

**STEPHENS COUNTY CONSERVATION
DISTRICT
Duncan, Oklahoma**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

STEPHENS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Stephens County Conservation District

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

I have audited the accompanying modified cash basis statement of assets, liabilities and net position of Stephens County Conservation District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the statement of revenues and expenses and change in net position, the statement of cash flows and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In my opinion, the modified cash basis financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and net position of the District, as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in revenues, expenses, and net position, and the statement of cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

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. 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 District, 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 opinions.

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 opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 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*, I:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 my 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.

I am required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that I identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated October 4, 2023, on my consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 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 the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Regards,



Michael Green, CPA

Stilwell, Oklahoma

October 4, 2023

STEPHENS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION -
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2023

Assets

Current Assets

Checking Account	207,466
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	207,466

Certificates of Deposit	66,406
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Property and Equipment

Buildings and Land	415,187
Barn	21,030
Equipment	33,211
Vehicles	24,000
Outdoor Classroom	8,620
Accumulated Depreciation	(325,190)
Total Property and Equipment	176,858

Total Assets	\$ 450,730
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Liabilities

Total Liabilities	\$ -
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Net Position

Net Investment in Capital Assets	176,858
Unrestricted	273,872
Total Net Position	450,730

Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 450,730
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The accompanying notes and auditor's report are an integral part of these financial statements.

**STEPHENS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES
IN NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Operating Revenues:	
OCC Reimbursements	\$ 334,636
Sales and Service Income	5,386
Building Rent	66,343
Total Revenues	<u>406,365</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Payroll	95,806
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	21,694
Office Supplies and Postage	1,510
Repairs, Maintenance and Supplies	2,575
Fuel	420
Mileage, Meetings and Travel	174
Dues, Subscriptions and Memberships	1,683
Cost Share Paid	197,969
Seed and Product Costs	3,168
Building and Janitor Expenses	1,277
Professional Fees	715
Insurance	6,024
Utilities and Telephone	13,108
Directors Fees	1,300
Education and Programs	2,235
Watershed Operations and Maintenance	14,250
Depreciation	15,740
Other Expense	213
Total Operating Expenses	<u>379,861</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	26,504
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):	
Interest Income	551
Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	<u>551</u>
Change in Net Position	27,055
Net Position at Beginning of Year	271,681
Prior Period Adjustment	151,994
Net Position at Beginning of Year (restated)	<u>423,675</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u><u>\$ 450,730</u></u>

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**STEPHENS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Cash Flows From Operating Activities:

Cash Received From Customers	\$ 71,729
Cash Received From OCC	334,636
Cash Payments to Suppliers For Goods and Services	(268,315)
Cash Payments to Employees	(95,806)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	42,244

Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:

(Additions) Deletions to Capital Assets	(4,662)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	(4,662)

Cash Flows From Investing Activities:

(Increase) Decrease in CDs	(550)
Interest on Cash and CDs	551
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	1

Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	37,583
Beginning Cash and Cash Equivalents	169,883
Ending Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 207,466

Reconciliation of Income (Loss) From Operations to

Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:

Income (Loss) From Operations	\$ 26,504
Depreciation	15,740
Adjustments to Reconcile Income (Loss) From Operations to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 42,244

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STEPHENS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

The Stephens County Conservation District (the District) was created under Title 27A, Sections 3-1-101 through 3-3-410, as amended, of the Oklahoma State Statutes. The purpose of the District is to provide for the conservation of renewable natural resources in an area for which the District is responsible.

Basis of Accounting

The District prepares its financial statements using the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net assets/fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses when they result from cash transactions with provisions for depreciation in the financial statements. This basis is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

As a result of the District’s use of the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods and services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Capital Assets

Capital assets are accounted for as property and equipment and are depreciated. Assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost. District policy has set the capitalization threshold for reporting capital assets at \$1,000. Depreciation is recorded on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the asset as follows;

Building and Improvements.....	30-40 years
Equipment and Auto.....	5-10 years

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets include cash and investments that are legally restricted as to their use. The primary restricted assets of the District are cash accounts limited to a specific purpose. At June 30, 2023, there were no cash accounts with restrictions.

Net Position

Net position presents the difference between assets and liabilities in the statement of net position. Net investments in capital assets are reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Net position may be displayed in three components as applicable:

- *Net investment in capital assets* – consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by any debt related to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.

- *Restricted net position* – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments, or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Unrestricted net position* – All remaining net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted”.

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

Operating Revenue and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses result from providing services 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.

