

City of Redfield Water & Sewer Utility
A Department of the City of Redfield, Arkansas

Financial Statements
with
Independent Auditor's Report
and Supplementary Information

December 31, 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Council Members
City of Redfield Water & Sewer Utility,
A Department of the City of Redfield, Arkansas
Redfield, Arkansas

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of City of Redfield Water & Sewer Utility, a department of the City of Redfield, Arkansas (the "Department"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Department, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and its 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 (GAAS) 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 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Department's 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 GAAS 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 GAAS, 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 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 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

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is

required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statement in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Department's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedules I and II are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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. Such 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the Department, are intended to present the financial position, and the changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, of only that portion of the business-type activities of the City of Redfield that is attributable to the transactions of the Department. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Redfield, Arkansas as of December 31, 2024, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 20, 2025 on our consideration of the 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 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 Department's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Bell & Company, P.A.

North Little Rock, Arkansas
May 20, 2025

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Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

Assets

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,267,160
Accounts receivable	147,711
Inventory	7,000
Total current assets	<u>1,421,871</u>

Capital assets

Leased equipment	285,566
Land and easements	46,802
Structures and improvements	6,484,496
Equipment	142,859
	<u>6,959,723</u>
Accumulated depreciation on capital assets	(3,204,153)
Accumulated amortization on leased assets	(47,594)
Net capital assets	<u>3,707,976</u>

Other noncurrent assets

Restricted checking and deposits	<u>674,277</u>
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Total assets	<u><u>\$ 5,804,124</u></u>
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Liabilities and Net Position

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 41,595
Accrued expenses	28,929
Customer meter deposits	92,916
Deferred water revenues	18,616
Current portion of right-of-use lease liabilities	45,236
Current portion of long-term debt	59,896
Total current liabilities	<u>287,188</u>

Long-term liabilities

Right-of-use lease liabilities, net of current portion	221,700
Long-term debt, net of current portion	2,137,873
Total long-term liabilities	<u>2,359,573</u>

Total liabilities 2,646,761

Net position

Net investment in capital assets	1,243,271
Restricted - expendable	674,277
Unrestricted	1,239,815
Total net position	<u>3,157,363</u>

Total liabilities and net position \$ 5,804,124

See accompanying notes.

City of Redfield Water & Sewer Utility
A Department of the City of Redfield, Arkansas
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Operating revenues	
Metered water sales	\$ 598,882
Connection and other fees	11,943
Sewer revenue	196,849
Late charges and penalties	31,504
Other revenue	196,787
Total operating revenues	<u>1,035,965</u>
Operating expenses	
Depreciation and amortization	257,205
Insurance	27,619
Miscellaneous expense	25,107
Office and administrative	7,444
Professional services	143,957
Repairs and maintenance	121,305
Wages and related expenses	215,526
Sales tax	48,409
Utilities and sanitation	245,621
Total operating expenses	<u>1,092,193</u>
Operating loss	(56,228)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)	
Interest income	3,620
Interest expense	(110,896)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(107,276)</u>
Change in net position	(163,504)
Net position - beginning of year	<u>3,320,867</u>
Net position - end of year	<u><u>\$ 3,157,363</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Cash flows from operating activities	
Cash receipts from customers and other sources	\$ 1,026,254
Cash payments to suppliers and contractors	(596,897)
Cash payments to employees for services	(215,526)
Net cash provided by operating activities	213,831
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	
Repayment of bonds payable	(57,430)
Proceeds from lease liability	266,936
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(301,293)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(110,896)
Net cash required by capital and related financing activities	(202,683)
Cash flows from investing activities	
Increase in meter deposits	2,290
Interest income	3,620
Net cash provided by investing activities	5,910
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	17,058
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	1,924,379
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	\$ 1,941,437
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities	
Operating loss	\$ (56,228)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation	257,205
Changes in:	
Accounts receivable	(9,711)
Accounts payable	16,201
Accrued expenses	10,537
Deferred water revenues	(4,173)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 213,831

See accompanying notes.

