

**INDEPENDENT
ACCOUNTANT'S AUDIT REPORT**

**ELMORE CITY
PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY**

JUNE 30, 2023

BY



Elmore City Public Works Authority
Elmore City, Oklahoma
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees
Elmore City Public Works Authority
Elmore City, Oklahoma

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the Elmore City Public Works Authority of the City of Elmore City, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, 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 respective modified cash basis financial position of the Elmore City Public Works Authority of the City of Elmore City, Oklahoma, as of June 30, 2023 and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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 Elmore City Public Works Authority and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, which raise substantial doubt about Elmore City Public Works Authority's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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 opinion. 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 Elmore City Public Works Authority'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, which raise substantial doubt about Elmore City Public Works Authority'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.

Other Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis information on pages 4 - 7 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 other 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 29, 2023, on our consideration of the Authority’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 Authority’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Elmore City Public Works Authority and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the Town of Elmore City, Oklahoma, as of June 30, 2023, 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.

Furrh & Associates, PC

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Lawton, Oklahoma

September 29, 2023

Elmore City Public Works Authority
Elmore City, Oklahoma
Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended June 30, 2023

The management of the Elmore City Public Works Authority (the Authority) is pleased to provide this annual financial report to its citizens, taxpayers and other report users to demonstrate its accountability and communicate the Authority's financial condition and activities as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. Management of the Authority is responsible for the fair presentation of this annual report, for maintaining appropriate internal controls over financial reporting, and for complying with applicable laws, regulations, and provisions of grants and contracts. The Authority reports its financial statements and schedules on a modified cash basis which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. All of the financial analyses in this report must be considered within the context of the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- As reported on a modified cash basis, the Authority's total net position increased by \$52,903 and the assets of the Authority exceed its liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023, by \$2,260,161 (net position).
- For the year ended June 30, 2023, unrestricted net position on a modified cash basis for the Authority was \$608,606 or 112% of Authority annual operating revenues.

ABOUT THE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY

The Elmore City Public Works Authority was created pursuant to a Trust Indenture as authorized by Title 60, Oklahoma Statutes 1984, section 176-180.3, inclusive and the Oklahoma Trust Act. The governing body of the Authority is the Board of Trustees comprised of five elected members. The Authority is a component unit of its beneficiary, the Town of Elmore City. Elmore City Public Works Authority is a proprietary fund that accounts for activities related to the provision of water, sewer, and sanitation services to businesses and residents. It operates the water and sewer treatment plants, water distribution system, sewer collections systems, pump stations, and outsources sanitation services.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to gain an understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The Notes to the Financial Statements can be found on pages 11-17 of this report.

THE AUTHORITY AS A WHOLE

Following is a summary of Net Position reported on a modified cash basis for the Authority for the past two fiscal years.

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NET POSITION (in Thousands)

	Elmore City Public Works Authority		
	2023	2022 *	% Incr / (Decr)
Total Assets	\$ 3,782	\$ 3,760	1%
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,522	\$ 1,553	-2%
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,628	1,695	-4%
Restricted	24	17	41%
Unrestricted	608	495	23%
Total Net Position	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,207	2%

CHANGES IN NET POSITION (in Thousands)

	Elmore City Public Works Authority		
	2023	2022 *	% Incr / (Decr)
Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$ 544	\$ 515	6%
Total Revenues	\$ 544	\$ 515	6%
Expenses			
Administration	65	55	18%
Water	161	116	39%
Sewer	31	38	-18%
Sanitation	72	74	-3%
Depreciation Expense	137	137	0%
Interest Expense	25	25	0%
Total Expenses	491	445	10%
Excess (deficiency) before transfers	53	70	-24%
Transfers	0	(19)	-100%
Change in Net Position	53	51	4%
Beginning net position	2,207	2,156	2%
Ending net position	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,207	2%

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Water expenses increased 39% due to an increase in wages and general operational expenses.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of June 30, 2023, the Authority had \$3,041,524 invested in capital assets, net of depreciation, including land, buildings, machinery and equipment, park facilities, water, sewer and stormwater systems, roads and bridges. This represents a net decrease of \$123,290 over last year.

CAPITAL ASSETS (in Thousands)
(Net of accumulated depreciation)

	Elmore City Public Works Authority	
	2023	2022
Vehicles	\$ 32	\$ 27
Machinery and Equipment	80	70
Infrastructure	4,267	4,267
Totals	4,379	4,364
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,337)	(1,199)
Totals, Net	\$ 3,042	\$ 3,165

The Authority purchased a vehicle in the amount of \$4,500, a water pump in the amount of \$4,656, and other water equipment in the amount of \$5,000 during the current fiscal year.

Long-term Debt

At year-end, the Authority had \$1,498,624 in long-term debt outstanding, reported on a modified cash basis, a \$30,565 decrease from the prior year.

