

AUDIT REPORT

RURAL WATER DISTRICT #9
MCCURTAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

DECEMBER 31, 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Rural Water District #9
McCurtain County, Oklahoma

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the modified cash-basis financial statements of Rural Water District #9, McCurtain County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash-basis financial position of the Rural Water District #9, McCurtain County as of December 31, 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 modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my 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. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of the Rural Water District #9, McCurtain County and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. My opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My 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 my 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 GAAS 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 GAAS, I

- 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 Rural Water District #9, McCurtain County'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.

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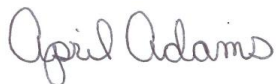
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- Conclude whether, in my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Rural Water District #9, McCurtain County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am 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 I identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated November 13, 2024, on my consideration of the Rural Water District #9, McCurtain County's internal control over financial reporting and my 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 my 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 Rural Water District #9, McCurtain County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Rural Water District #9, McCurtain County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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Ponca City, Oklahoma

November 13, 2024

RURAL WATER DISTRICT #9
MCCURTAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>Current Assets:</u>	
Petty Cash	\$ 500
Cash in Checking	53,081
Cash in Savings	16,160
Money Market	35,656
Restricted Money Market - RD Reserve	<u>88,079</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>193,475</u>
<u>Capital Assets:</u>	
Land	15,231
Other Capital Assets	4,152,681
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,150,952)</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>2,016,960</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,210,435</u>
<u>LIABILITIES & NET POSITION</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>	
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 38,520</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>38,520</u>
<u>Long-term Liabilities:</u>	
Notes Payable	1,006,529
Less: Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	<u>(38,520)</u>
Total Long-term Liabilities	<u>968,009</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,006,529</u>
<u>Net Position:</u>	
Net investment in capital assets	1,010,431
Restricted for debt service	88,079
Unrestricted	<u>105,397</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>1,203,906</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	<u>\$ 2,210,435</u>

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

RURAL WATER DISTRICT #9
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>
<u>Operating Revenue:</u>	
Water Sales	\$ 415,998
Miscellaneous Income	<u>21,506</u>
Total Operating Revenue	<u>437,504</u>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	
Water Purchases	103,622
Salaries & payroll taxes	42,126
Contracted services	66,819
Office Expense	11,548
Utilities and telephone	8,612
Insurance	7,042
Postage	3,692
Repairs & Maintenance	35,155
Memberships & dues	1,190
Professional Fees	3,720
Travel	2,700
Meeting Expenses	2,068
Other Operating Expenses	945
Depreciation Expense	<u>122,087</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>411,327</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>26,177</u>
<u>Other Revenues and (Expenses):</u>	
Interest Income	2,039
Interest Expense	(48,569)
Insurance Proceeds	<u>-</u>
Total Other Revenues and (Expenses)	<u>(46,530)</u>
Net Income (Loss) Before Contributions	(20,353)
Capital Contributions	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Position	(20,353)
Total Net Position, Beginning of Year	<u>1,224,259</u>
Total Net Position, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 1,203,906</u></u>

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RURAL WATER DISTRICT #9
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>	
Cash Receipts from Customers	\$ 437,504
Payments to Suppliers and Laborers for Goods & Services	<u>(289,240)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>148,265</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Capital & Related Financing Activities:</u>	
Additions to Capital Assets	(3,499)
Capital Grants	-
Loan Proceeds	-
Principal paid on Debt	(66,037)
Interest paid on Debt	<u>(48,569)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital & Related Financing Activities	<u>(118,105)</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</u>	
Insurance Proceeds	-
Interest Income	<u>2,039</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	<u>2,039</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	32,199
Cash & Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>161,276</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 193,475</u></u>
<u>Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided</u>	
<u>operating activities:</u>	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 26,177
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash	
provided (used) by operating activities	
Depreciation	122,087
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ 148,265</u></u>

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

RURAL WATER DISTRICT #9
MCCURTAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES & OPERATIONS

As discussed further in Note 1.C, these financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). These modified cash-basis financial statements generally meet the presentation and disclosure requirements applicable to GAAP, in substance, but are limited to the elements presented in the financial statements and the constraints of the measurement and recognition criteria of the modified cash basis of accounting.

A. Organization & Reporting Entity

The District was organized October 27, 1997 under the "Rural Water Districts Act" of the State of Oklahoma to provide a waterworks distribution system to its members.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of proprietary fund type, specifically an enterprise fund. The activities of this fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise the District's assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues and expenses. Enterprise Funds account for activities (1) that are financed with debt that is secured solely by a pledge of the net revenues from fees and charges of the activity; or (2) 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 (3) 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).

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement Focus

The District utilizes an economic resources measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in

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net position (or cost recovery), net financial position, and cash flows. All assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows (whether current or noncurrent or financial or nonfinancial) associated with their activities are generally reported within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than GAAP as established by GASB. This basis of accounting involves modifications to the cash basis of accounting to report in the statements of net position cash transactions or events that provide a benefit or result in an obligation that covers a period greater than the period in which the cash transaction or event occurred. Such reported balances include investments, capital assets and related depreciation, and short-term and long-term liabilities arising from cash transactions or events.