City of Redfield Water & Sewer Utility
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Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Reporting Entity - City of Redfield Water & Sewer Utility, a department of the City of Redfield, Arkansas (the "Department") provides water and sewer services based on approved rates and usage to the general public. The Department requires a deposit based on the type of customer (commercial or residential) prior to the connection. The Department represents a fund of the City of Redfield, Arkansas (the City) and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Redfield, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2024, 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. This report should be read in conjunction with the financial statements of the City to obtain a complete understanding of the City's net position. The City is audited by the Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit, State of Arkansas.

b. Basis of Accounting and Presentation – The financial statements of the Department have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting using the economic resources measurement focus. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange transaction takes place. Operating revenues and expenses include exchange transactions. Investment income and interest expense are included in non-operating revenues and expenses. The Department first applies restricted net position when an expense or outlay is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

The Department prepares its financial statements as a business-type activity in conformity with applicable pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

c. Cash and Cash Equivalents – For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Department considers certificates of deposits and all highly liquid cash investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

d. Accounts Receivable – Accounts receivable consist of water and sewer fees and surcharges billed to residential and commercial customers based on consumption. Accounts receivable are recorded net of estimated uncollectible amounts, as necessary.

e. Inventory – Inventory consists of expendable materials and supplies necessary for maintenance of the system. Inventories are stated at cost, determined using the first-in, first-out method.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

f. Capital Assets and Depreciation – Capital assets are recorded at cost at the date of purchase, unless otherwise noted. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of each asset ranging from five to fifty years. Costs of repairs and maintenance that do not improve or extend the asset lives are expensed as incurred.

g. Compensated Absences - The Department permits employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation benefits. There was no accrual necessary for unpaid accumulated sick leave for the year ended December 31, 2024.

h. Net Position - Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities of resources on the Department's financial statements. Net positions are classified in the following categories:

Net investment in capital assets - This amount consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding debt that is attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of assets.

Restricted - expendable - This amount consists of noncapital assets that must be used for a particular purpose as specified by creditors or grantors external to the Department, including amounts deposited with trustees as required by bond indentures.

Unrestricted - This amount is the net position that does not meet the definition of "net investment in capital assets" or "restricted net position". Generally, these net assets represent those financial resources that are available to the Department to meet any future obligations that might arise.

i. Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions. This will affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, 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 these estimates.

j. Budget - The Department is not required by law to submit a formal budget.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

k. Leases – The Department has adopted GASB 87, Leases. When the Department leases assets from others, they record right-of-use assets and lease liabilities. Right-of-use assets represent the right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. In this regard, lease payments include fixed payments and variable payments that depend on an index or rate. The lease term is generally considered the non-cancellable lease period. Certain lease contracts contain renewal options or other terms that provide for variable payments based on performance or usage. Options are not included in determining right-of-use assets or lease liabilities unless it is reasonably certain that options will be exercised. Generally, incremental borrowing rates are used in measuring lease liabilities. Right-of-use assets are subject to review for impairment.

l. Date of Management’s Review – Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 20, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

2. Restricted Assets and Designated Net Position

Restricted checking and deposits accounts at December 31, 2024, consists of the following:

2017 Bond Fund	\$	14,806
ARPA Funds		659,471
		674,277
		674,277

The Department has certain debt service funds with the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (“ANRC”), which are restricted to various uses. The Department is required to deposit monthly with ANRC, to be held in trust, an amount equal to 1/6 of the interest to become due on the next ensuing interest payment plus 1/6 of the next installment of principal due next on the Bonds. The required deposits shall be reduced by any amount in the debt service fund available for meeting the purpose for which a deposit is required to be made. The total deposits, held in trust as of December 31, 2024, was \$14,806.

The ARPA funds were received in 2022 and have been set aside for water and sewer infrastructure improvements.

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2. Restricted Assets and Designated Net Position (continued)

At December 31, 2024, restricted – expendable net position was available for the above stated purposes:

Restricted - expendable		
Debt service	\$	14,806
Water/Sewer Infrastructure Improvements		659,471
	<u>\$</u>	<u>674,277</u>

3. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31 was:

	January 1, 2024	Additions	Retirements	December 31, 2024
Land	\$ 46,802	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,802
Buildings	28,590	-	-	28,590
Water and sewer systems	6,445,371	5,192		6,450,563
Vehicles	49,766	-	-	49,766
Equipment	87,901	10,535	-	98,436
Leased asset	-	285,566		285,566
	6,658,430	301,293	-	6,959,723
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,994,542)	(209,611)	-	(3,204,153)
Less accumulated lease amortization	-	(47,594)	-	(47,594)
Total accumulated depreciation and lease amortization	(2,994,542)	(257,205)	-	(3,251,747)
	\$ 3,663,888	\$ 44,088	\$ -	\$ 3,707,976

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4. Leases

The Department is party to a contract where it leases meters from an entity under a contract classified as a lease. Lease assets are included in capital assets and lease liabilities are included in current liabilities and long-term liabilities. Lease payments are due in annual installments of \$65,365.95, including interest at 6.734%. The Department has an option to purchase the meters after the third, fourth and fifth payments for \$117,993, \$61,718, or \$1, respectively.