	Elmore City Public Works Authority	
	2023	2022
Notes Payable	\$ 1,499	\$ 1,529
Totals	\$ 1,499	\$ 1,529

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ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S ESTIMATES

The following information outlines significant known factors that will affect subsequent year finances:

- There are no utility rate increases planned, therefore, the Authority expects utility revenues and expenses to be relatively consistent when compared to the prior year.

Contacting the Authority's Financial Management

This report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Clerk's office at 106 Main St, Elmore City, Oklahoma 73433 or telephone at (580) 788-2345.

Elmore City Public Works Authority

Elmore City, Oklahoma

Statement of Net Position

(Modified Cash Basis)

For Year Ended June 30, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	598,491	
Due from Town		1,980	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents		140,053	
Total Current Assets			\$ 740,524

Non-current Assets

Capital Assets		4,378,246	
Other capital assets, net of accum. depr.		(1,336,722)	
Net Fixed Assets			3,041,524
Total Assets			\$ 3,782,048

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Current Liabilities

Current Portion of Notes Payable	\$	30,946	
Total Current Liabilities			\$ 30,946

Long-Term Liabilities

Refundable Meter Deposits		23,243	
Notes Payable, net of current portion		1,467,698	
Total Long Term Liabilities			1,490,941
Total Liabilities			1,521,887

Net Position

Net Investment in Capital Assets		1,627,917	
Restricted for Debt Service		23,638	
Unrestricted		608,606	
Total Net Position			2,260,161
Total Liabilities and Net Position			\$ 3,782,048

Please see accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
(Modified Cash Basis)
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Operating Revenue

Water Revenue	\$ 311,540	
Sewer Revenue	129,187	
Sanitation Revenue	87,992	
Miscellaneous Revenue	15,334	
Total Operating Revenue		\$ 544,053

Operating Expense

General and Administration	64,946	
Water	160,778	
Sanitation Services	72,148	
Sewer	31,539	
Depreciation	137,446	
Total Operating Expense		466,857

Net Operating Income / (Loss)		77,196
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Nonoperating Revenue (Expense)

Interest Income	576	
Interest Expense	(24,869)	
Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expense)		(24,293)

Income / (Loss) before Transfers		52,903
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Transfers

Transfers In	25,356	
Transfers Out	(25,356)	
Total Transfers In / (Out)		0

Change in Net Position		52,903
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Net Position, June 30, 2022		2,207,258
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Net Position, June 30, 2023		\$ 2,260,161
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Please see accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

(Modified Cash Basis)

Year Ended June 30, 2023

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Cash Received from Customers	\$ 544,053	
Cash Paid for Salaries and Related Costs	(144,818)	
Cash Paid for Supplies	(184,593)	
Interfund receipts/payments	(1,980)	
Receipts/(Refunds) of customer utility deposits	(504)	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		\$ 212,158

Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities

Purchase of Capital Assets	(14,155)	
Interest Expense	(24,869)	
Principal paid on debt	(30,546)	
Net Cash Used by Capital Financing Activities		(69,570)

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Interest Income	576	
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities		576

Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents 143,164

Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2022 595,380

Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2023 \$ 738,544

Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities

Net Operating Income / (Loss) 77,196

Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities

Depreciation	\$ 137,446	
Decrease in Due from Town	(1,980)	
Increase in Meter Deposit Liability	(504)	
Total Adjustments		134,962

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities \$ 212,158

Please see accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Elmore City Public Works Authority (the Authority) – operates the water, sewer, and sanitation services of the Town. The Town of Elmore City is the beneficiary of the Authority and the Town Council serves as the governing body of the Authority.

The Authority is a Public Trust established pursuant to Title 60 of the Oklahoma State law. Public Trusts (Authorities) have no taxing power. The Authority is generally created to finance Town services through the issuance of revenue bonds or other non-general obligation debt and to enable the Town Council to delegate certain functions to the governing body (Trustees) of the Authority. In accordance with state law, all debt obligations incurred by public trusts require 2/3 approval by the Town Council. In addition, the Town has leased certain existing assets at the creation for the Authority to the Trustees on a long-term basis. The Town, as beneficiary of the Public Trust, receives title to any residual assets when a Public Trust is dissolved.

The Authority has the Town Council as their governing body (trustees) and the Town is able to impose its will on the Trust through required approval of all debt obligations issued by these entities.

B. Basis of Accounting

Proprietary funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting modified as follows:

- Capital assets are recorded as assets when purchased and related depreciation is recorded.
- Long term debt is recorded when the proceeds of the long-term debt have been received.

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *nonoperating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Elmore City Public Works Authority are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprises funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets.

All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as *nonoperating* revenues and expenses.

