# Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated Tyner, Kentucky \*\*\*\*\*

Independent Auditors' Report And Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

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## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Commissioners Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated Tyner, Kentucky

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of net position as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

## 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.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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 we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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 auditors' 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, we 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.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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#### **Other Matters**

## Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the 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, 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 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*, we have also issued our report dated March 31, 2015 on our consideration of the Jackson County Water Association'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 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 the Jackson County Water Association's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Christian Sturgeon + Associates, PSC

Christian Sturgeon & Associates, PSC London, Kentucky

March 31, 2015

## Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated Statements of Net Position December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,694,181	\$ 1,685,315
Investments	2,410,834	2,335,834
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts	196,131	188,797
Unbilled accounts receivable	145,861	150,319
Interest receivable	690	690
Inventories	170,187	247,617
Prepaid expenses	 31,773	 31,403
Total Current Assets	 4,649,657	 4,639,975
Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted Assets		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	 829,646	 803,171
Total Restricted Assets	 829,646	 803,171
Capital Assets		
Land and land rights	323,485	323,485
Source of supply and pumping	616,809	568,080
Water treatment	6,633,122	6,631,546
Transmission and distribution	19,043,215	18,671,333
General plant and transportation	1,364,994	1,412,504
Less: accumulated depreciation	 (9,423,406)	 (8,845,133)
Net Capital Assets	 18,558,219	 18,761,815
Total Noncurrent Assets	 19,387,865	 19,564,986
Total Assets	 24,037,522	 24,204,961

Liabilities	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Current Liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt	243,077	290,177
Accounts payable	156,465	45,286
Accrued interest payable	12,061	13,035
Accrued salaries and taxes payable	48,732	33,287
Customer deposits	12,450	11,350
Total Current Liabilities	472,785	393,135
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Long-term debt, less current portion		
included in current liabilties	6,563,405	6,808,673
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	6,563,405	6,808,673
Total Liabilties	7,036,190	7,201,808
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	11,751,737	11,662,965
Restricted for:		
Capital projects	489,568	489,077
Debt service	319,380	294,480
Other purposes	20,698	19,614
Unrestricted	4,419,949	4,537,017
Total Net Position	\$ 17,001,332	\$ 17,003,153

## Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>			<u>2013</u>
Operating Revenues				
Water sales	\$	2,227,805	\$	2,193,821
Other operating income	•	127,022		126,410
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Total Operating Revenues		2,354,827		2,320,231
Operating Expenses				
Salaries and benefits		713,386		664,554
Purchased power		185,293		201,531
Contracted services		12,760		14,565
Insurance		266,410		263,279
Transportation		38,542		35,439
Administration and general		87,983		70,392
Maintenance and water treatment		262,356		224,380
Depreciation		723,863		728,425
Bad debt expense		32,445		26,158
Miscellaneous expense		32,334		24,397
Total Operating Expenses		2,355,372		2,253,120
Operating Income (Loss)		(545)		67,111
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)				
Interest expense		(236,910)		(247,552)
Interest income		11,132		13,808
Grant revenue		169,625		65,822
Line relocation		-		(3,060)
Gain (loss) on sale/abandonment of asset		22,650		(203,080)
Miscellaneous non-operating income		32,227		27,380
Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)		(1,276)		(346,682)
Change in Net Position		(1,821)		(279,571)
Net Position, Beginning of Year		17,003,153		17,282,724
Net Position, End of Year	\$	17,001,332	\$	17,003,153

## Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

Cash Flows From Operating Activities	<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>
Receipts from customers Payments to employees Payments to suppliers Payments for other activities Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 2,320,606 (697,941) (665,105) (32,334) 925,226	\$	2,283,329 (664,979) (890,366) (24,397) 703,587
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities Acquisition and construction of property and equipment Principal payments on debt Interest payments on debt State and federal grants Proceeds from sale of assets Line relocations Other receipts/(payments) Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(520,267) (292,368) (237,884) 169,625 22,650 - 32,227 (826,017)	_	(106,319) (286,760) (254,258) 143,816 8,830 (3,060) 27,380 (470,371)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities Purchase of investments Interest on investments Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	(75,000) 11,132 (63,868)		13,808 13,808
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	35,341		247,024
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	 2,488,486		2,241,462
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 2,523,827	\$	2,488,486
Supplemental Disclosures Interest paid on long-term debt	\$ 237,884	\$	254,258
Reconciliation of Cash at End of Year Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash and cash equivalents Total Cash at End of Year	\$ 1,694,181 829,646 2,523,827	\$	1,685,315 803,171 2,488,486

## Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated Statements of Cash Flows (Continued) For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash			
Provided by Operating Activities:			
Operating income (loss)	\$ (545)	\$ 67,111	
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash			
provided by operating activities			
Depreciation	723,863	728,425	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(7,334)	6,703	
Decrease (increase) in unbilled accounts receivable	4,458	(18,897)	
(Increase) decrease in inventories	77,430	(79,431)	
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	(370)	(7,234)	
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	111,179	5,885	
(Decrease) increase in accrued expenses	15,445	(425)	
(Decrease) increase in customer deposits	 1,100	 1,450	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 925,226	\$ 703,587	

## Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Reporting Entity

Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated, of Jackson County, Kentucky ("Association") was created in 1970 under Chapter 273 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes and is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Association is governed by seven directors that are elected by members of the Association.

The Association, a nonprofit corporation, is a rural water utility system whose purpose is to establish, develop and operate a water supply and distribution system for its members and customers in Jackson and Rockcastle Counties, Kentucky. The Association's primary source of revenue is from water sales to its members and customers, including public bodies and local businesses in its service area.

## Basis of Accounting, Financial Presentation, and Measurement Focus

Not-for-profit organizations ordinarily present their financial statements in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-205. ASC 958-205 requires reporting amounts for a not-for-profit organization's total assets, liabilities, and net assets in a statement of financial position; reporting the change in an organization's net assets in a statement of activities; and reporting the change in its cash and cash equivalents in a statement of cash flows. ASC 958-205 also requires net assets be displayed in three classes – permanently restricted, temporarily restricted, and unrestricted.

The Association's financial position, results of operations and cash flows are presented, along with relevant disclosures, in a format ordinarily used by entities similar to the Association in their organization and purpose. While this format differs in some respects from the guidance of ASC 958-205, management believes the presentation used enhances the relevance, understandability, and comparability of financial statements to those issued by similar organizations. The Association's financial statements provide the basic information required by ASC 958-205, focus on the entity as a whole, and meet the common needs of external users of the Association's financial statements.

The basic financial statements of the Association have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units.

The Association applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. In addition, the Association applies all applicable FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989 to its business-type activities, except those that conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position display information about the Association as a whole. These statements include all funds of the Association. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. The Association does not have any governmental activities.

## Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Basis of Accounting, Financial Presentation, and Measurement Focus (Continued)

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Operating income reported by the Association includes revenues and expenses related to the continuing operation of water service for its customers. Principal operating revenues are charges to customers for services. Principal operating expenses are the costs of providing the services and include administrative expenses and depreciation of capital assets. Other revenues and expenses are classified as non-operating in the financial statements.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Association considers demand deposits and certificates of deposits with maturities of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents.

#### Investments

Investments consist of certificates of deposit with maturity dates of three months or more. Certificates of deposit are carried at fair value on the accompanying financial statements.

#### Accounts Receivable

Receivables include amounts due from customers for water services. These receivables are due at the time the services are billed. Billing is completed monthly and accounts are considered past due on the twenty first day after the end of each billing period. Accounts receivable are presented net of uncollectible accounts. The allowance amount is estimated using a percentage of accounts past due more than 30 days. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the allowance for doubtful accounts was \$20,180 and \$15,985, respectively.

#### Unbilled Accounts Receivable

Estimated unbilled revenues from water sales are recognized at the end of each fiscal year on a pro rata basis. The estimated amount is based on billing during the month following the close of the fiscal year.

#### Inventory and Prepaid Expenses

Inventory, consisting primarily of water treatment chemicals, pipe and replacement parts for the water distribution system, is stated at cost on the first-in, first-out basis. Prepaid expenses represent payments to vendors that benefit future reporting periods and are reported on the consumption basis.

## Note 1 – Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Capital Assets

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided by the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the depreciable property. The range of useful lives of assets is as follows:

Asset Classification

Water purification

Transmission mains and accessories

Buildings

Range of Lives

20 - 40 years

40 years

40 years

#### **Income Taxes**

Equipment and vehicles

The Association has received notification from the Internal Revenue Service that it qualifies as a 501(c)(4) tax exempt organization and is exempt from federal income taxes on related income pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and similar provisions of state law.

The Association has adopted Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 740-10 as it relates to uncertain tax positions and has evaluated its tax positions taken for all open years. Currently, the 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 tax years are open and subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service. However, the Association is not currently under audit nor has the Organization been contacted by any of these jurisdictions.

