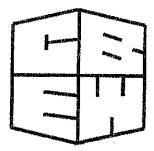
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

January 22, 2025

Board of Directors Rural Water District No. 2 Pawnee County Terlton, Oklahoma

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Rural Water District No. 2, Pawnee County, Terlton, Oklahoma (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 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 financial position of the business-type activities of the Rural Water District No. 2, Pawnee County, Terlton, Oklahoma as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Rural Water District No. 2, Pawnee County, Terlton, Oklahoma January 22, 2025

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 the
 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District'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 Matters

Required Supplementary Information

The District has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), 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. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 22, 2025, on our consideration of the Rural Water District No. 2'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 results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 the Rural Water District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION December 31, 2024 and 2023

	Do	ecember 31, 2024		December 31, 2023
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1)	\$	30,113	\$	197,952
Investments		142,611		70,796
Temporarily restricted assets: Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1)		143,002		145,863
Restricted assets:		,		140,000
Customer deposits (Note 1)		81,084		80,198
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible)		126,783		116,521
Prepaid expense		14,566		13,938
Capital assets:				
Land		15,075		15,075
Construction in process		10,010		10,010
Water system, buildings, improvements and equipment,				"
net of depreciation (Notes 1 & 3)		4,581,752		4,521,188
Other:				
Other assets		930		930
Total assets	- 11-1	5,135,916	•	5,162,461
Deferred outflows of resources:		0,750,070	•	0,102,101
Total deferred outflows		bet		
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable		14,105		13,600
Fire dues collected and payable		1,625		2,834
Customer deposits		81,084		80,198
Accrued interest payable		1,846		2,641
Current portion of notes payable (Note 3)		50,532		68,675
Total current liabilities	1- 100 jum	149,192		167,948
Long-term liabilities:				
Notes payable (Note 3)		2,480,878		2,531,409
Total long-term liabilities		2,480,878	•	2,531,409
Total liabilities		2,630,070		2,699,357
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Total deferred inflows				
Net position:			•	
Net investment in capital assets		2,065,417		1,936,179
Temporarily restricted (Note 1)		143,002		145,863
Unrestricted		297,427	_	381,062
Total net position		2,505,846	•	2,463,104
Total liabilities and net position	\$	5,135,916	\$ \$	5,162,461
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Revenues:		
	\$ 963,113	\$ 911,360
Late charges	33,052	32,284
Miscellaneous income	34,541	22,365
Total revenues	1,030,706	966,009
Expenses:		
Bank charges	-	-
Contract services	2,184	3,167
Depreciation	196,704	184,912
Employee benefits	44,519	49,835
Insurance	32,823	34,430
Lab fees	10,913	6,390
Legal and accounting	34,720	35,002
Licenses and permits	2,609	3,352
Miscellaneous	2,259	2,646
Office supplies and postage	14,130	13,258
Payroll taxes	16,945	16,229
Rental expense	50	800
Repair and maintenance	84,656	54,189
Salaries and payroll expenses	205,451	194,640
Supplies	15,525	19,978
Telephone	7,198	6,888
Transportation	14,292	16,349
Travel	465	481
Utilities	35,133	28,875
Water purchases	239,157	181,703
Total expenses	959,733	853,124
Operating income (loss)	70,973	112,885
Other income and expense:		
Interest income Grants	6,685	2,399
Benefit units	-	-
	9,500	11,000
Interest expense	(44,417)	(47,521)
Total other income and expense	(28,232)	(34,122)
Change in net position - net income (loss)	42,741	78,763
Net position - beginning of year	2,463,105	2,384,341
Net position - end of year	\$ 2,505,846	\$2,463,104

