actuarial valuation. The current employer rate is 15.32% of annual covered payroll. The Department's contributions to APERS for the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2021 were \$87,768 and \$83,160, respectively, equal to the required contributions for the year.

**Implementation of GASB 68**

In June 2012, GASB issued Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, which became effective with fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014. The Statement establishes standards for public pension plan obligations for participating employers. Under the new statement, a cost-sharing employer whose employees receive pensions through a trust will report in the financial statements a net pension liability, deferred outflows or inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense based on its' proportionate share of the collective net pension liability of all employers in the plan. A net pension liability can be volatile due to changes in actuarial estimates and the actual investment return. These financial statements do not include the disclosure related to this accounting principal, but would be included in the government wide financial statements and not the individual fund financial statements.

**NOTE 5 –PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS; DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:**

As required by law, all funds are deposited in approved banks. The deposited funds are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") or collateralized by securities held by the banks in the Department's name.

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WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT  
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**NOTE 6 –CAPITAL ASSETS:**

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2022 was as follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2021	Additions	Deletions/ Transfers	Balance at December 31, 2022
City complex	\$ 231,688	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 231,688
Land	41,835	-	-	41,835
Machinery & equipment	1,075,878	26,085	-	1,101,963
New sewer plant	1,293,797	-	-	1,293,797
Sewer extension costs	769,946	-	-	769,946
Sewer improvements	21,983,231	135,735	-	22,118,966
Shop building	20,017	32,997	-	53,014
Water improvements	13,698,837	46,800	-	13,745,637
Water wells	891,274	-	-	891,274
Construction in progress	-	182,245	-	182,245
	<u>40,006,503</u>	<u>423,862</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,430,365</u>
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(10,385,929)</u>	<u>(990,594)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,376,523)</u>
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 29,620,574</u>	<u>\$ (566,732)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 29,053,842</u>

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2021 was as follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2020	Additions	Deletions/ Transfers	Balance at December 31, 2021
City complex	\$ 231,688	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 231,688
Land	41,835	-	-	41,835
Machinery & equipment	1,071,633	4,245	-	1,075,878
New sewer plant	1,293,797	-	-	1,293,797
Sewer extension costs	769,946	-	-	769,946
Sewer improvements	21,983,231	-	-	21,983,231
Shop building	20,017	-	-	20,017
Water improvements	13,698,837	-	-	13,698,837
Water wells	891,274	-	-	891,274
	<u>40,002,258</u>	<u>4,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,006,503</u>
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(9,387,479)</u>	<u>(998,450)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,385,929)</u>
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 30,614,779</u>	<u>\$ (994,205)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 29,620,574</u>

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**NOTE 7 – COMMITMENTS:****Contract Commitments**

The Department has five individual contracts with Utility Service Co., Inc., to provide the professional service needed to maintain the water storage tanks. Payments are made to Utility Service Co., Inc. quarterly for an indefinite period of time. Contract payments amounted to \$55,620 for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Future minimum commitments for contracts for the next four years are as follows:

2023	\$	51,140
2024		51,140
2025		51,140
2026		51,140
		<u>51,140</u>
	\$	<u>204,560</u>

The Department has entered into a 30-year service contract with the City of Centerton, commencing on August 19, 2013. The Department will accept and treat at its Plant, Centerton's sewage as delivered by Centerton. Centerton agrees to pay the Department the same rates as charged to Decatur's customers. The initial Base Rate shall be \$3.10 per 1,000 gallons of flow for residential customers and for commercial customers discharging less than 300,000 gallons of flow per month, and \$3.68 per 1,000 gallons of flow for commercial customers discharging 300,000 gallons or more per month. In addition to the Base Rate, Centerton agrees to pay Decatur a treatment surcharge of \$.20 per 1,000 gallons of flow. Said surcharge shall continue until the earlier of: (1) Expiration of 10 years from the date of Centerton's commencement of delivery of sewage to the Plant; or (2) Aggregate surcharge payments of \$500,000.

