

AUDIT REPORT
CHEROKEE COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

AUDITED BY
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors

Cherokee County Rural Water District No. 2

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements activities of Cherokee County Rural Water District No.2 (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my 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. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of business-type activities of Cherokee County Rural Water District No. 2. as of December 31, 2017 and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who consider it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in the appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated March 5, 2018, on my consideration of Cherokee County 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 my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Cherokee County Rural Water District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

March 5, 2018

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan Chapman".

Alan Chapman, CPA

CHEROKEE COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2017

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH IN BANK OPERATING	\$ 510,752
CD-BOCC	114,868
CASH IN BANK VAC/SICK LEAVE	16,685
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	<u>36,229</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 678,533

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

BOK DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 4,979
BOK DEBT RESERVE FUND	<u>44,238</u>

TOTAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS 49,218

FIXED ASSETS

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	\$ 2,860,621
BUILDINGS	289,319
LAND	44,741
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	159,376
AUTOMOBILES	74,104
OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIP	3,348
ACCUMULATED DEPR	(1,419,465)
CURRENT DEPR. ALLOWANCE	<u>(102,431)</u>

TOTAL (NET) CAPITAL ASSETS 1,909,613

OTHER ASSETS

PREPAID INSURANCE	\$ 5,417
PREPAID WK COMP INS	<u>3,917</u>

TOTAL OTHER ASSETS 9,334

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 2,646,698

The accompanying notes and auditors report are an integral part of these financial statements.

CHEROKEE COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2017

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

CURRENT LIABILITIES

BIG HOLLOW PROJECT	\$	222,049
ACCOUNT PAYABLE		18,389
CURRENT PART L.T. DEBT		33,635
PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE		2,475
ACCRUED INTEREST		2,656
ACCRUED BENEFITS VAC/SICK		<u>16,685</u>

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES 295,889

LONG TERM LIABILITIES

LONG TERM NOTE- O.W.R.B.	\$	448,100
LONG TERM NOTE-BOCC		139,961
LESS CURR. PART L.T.D		<u>(33,635)</u>

TOTAL LONG TERM LIABILITIES 554,426

TOTAL LIABILITIES 850,315

NET POSITION

NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	\$	1,321,552
RESTRICTED FOR DEBT RESERVE		49,219
UNRESTRICTED		<u>425,612</u>

TOTAL NET POSITION 1,796,383

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION \$ 2,646,698

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CHEROKEE COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

OPERATING REVENUES

WATER SALES	\$ 448,791	
SERVICE CHARGES	2,490	
PENALTIES	6,651	
ALLOWANCES	(6,943)	
TRANSFER FEES	<u>2,600</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		453,589

OPERATING EXPENSES

SALARIES	\$ 120,202	
EMPLOYEE VAC/SICK	1,477	
ACCOUNTING & BILLING	14,576	
LEGAL FEES	3,827	
BAD DEBTS	1,203	
BANK CHARGES	1,301	
POSTAGE/ SHIPPING	3,454	
INSURANCE	50,353	
TAXES	12,061	
RETIREMENT	5,853	
OFFICE EXPENSE	2,052	
AUTOMOBILE EXPENSE	19,110	
DUES & SUB & FEE	1,241	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	5,827	
WATER PURCHASED	55,224	
WATER STORAGE RIGHTS & FEES	2,223	
DEQ REGULATORY FEE AND WATER TESTING FEES	12,108	
EMPLOYEE TRAINING, LICENSES PERMITS ETC	246	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	5,722	
FIELD SUPPLIES	30,700	
CHEMICALS	18,020	
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	742	
UTILITIES	23,365	
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	85,739	
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	<u>1,050</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>477,676</u>
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS		(24,087)

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CHEROKEE COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

<u>NON OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)</u>	
INCOME-INTEREST	\$ 2,013
GRANT REVENUE	42,811
MEMBERSHIP/CONNECT	12,762
EXPENSE- INTEREST	<u>(11,198)</u>
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)	<u>46,387</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	22,299
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,774,084</u>
NET POSIITON, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,796,383</u>

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**CHEROKEE COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

CASH INFLOWS:

PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM CUSTOMERS \$ 456,262

CASH OUTFLOWS:

PAYMENTS TO SUPPLIERS FOR GOODS & SERVICES (370,629)

NET CASH PROVIDED USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES 85,633

CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

PRINCIPAL REDUCTION OF LONG-TERM DEBT (NET) (26,982)

BORROWED ON LONG TERM NOTES -

INTEREST PAYMENTS ON NOTES (11,198)

NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) FOR CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES (38,180)

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

PURCHASE OF CAPITAL ASSETS (465,749)

DONATED CAPITAL 42,811

INSURANCE PROCEEDS - BIG HOLLOW PROJECT 222,049

NOTES PAYABLE PROCEEDS 150,000

MEMBERSHIP FEES 12,762

NET CASH PROVIDED USED FOR CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES (38,127)