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	Net Positi Position (Tempo (Unrestricted) Restric	on Total rarily Net
Balance - beginning of year 12-31-23	\$ 2,317,242 \$ 14	5,863 \$ 2,463,105
Change in net position	45,602	2,861) 42,741
Balance - end of year 12-31-24	\$ 2,362,844 \$ 14	3,002 \$2,505,846
Balance - beginning of year 12-31-22	\$ 2,358,373 \$ 2	5,968 \$ 2,384,341
Change in net position	(41,132) 11	9,895 78,763
Balance - end of year 12-31-23	\$ <u>2,317,241</u> \$ <u>14</u>	<u>5,863</u> \$ <u>2,463,104</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from customers \$	1,020,444	\$ 955,741
Cash payments to suppliers for goods & contractors & other services	(764,360)	(664,058)
Net cash provided by operating activities	256,084	291,683
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Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Acquisition & construction of capital assets	(257,268)	(70,464)
Principal paid on debt	(68,674)	(74,078)
Interest paid on debt	(45,212)	(47,517)
Net change in meter deposits	886	1,796
Proceeds of issuance of debt	_	-
Benefit units	9,500	11,000
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(360,768)	(179,263)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
(Purchase) liquidation of investments - unrestricted		
Interest income	(71,815)	(214)
Net cash provided by investing activities	6,685	2,399
Her cash provided by investing activities	(65,130)	2,185
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(169,814)	114,605
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	424,013	309,408
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	254,199	\$424,013
Reconciliation of operation income to net cash provided by operating ac	ctivities:	
Operating income (loss) \$	70,973	\$112,885
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	196,704	184,912
Changes in assets and liabilities:	100,104	104,312
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(10,262)	(10,268)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(628)	3,428
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(020)	0,420
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	506	1,312
Increase (decrease) in fire dues payable	(1,209)	(586)
		(000)
Total adjustments	185,111	178,798
Net cash provided by operating activities \$	256,084	\$ 291,683

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2024 and 2023

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Rural Water District No. 2, Pawnee County, Oklahoma (the District), was created under the provisions of Title 82, O.S. 1981, Sections 1301-1321 on the 2nd day of January, 1970. The purpose of the District is to acquire water and water rights; to build and acquire pipelines and other facilities; and to operate the same for the purpose of providing water to serve the needs of owner and occupants of land located withing the District, and others as authorized by the by-laws. The District is exempt from federal and state income taxes.

The District is a governed by a Board of Directors that acts as the authoritative and legislative body of the entity. The Board of Directors is comprised of elected board members. All Board members serve without pay.

The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

Rural Water District No. 2 is an independent, self-contained reporting entity with no associated component units. It is operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise where the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing water services is financed through user charges. The District purchases some of its water from Lone Chimney Water Association and produces the rest.

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) promulgated in the United States of America. The accounting and financial reporting treatment is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation are included on the statement of net position. The operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets. Depreciation expense is provided for capital assets based upon estimated useful lives.

Financial activity is accounted for on the flow of economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

C. Assets, Liabilities and Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

Oklahoma Statutes authorize the District to invest in certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, passbooks, bankers' acceptances, and other available bank investments provided that all deposits are fully covered by approved securities pledged to secure those funds. In addition, the District can invest in direct debt securities of the United States unless such an investment is expressly prohibited by law.

All the bank deposits are held at one financial institution and are carried at cost. For purposes of statements of cash flows, the District considers cash and all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2024 and 2023

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (Continued)

1. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the District held deposits of approximately \$396,810, and \$494,609 at financial institutions. The District's cash deposits, including interest-bearing certificates of deposit, are entirely 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.

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.
- 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-ofstate 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 investments held at December 31, 2024 are as follows:

Туре	Weighted Average Maturity (Months)	Credit Rating		Market Value	, Marian, 1	Cost
Investments Money Market CDs Total investments	N/A 18 Months	AAAm	\$ 	254,199 142,611 396,810	\$	254,199 142,611 396,810

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2024 and 2023

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (Continued)

1. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Concentration of Investment Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. The District has the following of credit risk: 64% in Money Market funds (\$254,199) and 36% in CDs (\$142,611).