**NOTE 8 – PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT:**

For the year ended December 31, 2021, it was realized that inventory had been previously understated by \$95,306 as of December 31, 2020. Adjustments related to the corrections of these omissions resulted in an increase to unrestricted net assets of \$95,306 as of December 31, 2021.

**NOTE 9 – RESTRICTED ASSETS:**

Restricted assets consist of cash reserves restricted by long-term debt covenants and cash deposits for meters by customers. The long-term debt covenants require minimum reserves for debt service reserves (see Note 3).

The following is a list of the restricted cash at December 31:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Debt Service Reserves	\$ 1,810,217	\$ 1,619,142
Bond Fund	570,006	650,451
Customer Meter Deposits	94,433	91,000
Construction Funds	<u>6,072,607</u>	<u>134,183</u>
	<u>\$ 8,547,263</u>	<u>\$ 2,494,776</u>

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**NOTE 10 – LEASES**

The Department leases various equipment using operating lease agreements. The terms of the leases are three to five years, and they do not include the option to purchase the equipment at the end of the lease term. Where the implicit interest rate of the lessor was unknown, the Company elected to use their incremental borrowing rate of 3.90%. The following summarizes the line items in the balance sheet which include amounts for operating leases as of December 31, 2022.

Operating lease right-of-use assets	<u>\$ 23,950</u>
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	\$ 16,400
Operating lease liabilities, less current portion	<u>7,550</u>
Total operating lease liabilities	<u>\$ 23,950</u>

The components of operating lease expense that are included in the income statement for the year ended December 31, 2022 are as follows:

Operating expenses	
Lease payments	\$ 24,304

The maturities of operating lease liabilities are as follows:

2023	\$ 19,325
2024	<u>9,154</u>
Total lease payments	28,479
Less: interest	<u>(4,529)</u>
Present value of lease liability	<u>\$ 23,950</u>



**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 City Council  
City of Decatur, 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 Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Decatur, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Decatur, Arkansas's financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 8, 2023.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the 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 Department's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 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 in a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies 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 that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2022-001 and 2022-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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 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 as items 2022-003.

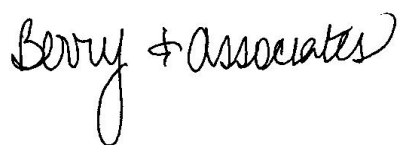
**To the City Council  
City of Decatur, Arkansas**

**Department's Response to Findings**

The Water and Sewer Department of the City of Decatur, Arkansas' responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings. The Department's responses were 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.



Berry & Associates, P.A.  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
March 8, 2023



**CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS  
WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND REPOSSES  
December 31, 2022**

**2022-001 Internal Control – Segregation of Duties**

Criteria: The segregation of duties and responsibilities between different individuals for custody of assets, recordkeeping and those assets and reconciliation of those asset accounts is an important control activity needed to adequately protect the entity's assets and ensure accurate financial reporting.

Condition: Presently the same individual who is responsible for service billing and adjustment, receives customer payments, and posts payments to subsidiary accounts receivable ledger. In addition, only limited oversight is provided over this individual in the conduct of their daily functions. This finding was also noted in 2021.

Cause: The Department's limited size and staffing resources have made it difficult for management to provide sufficient staffing to fully segregate incompatible duties in a cost-effective manner.

Effect or Potential Effect: Without sufficient segregation of duties, the risk significantly increases that errors and fraud related to utility billing and collection activities, including misappropriation of assets, could occur and not be detected within a timely basis.

Recommendation: We recommend that management and the city council should consider a formal evaluation of their risks associated with this lack of duty segregation over utility cash and receivables. In response to the identified risks, consideration should be given to identifying and implementing controls that could help mitigate the risks associated with lack of segregation of duties, such as providing increased management oversight. For example, the entity might consider soliciting the assistance of an independent volunteer to perform certain functions including to act as compensating procedures where applicable.