C. Cash, Cash Equivalents, Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include all demand and savings accounts, certificates of deposit, and any short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less, and open-end

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government mutual funds. Investments consist of long-term certificates of deposits and are reported at cost.

D. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Reported capital assets are limited to those acquired with cash and cash equivalents consistent with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Capital assets consist of land, land improvement, construction in progress, buildings and building improvements, machinery and equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure. A capitalization threshold of \$500 is used to report capital assets. Capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable. Assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical costs if purchased or constructed. Donated water and sewer distribution systems are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation.

Depreciable capital assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

- Buildings 30 - 50 years
- Infrastructure 10 - 30 years
- Improvements other than buildings & infrastructure 10 - 20 years
- Machinery and equipment 5 - 10 years
- Vehicles 3 - 5 years

E. Long Term Debt

Reported long-term debt is limited to debt arising from cash transactions consistent with the modified cash basis of accounting.

F. Net position

Net position is divided into three components:

- a) *Net investment in capital assets* - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.
- b) *Restricted Net Position* - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments, 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation, or 3) Town Council motion.

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- c) *Unrestricted Net Position* - All remaining net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted”.

It is the Town’s policy to first use restricted net position prior to the use of unrestricted net position when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available

Note 2 – Deposits, Investments, and Collateral

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Authority recognized \$576 of investment income.

At June 30, 2023, the Authority held the following deposits and investments

Type	Credit Rating	Carrying Value
Deposits: Demand Deposits		\$ 738,544
Total Deposit and Investments		\$ 738,544
Reconciliation to Statement of Net Position		
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 598,491
Restricted cash and investments		140,053
		\$ 738,544

Custody Credit Risk - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority is governed by the State Public Deposit Act which requires that the Authority obtain and hold collateral whose fair value exceeds the amount of uninsured deposits. Investment securities are exposed to custody credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the government, and if held by a counterparty or a counterparty’s trust, department, or agent, but not in the government’s name.

As of June 30, 2023, the Authority was not exposed to custodial credit risk as defined above.

Investment Interest Rate Risk - the Authority does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

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Restricted Cash and Investments – The amounts reported as restricted assets on the Statement of Net Position are comprised of amounts restricted for utility deposits, debt service, debt reserve, or construction purposes. The restricted assets as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

The restricted assets as of June 30, 2023 were as follows:

USDA short lived asset account	\$	85,037
Meter Deposits Checking		31,378
USDA debt service reserve account		<u>22,638</u>
Total Cash in Bank	\$	<u><u>139,053</u></u>

Note 3 – Capital Assets and Depreciation

For the year ended June 30, 2023, capital assets balances changed as follows:

	<u>Balance at</u> <u>07/01/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Balance at</u> <u>06/30/2023</u>
<i>Business-type activities:</i>				
Other Capital assets				
Vehicles	\$ 27,200	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 31,700
Machinery and equipment	70,365	9,656	0	80,021
Infrastructure	<u>4,266,524</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,266,524</u>
Total other capital assets at historical costs	<u>4,364,089</u>	<u>14,156</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,378,245</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Vehicles	27,200	675	0	27,875
Machinery and equipment	52,671	6,257	0	58,928
Infrastructure	<u>1,119,404</u>	<u>130,514</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,249,918</u>
Total other capital assets at historical costs	<u>1,199,275</u>	<u>137,446</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,336,721</u>
Other capital assets, net	<u>3,164,814</u>	<u>(123,290)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,041,524</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 3,164,814</u>	<u>\$ (123,290)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 3,041,524</u>

Depreciation of capital assets is included in total expenses and is charged or allocated to the activities primarily benefiting from the use of the specific asset. Depreciation expense has been allocated as follows:

<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	
Water	\$ 136,746
Sewer	<u>700</u>
	<u><u>\$ 137,446</u></u>

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Note 4 – Long-Term Debt and Debt Service Requirements

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the reporting entity’s long-term debt changed as follows:

<u>Type of Debt</u>	<u>Balance as of July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance as of June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Business-Type Activities:					
USDA Loan	\$ 1,529,189	\$ 0	\$ 30,565	\$ 1,498,624	\$ 30,946
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 1,529,189</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 30,565</u>	<u>\$ 1,498,624</u>	<u>\$ 30,946</u>

Notes payable-direct borrowings/placements: \$1,618,000 USDA Loan, dated June 17, 2019, due in monthly principal installments through June 17, 2059, with interest at 1.625%, secured by a pledge of the net water and sewer revenues, along with a real estate mortgage having a first lien position on all real property, pertaining to the water system which includes all easements, leases, permits and water rights currently owned or to be acquired. Proceeds were used to fund water system improvements. In the event of default, the following remedies are available to the lender: (a) declare the entire amount unpaid under the note and any indebtedness to the Government hereby secured immediately due and payable, (b) for the account of Borrower incur and pay reasonable expenses for repair or maintenance of and take possession of, operate or rent the property, (c) upon application by it and production of this instrument, without other evidence and without notice of hearing of said application, have a receiver appointed for the property, with the usual powers of receivers in like cases, (d) foreclose this instrument as provided herein or by law, and (e) enforce any and all other rights and remedies provided herein or by present or future laws.