2. Restricted Cash and Investments

The restricted cash is the result of financial requirements note indentures between the District and the Rural Development. Under the terms and provisions of the promissory note, these funds may be maintained so long as the notes are outstanding. The District is required to make monthly contributions in a reserve accounts until an amount of \$34,980 for Loan 91-10 and \$59,448 for Loan 91-12 has been reached. Also, the USDA Short Lived Asset Reserve Account is to be fund \$24,267 annually with a balance of \$48,534 at the end of this year. In addition, certain funds are restricted for customer deposits and are reflected as an asset and a corresponding liability.

3. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The District's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and notes payable. The District's estimate of the fair value of all financial instruments does not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying statement of net position. The carrying amount of these financial instruments approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

4. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

5. Inventories

Inventories consist primarily of water stored in lines for use in the distribution process. Inventory is expensed when purchased.

6. Capital Assets

Additions to the water storage delivery system and other equipment are recorded at cost or, if contributed property, at their estimated acquisition value at time of contribution. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses; renewals and betterments are capitalized. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$500 and an estimated useful life in excess of two (2) years.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2024 and 2023

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (Continued)

6. Capital Assets (Continued)

The District reviews its investment in real estate for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of such property may not be recoverable. Recoverability is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of the real estate to the future net undiscounted cash flow expected to be generated by the property and any estimated proceeds from the eventual disposition of the real estate. If the real estate is considered to be impaired, the implement to be recognized is measured at the amount by which the carrying amount of the real estate exceeds the fair value of such property. There were no impairment losses recognized in 2024 and 2023.

Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Water system40 yearsBuildings40 yearsEquipment5-10 yearsVehicles5 yearsOffice equipment5 years

7. Compensated Absences

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation time. Full-time employees are granted vacation and sick leave benefits in varying amounts to specified maximums depending on tenure. The District has not accrued compensated absences because the amount, if any, would not be material to the financial statements.

8. Net Position

In the basic financial statements, net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

9. Resource Use Policy

It is in the District's policy for all funds that when an expenditure/expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources, including net positions, are available, the District considers restricted amounts to be spent first before any unrestricted amounts are used.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2024 and 2023

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Revenues, Expenses and Other Changes in Net Position

1. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses are principally from water sales and connection fees charged to new system subscribers. Customer water consumption is determined by monthly meter readings taken by the customer and once annually by District personnel. The water sales from subscriber water consumption billed but unpaid at the District's year-end are recognized as revenue in the current year and reported in the statement of net position as accounts receivable. Operating expense consist of those costs necessary to operate and maintain the water distribution system and for general administration of the District.

2. Non-Operating Revenue and Expenses

Non-operating revenues and expenses consist of investment earnings, interest expense incurred on the District's notes payable and gains and losses on sales or the abandonment of long-lived assets.

2. CAPTIAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in property, plant and equipment.

	De	Balance ecember 31, 2023		Additions		Deletions	Balance December 31, 2024
Land	\$	15,075	\$	H	\$	PA.	\$ 15,075
Water system Buildings Equipment Vehicles Office equipment Total Less accumulated	Alliana	5,937,298 45,538 235,403 187,991 23,863 6,445,168	<u></u>	42,874 214,394 - 257,268		- - - -	 5,937,298 45,538 278,277 402,385 23,863 6,702,436
depreciation Net	\$ <u></u>	1,908,905 4,536,263	\$ <u></u>	196,704 60,564	\$ =		\$ 2,105,609 4,596,827

PAWNEE COUNTY Terlton, Oklahoma

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2024 and 2023

2. CAPTIAL ASSETS (Continued)

	C	Balance December 31, 2022		Additions		Deletions		Balance December 31, 2023
Land	\$	15,075	\$	**	\$	-	\$	15,075
Water system		5,876,913		60,385		•		5,937,298
Buildings		45,538		~		-		45,538
Equipment		225,324		10,079		-		235,403
Vehicles		187,991		-		-		187,991
Office equipment		23,863		•		_		23,863
Total Less accumulated		6,374,704	_	70,464	****	-	-	6,445,168
depreciation	<u>. —</u>	1,723,993		184,912				1,908,905
Net	\$	4,650,711	\$	(114,448)	\$	_	\$_	4,536,263

3. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of:

A note with Rural Development, in the original amount of \$384,000. The note was issued on July 17, 1971 with a maturity of January 1, 2025, interest is at 5.75%. A payment of \$2,264 for principal and interest is due each month. The note is secured by the distribution lines, related equipment and water revenues derived from operations. This loan was paid off in the current year.

A note with Rural Development, in the original amount of \$1,708,000. The note was issued on March 10, 2023 with a maturity of March 10, 2061, interest is at 1.75%. A payment of \$4,954 for principal and interest is due each month. The note is secured by the water plant, related equipment and water revenues derived from operations.

A note with Rural Development, in the original amount of \$988,000. The note was issued on March 10, 2023 with a maturity of March 10, 2061, interest is at 1.75%. A payment of \$2,915 for principal and interest is due each month. The note is secured by the water plant, related equipment and water revenues derived from operations.

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions during the year:

	D	Balance ecember 31, 2023	Additions		Reductions	De	Balance cember 31, 2024	Current Portion
RD	\$	19,018 \$	-	- _{\$} -	19,018	<u> </u>		Portion
RD		1,624,420	-		31,271	7	1,593,149	31,822
RD		956,646	_		18,385		938,261	18,710
Total	\$	2,600,084_\$_	-	_\$ <u>_</u>	68,674	<u> </u>	2,531,410 \$	50,532

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2024 and 2023

3. LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Annual cash requirements to amortize these notes are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,		Payments Due
2025	\$	94,428
2026	•	94,428
2027		94,428
2028		94,428
2029		94,428
2030-2034		472,140
2035-2039		472,140
2040-2044		472,140
2045-2049		472,140
2050-2054		472,140
2055-2059		472,140
2060-2061		114,463
Total	•	3,419,443
Less interest		(888,034)
Note balance	\$	2,531,409

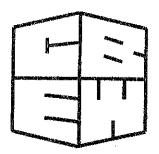
4. RISK MANAGEMENT

Rural Water District No. 2 is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District continues to carry commercial insurance for these risks, including general and auto liability, property damage, and public officials' liability. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

5. DEFERRED COMPENSATION AND PENSION PLAN

The District offers a simple individual retirement plan for employees. The District has approved a contribution to the employee's IRA account each month. Employees are allowed to contribute a portion of their own salary each month. All amounts are 100% vested at the date of contribution. The District's contributions to the plan for December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$4,313 and \$3,823.

REPORT REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS
December 31, 2024



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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

January 22, 2025

Board of Directors Rural Water District No. 2 Pawnee County Terlton, 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 Rural Water District No. 2, Pawnee County, Terlton, Oklahoma (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 22, 2025. The District did not present the Management's Discussion and Analysis required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District'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 our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-001 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Rural Water District No. 2, Pawnee County, Terlton, Oklahoma January 22, 2025

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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*.

District's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES Year Ended December 31, 2024

2024-001. Internal Control – Segregation of Duties

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

<u>Condition</u>: Presently the same individual that receives utility service-related cash payments is also responsible for service billing and adjustment, also balances the daily cash drawer, posts payments to subsidiary accounts receivable ledger and reconciles the monthly bank statements. In addition, only limited oversight is provided over this individual in the conduct of their daily functions. This finding was also noted in 2023.

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

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

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

<u>Responsible Official's Response</u>: The district concurs with the recommendation, although, the cost to correct this condition might exceed the benefit, the district has made certain changes in procedures that will improve the overall lack of segregation of duties and has implemented compensating procedures as appropriate.