This modified cash basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue billed or provided services not yet collected and other accrued revenue and receivables) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid and other accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. In addition, other economic assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows that do not arise from a cash transaction or event are not reported, and the measurement of reported assets and liabilities does not involve adjustment to fair value.

If the District utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted in the United States, the fund financial statements for proprietary fund types would use the accrual basis of accounting.

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D. Financial Position

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of financial reporting, cash and cash equivalents includes all demand and savings accounts and certificates of deposit or short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

Capital Assets (Property, Plant & Equipment)

Property, plant and equipment, including infrastructure assets, are recorded at cost. Office furniture and equipment placed in service is depreciated using the straight-line method over a five to seven year life and the building and waterworks system assets including infrastructure, are depreciated over a twenty to forty year life.

Purchases of capital items in excess of \$1,500.00 that increase the capacity or operation efficiency or extend the useful life of any asset are capitalized. Repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Long-Term Debt

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 various debt issues.

Equity Classification

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

1. 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 and adjusted for any deferred inflows and outflows of resources attributable to capital assets and related debt.

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2. Restricted – Consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows or resources related to those assets, with restriction constraints placed on the use either by (a) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or (b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted - Net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

It is the District's policy to first use restricted net resources prior to the use of unrestricted net resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net resources are available.

Revenues, expenditures & expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. They also include all revenues and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the District requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures; accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK RELATED TO DEPOSITS

Custodial Credit Risk

At December 31, 2023, the District held deposits of approximately \$193,475 at financial institutions. The District's cash deposits, including interest-bearing certificates of deposit are covered by Federal Depository Insurance (FDIC) or direct obligation of the U.S. Government insured or collateralized with securities held by the District or by its agent in the District's name.

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Investment Interest Rate Risk

The District 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.

Investment Credit Risk

The District has no policy that limits its investment choices other than the limitation of state law as follows:

- a. Direct obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities to which the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government is pledged, or obligations to the payment of which the full faith and credit of the State is pledged.
- b. Certificates of deposits or savings accounts that are either insured or secured with acceptable collateral with in-state financial institutions, and fully insured certificates of deposit or savings accounts in out-of-state financial institutions.
- c. With certain limitation, negotiable certificates of deposit, prime bankers' acceptances, prime commercial paper and repurchase agreements with certain limitations.
- d. County, municipal or school district tax supported debt obligations, bond or revenue anticipation notes, money judgments, or bond or revenue anticipation notes of public trusts whose beneficiary is a county, municipality or school district.
- e. Notes or bonds secured by mortgage or trust deed insured by the Federal Housing Administrator and debentures issued by the Federal Housing Administrator, and in obligations of the National Mortgage Association.
- f. Money market funds regulated by the SEC and in which investments consist of the investments mentioned in the previous paragraphs (a.-d.).

NOTE 3 - RESTRICTED ASSETS

The loan agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA) requires the District to set aside into a Reserve Account the sum of 10% of the monthly installment or \$712.50 each month until there is an accumulated amount equal to the sum of the annual installment (\$85,500), after which deposits may be suspended, except to replace withdrawals. The District cannot withdraw funds from the reserve account without USDA approval. As of

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December 31, 2023, the District was required to have at least \$85,500.00 set aside in the reserve account; as of that date the account balance for the reserve account was \$88,078.66 (money market account with First State Bank), which complies with the covenants of the loan agreement.

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, was as follows:

	Balance at Dec. 31, 2022	Additions	Deductions	Balance at Dec. 31, 2023
Non-depreciable assets:				
Land	\$ 15,231	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,231
Construction in Progress	-	-	-	-
Total non-depreciable assets	<u>\$ 10,737</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,231</u>
Depreciable assets:				
Buildings	91,074	-	-	91,074
Distribution System	4,019,208	1,700	-	4,020,908
Equipment	25,092	-	-	25,092
Office Furnishings	13,807	1,799	-	15,606
Total depreciable assets	<u>3,864,369</u>	<u>3,499</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,152,681</u>
Less: Accum. Depreciation				
Buildings	(52,803)	(2,678)	-	(55,481)
Distribution System	(1,937,981)	(118,735)	-	(2,056,716)
Equipment	(24,273)	(546)	-	(24,819)
Office Furnishings	(13,807)	(129)	-	(13,936)
Total Accum. Depreciation	<u>(1,217,340)</u>	<u>(122,087)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,150,952)</u>
Total depreciable assets, net	2,647,029	(118,588)	-	2,001,729
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 2,657,766</u>	<u>\$ (118,588)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,016,960</u>

Depreciation expense for the current year was \$122,087.

