AUDIT REPORT

RURAL WATER DISTRICT #7 MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

DECEMBER 31, 2023



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RURAL WATER DISTRICT #7 MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA DECEMBER 31, 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>NAME</u> <u>POSITION</u>

CHARLES MILLER CHAIRMAN

GENE CREASON VICE CHAIRMAN

RUTH ECKER SECRETARY/TREASURER

TERRY TITUS BOARD MEMBER

ROBERT SWALLOW BOARD MEMBER

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Rural Water District #7 McIntosh County, Oklahoma

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Qualified Opinion

I have audited the modified cash-basis financial statements of Rural Water District #7, McIntosh 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, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of my audit, 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 #7, McIntosh 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 Qualified 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 #7, McIntosh 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.

Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion

The modified cash basis of accounting requires that items, having substantial support in U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, such as capitalizing assets at historical cost and recording depreciation, be recorded in the financial statements. The District has not maintained accurate capital asset records to support the historical cost of past capital

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asset purchases and the related depreciation. Documentation supporting historical cost and depreciation was not readily available for my review. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position, and expenses of the District is not readily determinable.

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.

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.

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- 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 #7, McIntosh 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.
- ullet Conclude whether, in my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Rural Water District #7, McIntosh 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 Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory information section listed in the accompanying table of contents but does not include the basic financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. My opinion on the basic financial statements does not cover the other information, and I do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated February 20, 2024, on my consideration of the Rural Water

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District #7, McIntosh 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 #7, McIntosh 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 #7, McIntosh County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

April Adams CPA PLLC Ponca City, Oklahoma

February 20, 2024

RURAL WATER DISTRICT #7 MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2023

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

RURAL WATER DISTRICT #7 MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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

	2023	
Operating Revenue:	•	
Water Sales	\$	163,738
Other Income		6,900
Total Operating Revenue		170,638
Operating Expenses:		
Water Purchases		87,070
Supplies		17,723
Labor		10,701
Bookkeeping		3,825
Professional Fees		2,100
Office Supplies and Postage		3,386
Insurance		5,536
Dues, Fees & Licenses		525 4,473
Building Expenses Auto Expenses		4,473 1,575
Miscellaneous		1,360
Depreciation Expense		15,237
Total Operating Expenses		153,510
Operating Income (Loss)		17,128
Other Revenues and (Expenses): Interest Income Interest Expense		3,359
Total Other Revenues and (Expenses)		3,359
Net Income (Loss) Before Contributions		20,487
Capital Contributions		
Change in Net Position		20,487
Total Net Position, Beginning of Year		625,610
Total Net Position, Prior Year Adjustment		
Total Net Position, End of Year	\$	646,097

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

RURAL WATER DISTRICT #7 MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

		2023
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	•	470.000
Cash Receipts from Customers	\$	170,638
Payments to Suppliers and Laborers for Goods & Services		(138,273)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		32,365
Cash Flows from Capital & Related Financing Activities:		
Additions to Capital Assets		(83,440)
Capital Contributions		-
Loan Proceeds Principal paid on Debt		-
Interest paid on Debt		-
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital & Related Financing Activities		(83,440)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
(Increase) Decrease in Investments		(2,819)
Interest Income		3,359
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities		540
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(50,536)
Cash & Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year		197,051
Cash & Cash Equivalents, Prior Year Adjustment		
Cash & Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$	146,515
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided		
operating activities:	•	47 400
Operating Income (Loss)	\$	17,128
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash		
provided (used) by operating activities Depreciation		15 227
•		15,237
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$	32,365

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

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 as a non-profit rural water district in 1978. The District provides water to approximately 300 rural members of the District.

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

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 expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received buy not yet paid and other accrued expenses liabilities) are not recorded in these financial In addition, other economic assets, deferred statements. outflows. liabilities. and deferred inflows that do not arise from a cash transaction or event are not reported, and the and measurement of reported assets liabilities does 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.

D. <u>Financial Position</u>

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>

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.

<u>Capital Assets (Property, Plant & Equipment)</u>

Depreciation has not been calculated or recorded for the capital assets listed in the financial statements, except those purchased after January 1, 2019.

Purchases of capital items in excess of \$2,000.00 that increase the capacity or operation efficiency or extend the useful life of any asset are capitalized. Repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. The useful lives of the assets range from 5 to 40 years.

Income Taxes

The District is conducting its affairs as a non-profit organization and has no provisions for income tax.

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.

- 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 of 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.

<u>Use of Estimates</u>

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 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Custodial Credit Risk

At December 31, 2023, the District held deposits of approximately \$274,435 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. The District did not have collateral pledges to cover the amount over FDIC coverage for the year.

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.).

The District has the following credit risk: 100% in Certificates of Deposit (\$127,920).

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	12/31/22							12/31/23	
	Balance		Additions		Deductions		Balance		
Non-depreciable assets:									
Land	\$	5,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,000	
Total non-depreciable assets		5,000		-		-		5,000	
Depreciable assets:									
Water Distribution System		243,135		81,551		-		324,686	
Building and Equipment		91,570		1,890		-		93,460	
Total depreciable assets		334,705		83,440		-		418,145	
Less accumulated depreciation for:									
Water Distribution System		(2,479)		(4,118)		-		(6,598)	
Building and Equipment		(33,787)		(11,119)		-		(44,906)	
Total accumulated depreciation		(36,266)		(15,237)		-		(51,503)	
Net depreciable assets		298,439		68,204		-		366,642	
Total net capital assets	\$	303,439	\$	68,204	\$	-	\$	371,642	

Depreciation expense for the current year was \$15,237.

NOTE 4 - LONG TERM DEBT

The District has no long-term debt.

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					Bala	nce at
	December	31,					Decem	ber 31,
	2022		Additions		Deductions		2	023
Notes Payable	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total Long-Term Debt	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

<u>Debt Services Requirements to Maturity</u>

There are no annual debt service requirements.

NOTE 5 - 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.

<u>Grant Program Involvement</u>

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 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 6 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

McIntosh County Rural Water District #7 is dependent upon the Checotah Public Works Authority for the District's water supply.

NOTE 7 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District did not have any subsequent events through February 20, 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 #7 McIntosh 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 #7, 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 February 20, 2024, which was qualified for the improper capital asset recordkeeping.

<u>Internal Control Over Financial Reporting</u>

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the Rural Water District #7's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 #7's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Rural Water District #7'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 that

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is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

My 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 that I consider to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Rural Water District #7'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 #7's Response to Findings

Rural Water District #7's response to the findings identified in my audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. Rural Water District #7'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 internal control and

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

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February 20, 2024

RURAL WATER DISTRICT #7 MUCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2023

Internal Control Findings:

Item 2023-01: Segregation of Duties

<u>Criteria:</u> 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.

<u>Condition:</u> 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.

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

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

<u>Response:</u> The Board continues to be actively involved in the operations of the District.

Compliance Findings:

None