View Of Responsible Officials: The Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Decatur, Arkansas has attempted to segregate duties, but due to the limited number of personnel, effective segregation of duties is not possible.

**2022-002 Internal Control – Complete set of accounting records**

Criteria: Maintaining a complete set of accounting records.

Condition: At December 31, 2022 the Department's general ledger did not include the current year's transactions for several trust accounts that are administered by third parties that are a material part of the financial statements. This finding was also noted in 2021.

Cause: The Fund did not properly record transactions and maintain accounting records.

Effect or Potential Effect: General ledger accounts were not properly accounted for in the Department's internal financial statements. With these accounts missing, it does not permit the preparation of accurate and reliable financial statements.

Recommendation: We recommend that management of the Department properly records all transactions and appropriately maintains all accounting records in a timely manner.

View Of Responsible Officials: The Department concurs with the recommendation.

**CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS  
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**2022-003 Compliance –Bond Covenants**

Criteria: The Department was not in compliance with the depreciation reserve requirements set forth by the General Obligation Bond agreement with Arkansas Natural Resources Commission.

Condition: Bond covenants with Arkansas Natural Resources Commission require a depreciation reserve in the amount of three percent of gross monthly revenues to be accumulated for the life of the loan. This finding was also noted in 2021.

Cause: The Department has not been making required monthly transfers to the depreciation reserve accounts.

Effect or Potential Effect: Without having the proper reserve accounts, the Department risks having the ability to pay for any major repair.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Department start making the required monthly transfers to the depreciation and debt service accounts.

View Of Responsible Officials: The Department concurs with the recommendation.

**CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS  
WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
December 31, 2022**

**GOVERNMENT:**

The Water and Wastewater Department City of Decatur, Arkansas is governed by a mayor and six aldermen. The records are maintained by the City Administrative Assistant.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Bob Tharp	Mayor
Sandra Duncan	Aldermen
Randy Boone	Aldermen
James Jessen	Aldermen
Danny Harrington	Aldermen
Linda Martin	Aldermen
Mike Price	Aldermen
Kim Wilkins	Recorder/Treasurer

**USAGE OF THE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM:**

The current water and wastewater rates are shown in the following schedules:

<b><u>WATER RATES:</u></b>	<u>Within Corporate Limits (Per 1,000 Gal)</u>	<u>Outside Corporate Limits (Per 1,000 Gal)</u>
GALLONS		
Minimum water rates are for the first 1,000 gallons, and the monthly minimums are as follows:		
Minimum      1,000	\$      10.69	\$      16.18
Next            9,000	4.95	6.29
Next            40,000	4.66	5.37
Next            250,000	4.49	5.15
Excess          300,001	4.43	5.15

<b><u>SEWER RATES:</u></b>	<u>Within Corporate Limits (Per 1,000 Gal)</u>	<u>Industrial Rates (Per 1,000 Gal)</u>
Minimum      1,000	\$      7.20	\$      7.20
Next            9,000	3.64	3.64
Next            40,000	3.34	3.34
Excess          50,001	3.24	Next 250,000 Excess                      4.22

Sewer rates are based on current usage of water.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (Continued)  
December 31, 2022**

**USAGE OF THE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM, CONT:**

As of December 31, 2022, water service and wastewater service were provided to 984 and 653 users, respectively.

Total gallons of water consumed during the year ended December 31, 2022 amounted to approximately 1,226,466.

**ACCOUNTING:**

Reserve accounts are not being properly maintained.

**INSURANCE COVERAGE:**

	<u>Amount of Coverage</u>	<u>Policy Period</u>
Arkansas Municipal League Property	\$ 226,429	January 2, 2022 to January 1, 2023
Vehicle	\$ 481,740	January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023
Workers Compensation	Statutory	January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023
Nationwide Property & Casualty Ins Co Property	\$ 4,585,900	August 26, 2022 to August 26, 2023