NOTE 5 - LONG TERM DEBT

The District has a note, dated May 1, 2001, due to USDA Rural Development in the original amount of \$1,500,000 with a fixed interest rate of 4.75% with 480 monthly payments of principal and interest of \$7,125.00. The note is secured by the system's assets and revenues.

The District has a note, dated July 15, 2018, due to KS State Bank in the original amount of \$225,000 with a fixed interest rate of 4.75% with 60 monthly payments of principal and interest of \$4,256.69. The

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note was used to purchase One Sensus VGB Drive-By System Laptop, Five Hundred Eighty Water Meters, One Omni Water Meter and Five Hundred Eighty One Smart Points. The note was paid in full during the current year.

Changes in Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Balance at December 31, 2022	Additions	Deductions	Balance at December 31, 2023
Note Payable - USDA RD	\$ 1,043,269	\$ -	\$ 36,740	\$ 1,006,529
Note Payable - KSB	\$ 29,296	\$ -	\$ 29,296	\$ -
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 1,072,566</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 66,037</u>	<u>\$ 1,006,529</u>

Debt Services Requirements to Maturity

Note Payable - USDA RD

Year Ending Dec. 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 38,520	\$ 46,980	\$ 85,500
2025	40,390	45,110	85,500
2026	42,351	43,149	85,500
2027	44,407	41,093	85,500
2028	46,563	38,937	85,500
2029-2033	269,001	158,499	427,500
2034-2038	340,954	86,546	427,500
2039-2041	184,342	10,548	194,890
Total	<u>\$ 1,006,529</u>	<u>\$ 470,861</u>	<u>\$ 1,477,390</u>

NOTE 6 - CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

According to management there were no known contingent liabilities at December 31, 2023, which would have a material effect on the financial statements.

Grant Program Involvement

In the normal course of operations, the District participates in various Federal or State grant or loan programs from year to year. The grant/loan programs are often subject to additional audits by agents of the granting or loaning agency, the purpose of which is to

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ensure compliance with the specific conditions of the grant or loan. Any liability of reimbursement that may arise as a result of these audits cannot be reasonably determined at this time, although it is believed the amount, if any, would not be material.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to normal risk involving their employees' life and health, property and liability, workers compensation, unemployment and disability. The District participates in the Oklahoma Rural Water Association Assurance Group which provides for the pooling of self-insured reserves, claims or losses among the participants. Insurance requirements are reviewed annually to determine adequate coverage exists.

NOTE 8 - PENSION PLAN

The District does not provide a pension plan to its employees.

NOTE 9 - WATER PURCHASES

The District purchases its water from the Broken Bow Public Works Authority.

NOTE 10 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District did not have any subsequent events through November 13, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were issued, for events requiring recording or disclosure in the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2023.

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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 Board of Directors
Rural Water District #9
McCurtain County, Oklahoma

I 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 modified cash basis financial statements of the Rural Water District #9, McCurtain County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles, and have issued my report thereon dated November 13, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the Rural Water District #9's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Rural Water District #9's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Rural Water District #9'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 on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control

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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 my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. I did identify certain deficiencies in internal control described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as Item 2023-01 and 2023-02 that I consider to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Rural Water District #9's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Rural Water District #9's Response to Findings

Rural Water District #9's response to the findings identified in my audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. Rural Water District #9's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my 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

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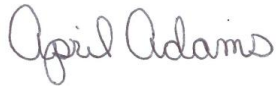
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internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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November 13, 2024

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

INTERNAL CONTROL FINDINGS:

Item 2023-01: Segregation of Duties

Criteria: A good system of internal control requires a proper segregation of duties to prevent one person from being in a position to authorize, execute, and record the same transaction.

Condition: Due to the size of the District's major areas of internal control, that would be prevalent in a larger District, such segregation of duties is not available for this size operation. Duties are concentrated in the hands of a few individuals, who are responsible for all phases of the accounting functions. Because of this lack of division of responsibility, internal control is determined to be weak, and in some instances, non-existent.

Cause/Effect: Due to the limited number of personnel, a breach of internal controls could occur and not be detected in the normal course of operations.

Recommendation: The Board should continue to be actively involved in the operations of the District.

Response: The Board continues to be actively involved in the operations of the District.

Current Status:

This is a repeat finding from the previous audit.

Item 2023-02: Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Criteria: Per government auditing and accounting standards management must designate an individual or individuals that possess skill, knowledge and experience to the extent they can perform year-end closing adjustments and evaluate any non-attest services or audit adjustments performed by the independent auditor.

Condition: Material adjusting journal entries were required to arrive at the final adjusted trial balance.

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Cause/Effect: The District relied on the auditor to propose entries after audit procedures. The District was not able to report accurate financial information without the required adjustments.

Recommendation: The District should consider making required yearend adjusting entries without auditor assistance when preparing the financial statements. Also, any audit adjustments made need to be entered in QuickBooks each year.

Response: Management will take into consideration the Auditor's recommendation and will work to improve performance in this area.

COMPLIANCE FINDINGS:

None