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

INTEREST RECEIVED FROM INVESTMENTS 2,013

NET CASH INFLOW (OUTFLOW) FROM ALL ACTIVITIES 11,338

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 680,185

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR \$ 691,523

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH

PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) (24,087)

DEPRECIATION 85,739

(INCREASE) DECREASE IN ACCOUNTS & GRANTS RECEIVABLE 2,673

(INCREASE) DECREASE IN PREPAID EXPENSES (1,734)

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN PAYABLES 23,042

NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES \$ 85,633

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CHEROKEE COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
P.O. BOX 190
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cherokee County Rural Water District No. 2 was incorporated under the Rural Water District Act of Oklahoma, for the purpose of acquiring water rights, and to build and acquire pipelines and other facilities and to operate the same for the purpose for furnishing water to serve the need of owners and occupants of land located within the district. The District is exempt from federal and state income tax.

The membership consists of approximately 630 users, each entitled to one vote. The board of Directors consists of 5 members serving 3- year terms. The vacant Board seats are elected at the annual meeting, and following, the Board of Directors meet and elect a chairman, Vice-chairman, and secretary-treasurer.

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

A. Reporting Entity

The District complies with GASB Statement No 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity." This statement establishes standards for defining and reporting on the financial reporting entity. It defines component units as legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable and together organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The District considered all potential component units in determining what organizations should be included in the financial statements. Based on these criteria, there are no component units to include in the District's financial statements.

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

The District's fund is enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are proprietary funds used to account for business-like activities provided to the general public. These activities are finance primarily by user charges and the measurements of financial activity focuses on net income measurement similar to the private sector.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation- Fund Accounting (Continued)

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 assets. The statement of activities presents increases (e.g. revenues) and decreases (e.g. expenses) in net total assets. Depreciation expense is provide 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 recoded at the time liabilities are incurred. In compliance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 "Basic Financial Statement- and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments which requires the classification of net assets into three components- invested in capital assets, net of related debt, restricted; and unrestricted.

C. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets

1. Deposits and investments

Oklahoma statutes authorize the District to invest in certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, passbooks, banker's 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 investment is expressly prohibited by law.

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

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk

At December, 31, 2017 the District held deposits of approximately \$691,523 at financial institutions. The District's cash deposits, including interest-bearing certificates of deposit, are not 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

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 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 saving 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 agreement with certain limitations.
- d. County, municipal or school district tax supported debt obligations, bond or revenue anticipation notes, money judgment or bond or revenue anticipation notes of public trusts whose beneficiary is 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.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICAN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets (Continued)

f. Money market funds regulated by the SEC and in which investments consist of the investments mentioned in the previous paragraphs (a-f.).

The investments held at December 31, 2017 are as follows:

Type	Weighted Average Maturity (Months)	Credit Rating	Market Value	Cost
Investments Cert. Cert. of Deposit	6	N/A	<u>\$ 114,868</u>	<u>\$ 114,868</u>
Total Investments			<u>\$ 114,868</u>	<u>\$ 114,868</u>

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 credit risk: 100% in Certificates of Deposit (\$ 114,868).

2. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The District's financial statements include cash and investments. The District's estimates of fair values of its financial instruments recoded in the accompanying balance sheet. the carrying amount of these financial instruments approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instrument.

3. Estimates

The Preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. 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 statement and the reported amounts of revenues and expense during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICAN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets (Continued)

4. Inventory

The District does not maintain an inventory of materials and supplies. These items are purchased when needed and expensed in that period.

5. Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable consist primarily of charges for water sales. Management has not establish a provision for uncollectable accounts. Such amount are written off the month in which management determines they are uncollectible.

6. Restricted Assets

The terms of the loan agreement with the Rural Development require that the Company maintain funds for the use of servicing debt in the amount of 125% of the total annual payment. The balance in the restricted cash account is sufficient to fulfill this requirement.

7. Capital Assets

The water storage and delivery system and furniture and equipment are recorded at cost. Donated Capital assets are Reported and estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

All reported assets are depreciated on the straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives ranging from five to fifty years.

Assets purchased with a value of \$500 or more that benefit more that one period will be depreciated.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICAN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets (Continued)

8. Equity Classifications

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

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt- Consisted of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduce by the outstanding balances of any mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisitions, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net assets-Consists of net assets with constraints place on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantor, contributor, or laws or regulations of their governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation, or (3) elected restrictions by management concerning cash to be used for capital improvements.
- c. Unrestricted net assets- All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt".