Long-term lease liability activity for the year ended December 31, is summarized as follows:

	<u>January 1,</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>December</u> <u>31, 2024</u>	<u>Amounts Due</u> <u>Within One Year</u>
Long-term lease liability \$	-	\$ 266,936	\$ -	\$ 266,936	\$ 45,236

Approximate principal and interest payments for the next five years on long-term lease liabilities outstanding as of December 31, 2024:

<u>December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 45,236	\$ 20,130	\$ 65,366
2026	49,976	15,390	65,366
2027	53,446	11,920	65,366
2028	57,156	8,210	65,366
2029	61,122	4,244	65,366
	<u>\$ 266,936</u>	<u>\$ 59,894</u>	<u>\$ 326,830</u>

5. Long-Term Debt

Below is a summary of long-term debt obligation transactions for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Arkansas Natural Resource Commission - Payments are made semi-annually in the amount of \$76,336 and include interest at 4.25%. The loan is secured by pledge of sales and use tax, the net water and sewer revenues and plant and equipment of the system. The loan is scheduled to mature in June 2047.

Less current maturities

Long-term debt

\$ 2,197,769

59,896

\$ 2,137,873

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5. Long-Term Debt (continued)

Debt activity for the year ended December 31 is summarized as follows:

	<u>January 1,</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>December</u> <u>31, 2024</u>	<u>Amounts Due</u> <u>Within One Year</u>
Long-term debt	\$ 2,255,199	\$ -	\$ 57,430	\$ 2,197,769	\$ 59,896

Approximate principal and interest payments for the next five years and five-year increments thereafter on long-term debt outstanding as of December 31, 2024:

<u>December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 59,896	\$ 92,776	\$ 152,672
2026	62,469	90,203	152,672
2027	65,153	87,519	152,672
2028	67,951	84,721	152,672
2029	70,869	81,803	152,672
2030-2034	402,706	360,654	763,360
2035-2039	496,946	266,414	763,360
2040-2044	613,239	150,121	763,360
2045-2047	358,540	23,179	381,719
Total	<u>\$2,197,769</u>	<u>\$ 1,237,390</u>	<u>\$ 3,435,159</u>

Significant restrictive covenants on long-term debt include:

- Maintaining and preserving the distribution system.
- Maintaining insurance policies.
- Provide audited financial statements to the bondholder within 120 days of year-end, unless an extension is granted.

The covenants listed above are not intended to represent all restrictive covenants related to the debts. For a complete list, the debt agreements should be inspected.

For the year ending December 31, 2024, the City of Redfield Water & Sewer Utility was not in compliance with providing audited financial statements to the bondholder within 120 days of year-end. As of the date of this audit report, the debt has not been called by the bondholder.

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6. Reserve for Customer Deposits

The Department collects a deposit for each new customer. The individual deposit amounts, included in total customer deposits vary, from \$10 in the 1980's to \$110 currently. The Department is required to maintain cash reserves equal to the total amount of customer meter deposits. At December 31, 2024 the total amount of customer deposits was fully funded.

7. Concentrations of Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, a government's deposits may not be returned to it. The City of Redfield's deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of state law.

State law requires collateralization of all deposits with federal depository insurance; bonds and other obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. agencies or instrumentalities or the State of Arkansas; bonds of any city, county, school district or special road district of the State of Arkansas; bonds of any state; or a surety bond having an aggregate value at least equal to the amount of deposits.

At December 31, 2024, the Department had bank balances of \$1,456,178 over the FDIC insured amount of \$250,000; however, the amount, if any, exposed to custodial credit risk must be determined at the City level given the Department is not a separate legal entity.

8. Risk Management

The Department is exposed to various levels of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions; employee injuries or illnesses; natural disasters; and employee health, dental and accident benefits. Commercial and pooled insurance coverages are purchased for claims arising from such matters other than business interruption.

There has been no significant reduction in the Department's insurance coverage from the previous year. In addition, there have been no settlements in excess of the Department's coverage in any of the prior three fiscal years.

Report Required by Government Auditing Standards



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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*

To the City Council
City of Redfield Water & Sewer Utility
A Department of the City of Redfield, Arkansas
Redfield, 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 City of Redfield Water & Sewer Utility, a department of the City of Redfield, Arkansas (the “Department”), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Department’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 20, 2025.

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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control,

described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2024-01, 2024-02 and 2024-03 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Department's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2024-04.

The Department's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Department's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Department's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Bell & Company, P.A.

North Little Rock, Arkansas

May 20, 2025

City of Redfield Water & Sewer Utility
A Department of the City of Redfield, Arkansas
Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Finding 2024-01

Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Criteria: The segregation of duties and responsibilities is an important control activity needed to adequately protect the entity's assets and ensure accurate financial reporting.