Current Portion	\$ 30,946
Non-Current Portion	<u>1,467,678</u>
	<u>\$ 1,498,624</u>

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Payment Requirements to Maturity:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 30,946	\$ 24,206	\$ 55,152
2025	31,519	23,633	55,152
2026	32,036	23,116	55,152
2027	32,560	22,592	55,152
2028	33,033	22,119	55,152
2029-2033	173,721	102,039	275,760
2034-2038	188,431	87,329	275,760
2039-2043	204,386	71,374	275,760
2044-2048	221,668	54,092	275,760
2049-2053	240,472	35,288	275,760
2054-2058	260,835	14,925	275,760
2059	49,017	390	49,407
Total	<u>\$ 1,498,624</u>	<u>\$ 481,103</u>	<u>\$ 1,979,727</u>

Utility Net Revenues Pledge – The Authority has pledged net utility revenues to repay the 2019 USDA Loan. Proceeds from the bonds provided financing for water system improvements. The Notes are payable from net water and sewer revenues and are payable through 2056. The total principal and interest for the remainder of the life of the bonds is \$1,979,727. Pledged net water, and sewer revenues were \$248,410. Debt service payments of \$55,152 for the current fiscal year were 22.2% of pledged net water and sewer revenues.

Note 5 – Risk Management

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employee health and life; and natural disasters. The Authority purchases commercial insurance for protection against loss other than health, life, and workers compensation. Deductibles on property, vehicle, and general liability policies range from \$500 - \$1,000. Settled claims have not exceeded the commercial coverage during the past three years.

The Authority is a member of the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group Workers’ Compensation Plan (the Plan), an organization formed for the purpose of providing workers’ compensation coverage through the State Insurance Fund to participating municipalities in the State of Oklahoma. In that capacity, the Plan is responsible for providing loss control services and certain fiscal activities, including obtaining contract arrangements for the underwriting, excess insurance

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agreements, claims processing, and legal defense for any and all claims submitted to it during the Plan year.

Note 6 – Employee Retirement Plan Participation

As of June 30, 2023, the Authority was not participating in any retirement plans.

Note 7 – Commitments and Contingencies

Compensated Absences:

As a result of the Authority's use of the modified cash basis of accounting, accrued liabilities related to compensated absences (vacation and comp leave) earned but unpaid at year-end are not reflected in the basic financial statements. The compensated absence commitment at June 30, 2023 is \$8,322.

Litigation:

The Authority and its public trusts are parties to various legal proceedings or have threatened litigation which normally occurs in the course of municipal governmental operations. The financial statements do not include accruals or provisions for loss contingencies that may result from these proceedings. State Constitution and statutes provide for the levy of an ad valorem tax over a three-year period by a Sinking Fund for the payment of any court assessed judgment rendered against the Authority. (This provision is not available to public trusts.) While the outcome of the above noted proceedings or threatened litigation cannot be predicted, due to the insurance coverage maintained by the Authority and the State statute relating to judgments, the Authority feels that any settlement or judgment not covered by insurance would not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Authority.

Note 8 – Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through September 29, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



**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***

Board of Trustees
Elmore City Public Works Authority
Elmore City, Oklahoma

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Elmore City Public Works Authority, Elmore City, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 29, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Elmore City Public Works Authority’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 Authority’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority’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. Given these limitations, during our audit we identified deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. 2023-1

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority'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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 Authority'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.

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Lawton, Oklahoma

September 29, 2023

Elmore City Public Works Authority
Elmore City, Oklahoma
Schedule of Findings and Responses
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Reportable Conditions of Internal Control, Compliance and Other Matters

2023-1 Segregation of Duties (repeat finding)

Condition – Lack of a proper checks and balances (segregation of duties) among office employees.

Effect – Without proper segregation of duties, the risk increases that errors and fraud related to the financial activities of the Authority could occur.

Cause – The Authority’s limited personnel and resources result in the inability to provide sufficient staffing to fully segregate duties.

Recommendation – Efficient segregation of duties in a small city environment is often difficult; however, we believe that the governing body and Authority’s management should be aware of the risk associated with this lack of segregation of duties and attempt to exercise as much oversight control as possible and feasible in these areas.

Management response – Management concurs. The Authority has hired an outside consulting firm to establish procedures and the necessary oversight.