II. Detailed Notes Concerning the Funds

B. Accounts Receivable

Following is and aged schedule of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2017:

<u>Current</u>	<u>1-30 Days</u>	<u>31-60 Days</u>	<u>Over 60 Days</u>	<u>Prepayments</u>	<u>Total</u>
31,257	6,595	2,347	1,623	(5,593)	36,229

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II. Detailed Notes Concerning the Funds (Continued)

C. Changes in Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year was as follows:

	BEG. OF YEAR	ADDITIONS	DELETIONS	END OF YEAR
CAPITAL ASSETS				
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	2,661,906	198,715		2,860,621
BUILDINGS	24,535	264,784		289,319
LAND	44,741	-		44,741
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	159,376	-		159,376
AUTOMOBILES	74,104	-		74,104
OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIP	<u>1,098</u>	<u>2,250</u>		<u>3,348</u>
 TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	 <u>2,965,760</u>	 <u>465,749</u>		 <u>3,431,509</u>
 LESS: ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	 <u>1,419,465</u>	 <u>102,431</u>		 <u>1,521,896</u>
 NET BOOK VALUE	 <u>\$1,546,295</u>			 <u>\$1,909,613</u>

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II. Detailed Notes Concerning the Funds (Continued)

D. Long-Term Debt

The District executed a note payable with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) during year 2002 to expand its treatment facility in the principal amount of \$645,000, with a maturity date of 09/15/2032. The Note is secured by all net profit and assets of the District. The note has a forty year term and bears interest at a variable rate that is reset twice annually on April 1 and October 1 of each year. As is indicated in the Trust Agreement, the Bank of Oklahoma, acting as "Trustee" for the borrower, receives monthly loan payments from the District on or before the 15th of every month . The "Trustee" will submit the semi annual payment on the District's behalf to the OWRB. The OWRB determines the amount of the semi-annual payments and notifies the District and the "Trustee" of the required payment amounts in April and October of each year. A debt service reserve account as part of the loan agreement must maintain a minimum balance of 125% of the maximum annual amount required for debt service. Debt principal service requirements on the note are as follows:

Year Ended Dec. 31,	Amount
2017	18,800
2018	19,900
2019	21,000
2020	22,100
2021	23,400
2022	24,700
2023	26,100
2024	27,600
2025	29,000
2026	30,700
2027	32,400
2028	34,200
2029	36,100
2030	38,100
2031	40,300
2032	<u>42,500</u>
Totals	<u>448,100</u>

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II. Detailed Notes Concerning the Funds (Continued)

The District executed a note payable with the Bank of Cherokee County in April of 2017 in the amount of \$150,000.00 for a shop building. The note will be amortized over a period of one hundred twenty (120) months and bears interest at 2.95%. The first payment was due on 04/22/2017 and the final payment will be due on 03/22/2027.

Year Ended Dec. 31,	Amount
2018	13,735
2019	14,146
2020	14,557
2021	14,970
2022	15,379
23-27	<u>67,174</u>
Totals	<u>139,961</u>

III. Other Information

A. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets: errors and omissions: injuries to employees and natural disaster. The District purchases commercial insurance to cover these risks, including general and auto liability, property damage, and public officials liability. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year. settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

B. Arbitrage Agreement

The District should monitor their obligation related to the arbitrage agreement signed when they obtained their loan from the OWRB. The arbitrage calculations are normally due every five years.

**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Directors
Cherokee County Rural Water District No. 2

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 financial statements of the business-type activities of Cherokee County Rural Water District No. 2, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017 and have issued our report thereon dated March 5, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Cherokee County Rural Water District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my audit procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cherokee County Rural Water District No. 2 internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Cherokee County Rural Water District No. 2's financial statements are free of misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However,

Report on Compliance (continued)

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

The Cherokee County Rural Water District No. 2's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Cherokee County Rural Water District No. 2's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, and all applicable federal and state agencies, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

March 5, 2018



Alan Chapman, CPA

CHEROKEE COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Criteria: The District's management is responsible for internal controls over financial reporting. This include controls over the fair and complete presentation of the District's annual financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of financial statement in accordance with GAAP requires internal controls over both (1) recording, processing and summarizing accounting data (i.e., maintaining books and records), and (2) reporting government-wide and fund financial statements, including the related footnotes (i.e., external financial reporting). Professional audit standards clearly indicate that the external financial statement auditor cannot take the responsibility for any part of managements control activities or be a component of the internal controls over financial reporting.

Condition: Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with applicable financial reporting. Accordingly, the District's ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with (GAAP). The Size of the District's accounting and administrative staff preclude certain internal controls that would be preferred if the office staff were large enough to provide optimum segregation of duties. This situation dictates that the Board remain involved in the financial affairs of the organization to provide oversight and independent review functions.

Recommendation: I recommend that the district consider designing and implementing sufficient internal controls over financial reporting by obtaining the necessary knowledge, expertise and continuing education to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles without assistance from the external financial statement auditor. This could be achieved through employment of qualified accounting staff or the outsourcing of these control activities to a qualified accounting firm other than the external auditor.

Responsible Official's Response: The District concurs with the recommendation and will strive to expand their knowledge and understanding of the presentation and disclosure of the financial statements.