Condition: Accounting duties are not sufficiently segregated to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements or misuse of funds on a timely basis.

Context: Adequate segregation of accounting duties in an integral part of a well-designed internal control system.

Effect: Without sufficient segregation of duties, the risk significantly increases that errors and fraud, including misappropriation of assets, could occur and not be detected within a timely basis.

Cause: The entity'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.

Recommendation: Management should consider a formal evaluation of their risks associated with this lack of segregation of duties. 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 and an independent reconciliation of accounts. For example, the entity might consider soliciting the assistance of independent volunteer labor to perform certain functions including daily balancing and monthly reconciliations.

*Views of Responsible
Officials and Planned
Corrective Actions:*

Management concurs with the finding, and will evaluate the cost and benefit of hiring additional staff to address the lack of segregated accounting duties.

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Finding 2024-02

Accounting System Improvements

Criteria: Management is responsible for ensuring that the financial records are maintained in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Condition: Certain balances (capital assets, long-term debt, prepaid expenses, inventory, current liabilities, etc.) are not maintained on the Department's general ledger system.

Context: Complete financial records are necessary to be in compliance with GAAP.

Effect: Material account balances could be omitted from the financial statements and not be detected in a timely manner.

Cause: Financial records are maintained on the cash basis throughout the year and entries necessary to convert to full accrual were not made at year end.

Recommendation: Management should maintain all financial activity on the general ledger and make the entries necessary to ensure financial statement are in conformity with GAAP.

*Views of Responsible
Officials and Planned
Corrective Actions:*

Management concurs with the finding, and will evaluate the cost and benefit of having an external CPA to ensure all financial activity is recorded in the general ledger and to assist in developing year-end procedures to convert to full accrual financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

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Finding 2024-03

Customer overpayment

Criteria: Management is responsible for ensuring that the financial records are maintained in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Condition: Management did not properly record an overpayment by a customer.

Context: Complete financial records are necessary to be in compliance with GAAP.

Effect: Receivable and revenue account balances could be misstated in financial statements and might not be detected in a timely manner.

Cause: Financial records are maintained on the cash basis throughout the year and entries necessary to convert to full accrual were not made at year end.

Recommendation: Management should maintain all financial activity on the general ledger and make the entries necessary to ensure financial statement are in conformity with GAAP.

*Views of Responsible
Officials and Planned
Corrective Actions:*

Management concurs with the finding, and will evaluate the cost and benefit of having an external CPA to ensure all financial activity is recorded in the general ledger and to assist in developing year-end procedures to convert to full accrual financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

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Finding 2024-04

Debt covenant compliance

Criteria:

The 2017 Bond requires an audit to be performed by a certified public accountant each year. A copy of that audit will be submitted to Arkansas Natural Resources Commission as soon as possible, but in no case later than 120 days following the period of the audit.

Condition:

Management did not submit their audit within the 120 days of the audited period.

Context:

Observed that the financials were submitted after 120 days of their audited period.

Effect:

The debt could be called by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission.

Cause:

Management changed accountants, and there have been setbacks related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommendation:

Management should make every possible effort to ensure that the audited financial statements are provided to the bond issuer no later than 120 days after year end.

*Views of Responsible
Officials and Planned
Corrective Actions:*

Management concurs with the finding and will work towards getting on a schedule of getting the audits completed in time to meet the deadline as set forth by the Bond issuer.

Supplementary Information

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Schedule of Water and Sewer Rates
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Water Rates

	Inside Corporate Limits (per 1,000 gallons)		Outside Corporate Limits (per 1,000 gallons)	
Usage Level Fixed Applies to	Fixed Charges	Per additional 1,000 gallons	Fixed Charges	Per additional 1,000 gallons
1,000	\$20.00	\$6.28	\$23.09	\$6.28

Sewer Rates

Inside/Outside Corporate Limits (per 1,000 gallons)	
Fixed Charges	Per additional 1,000 gallons
\$16.00	\$3.70

See independent auditor's report.

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Schedule of Insurance Coverage
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	<u>Amount of Coverage</u>	<u>Policy Period</u>
EMC Insurance		
Commercial Package	\$6,370,237	December 19, 2023 December 19, 2024
	\$6,370,237	December 19, 2024 December 20, 2025
Municipal League		
Workers Compensation	Statutory	January 1, 2024 December 30, 2024
Vehicle	\$ 232,127	October 2, 2023 October 1, 2024
	\$ 232,127	October 2, 2024 October 2, 2025

See independent auditor's report.