Prior Period Adjustment

Building was fully depreciated in prior years in error. Accumulated depreciation was recalculated, and prior period adjustment was made.

NOTE 2: CASH AND DEPOSITS

Custodial Credit Risk – Custodial credit risk related to deposits exists when the District hold deposits that are uninsured and uncollateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the District’s name or collateralized without a written or approved collateral agreement. Exposure to custodial credit risk related to investments exists when the District holds investments that or uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty or by its trust department or agent but not in the District’s name. The District’s policy for custodial credit risk is to secure its uninsured deposits with collateral. As of June 30, 2023 the District’s bank balances of \$207,466 were covered by FDIC insurance.

Investment Credit Risk - The District has no investment policy that limits investments choices other than the limitation of state law. As of June 30, 2023, the District did not hold investments other than certificates of deposits which were insured by FDIC insurance.

NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS

The State of Oklahoma allows government entities to invest in the following: direct obligations of the United States Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, collateralized or insured certificates of deposit, insured savings accounts or savings certificates, or county, municipal or school district direct debt.

NOTE 4: PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Depreciable Assets are recorded at cost when purchased or constructed. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset’s life are expensed. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the depreciable assets. Total depreciation for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$15,740. The following is a summary of category of changes in property and equipment:

	Balance	Restated Balance			Balance
	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2022	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2023
Fixed Assets					
Land	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Building & Improvements	390,525	390,525	4,662	-	395,187
Barn	21,030	21,030	-	-	21,030
Equipment	33,211	33,211	-	-	33,211
Vehicles	24,000	24,000	-	-	24,000
Machinery & Equipmnt	8,620	8,620	-	-	8,620
Total Fixed Assets	<u>497,386</u>	<u>497,386</u>	<u>4,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>502,048</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(461,444)</u>	<u>(309,450)</u>	<u>(15,740)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(325,190)</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 35,942</u>	<u>\$ 187,936</u>	<u>\$ (11,078)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 176,858</u>

NOTE 5: OCC REIMBURSEMENTS:

The District is reimbursed by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission for salaries, payroll taxes, mileage, telephone charges, office supplies and certain other office expenses. When received, the reimbursements are recognized as revenues.

NOTE 6: RETIREMENT PLAN

Oklahoma public employees who work 1,599 hours or more per year are enrolled in the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System. On salaries paid from reimbursable funds from the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, the employers 16.5% share of retirement was paid directly by the Commission. The employees' share of the retirement contribution was 3.5% of locally earned wages and 3.5% of state reimbursable wages.

NOTE 7: ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures 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.

NOTE 8: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. The OCC and the District manage this risk through the purchase of commercial insurance policies. Claims are recognized when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. In determining claims, events that might create claims, but for which none have been reported are considered.

NOTE 9: CONTINGENCIES:

The District is a party to various legal proceedings that normally occur in the course of operations. As of June 30, 2023, the District did not have any pending litigation or potential non-disclosed liabilities that management believe would have a material effect on the financial statements.

NOTE 10: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 4, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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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
Stephens County Conservation District

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 statement of assets and net position of Stephens County Conservation District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the statement of revenues and expenses and change in net position and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated October 4, 2023. The report included an emphasis-of-matter paragraph related to the District's use of a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I 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 my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, I 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.

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. I identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses (2023-01) that I consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I 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 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*.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Green". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Michael Green, CPA

October 4, 2023

**Stephens County Conservation District
Schedule of Findings & Responses
June 30, 2023**

2023-01 Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

Criteria: The segregation of duties and responsibilities between different individuals for custody of assets, record keeping 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.

Condition: Presently a limited number of individuals have responsibility for all functions of financial statement reporting. These individuals have oversight responsibilities for billing and adjustments, posting of payments to subsidiary ledgers and reconciling the monthly bank statements. In addition, only limited oversight is provided over these individuals in the conduct of their daily functions.

Cause and Effect: The 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. Without sufficient segregation of duties, the risk significantly increases that errors and fraud related to the income and other billing and collection activities, including misappropriation of assets, could occur and not be detected within a timely basis.

Recommendation: Management and the board should consider a formal evaluation of their risks associated with this lack of duties segregation over assets. In response to the identified risks, consideration should be given to identifying and implementing compensating duties to act as controls that could help mitigate the risks associated with lack of segregation of duties, such as management performing review procedures for the reconciliation of accounts.

Responsible Official's Response: The board has concluded that due to the limited number of personnel, an adequate segregation of duties is not achievable and that the cost of correcting the weakness would exceed the benefits that would be derived from it.