Any interest and penalties recognized associated with a tax position are classified as current expenses in the Association's financial statements.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **Net Position**

The Association has adopted accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position.* Net position is comprised of the various net earnings from operating income, non-operating revenues and expenses, and capital contributions. Net position is classified in the following three components:

Net investment in capital assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted – This component of net position consists of restricted assets less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Restricted assets are those with limits on their use that are externally imposed constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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## Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Net Position (Continued)

Unrestricted – This component of net position consists of net amounts of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of the net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, the Association would typically use restricted assets first, but reserves the right to selectively spend unrestricted assets first.

#### Note 2 – Restricted Assets

The Association considers all sinking fund deposits, funds required for other debt service, and funds related to specific projects or customer accounts to be restricted. At December 31, 2014 and 2013 restricted cash amounted to \$829,646 and \$803,171, respectively. This includes restrictions for customer deposits of \$20,698 and \$19,614, respectively, and restrictions for debt service of \$319,380 and \$294,480, respectively. This also includes \$489,568 and \$489,077 restricted for capital projects at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. In addition, revenues from the operations of the Association are pledged as collateral on long-term debt.

#### Note 3 – Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Association's deposits may not be returned to it. The Association does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, \$4,685,885 and \$4,564,345, respectively, of the Association's bank balances of \$4,935,885 and \$4,814,345 were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$ -	\$ -
Uninsured and repurchase agreements held by bank, and	4,685,885	4,564,345
sweep account balances secured by Federal Home Loan Bank		
Uninsured and repurchase agreements held by bank's trust		
department not in the Association's name	-	-
Total	\$ 4,685,885	\$ 4,564,345

Note 4 – Capital Assets

Below is a summary of capital assets transactions for the year ended December 31, 2014:

	Balance			Balance	
	Dec. 31, 2013	Additions	Deductions	Dec. 31, 2014	
Land and land rights	\$ 323,485	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 323,485	
Source of supply and pumping	568,080	48,729	-	616,809	
Water treatment	6,631,546	1,576	-	6,633,122	
Transmission and distribution	18,671,333	371,882	-	19,043,215	
General plant and transportation	1,412,504	98,080	145,590	1,364,994	
Total at Historical Costs	27,606,948	520,267	145,590	27,981,625	
Less: accumulated depreciation					
Land and land rights	-	-	-	-	
Source of supply and pumping	360,091	10,293	-	370,384	
Water treatment	1,893,735	162,319	-	2,056,054	
Transmission and distribution	5,651,727	470,812	-	6,122,539	
General plant and transportation	939,580	80,439	145,590	874,429	
Total accumulated depreciation	8,845,133	723,863	145,590	9,423,406	
Property and Equipment - Net	\$ 18,761,815	\$ (203,596)	\$ -	\$ 18,558,219	

Below is a summary of capital assets transactions for the year ended December 31, 2013:

	Balance			Balance		
	Dec. 31, 2012	Additions	Deductions	Dec. 31, 2013		
Land and land rights	\$ 323,485	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 323,485		
Source of supply and pumping	535,548	32,532	-	568,080		
Water treatment	6,631,546	-	-	6,631,546		
Transmission and distribution	18,772,867	485,137	586,671	18,671,333		
General plant and transportation	1,304,648	107,856	-	1,412,504		
Construction in progress	522,508	-	522,508	-		
Total at Historical Costs	28,090,602	625,525	1,109,179	27,606,948		
Less: accumulated depreciation						
Land and land rights	-	-	-	-		
Source of supply and pumping	346,180	13,911	-	360,091		
Water treatment	1,728,931	164,804	-	1,893,735		
Transmission and distribution	5,562,519	467,271	378,063	5,651,727		
General plant and transportation	857,141	82,439	-	939,580		
Total accumulated depreciation	8,494,771	728,425	378,063	8,845,133		
Property and Equipment - Net	\$ 19,595,831	\$ (102,900)	\$ 731,116	\$ 18,761,815		

## Note 5 – Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2014:

	Balance Dec. 31, 2013	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	Balance Dec. 31, 2014	Due Within One Year
5% note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture- Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through September 2017	\$ 107,358	\$ -	\$ (27,330)	\$ 80,028	\$ 28,629
5% note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture- Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through February 2024	71,964	-	(5,423)	66,541	5,776
5% note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture- Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through April 2024	43,579	-	(3,236)	40,343	3,434
5% note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture- Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through January 2030	795,301	-	(33,001)	762,300	34,764
4.5% note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through July 2035	768,101	-	(21,282)	746,819	22,455
2.45% note payable to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority; due in annual installments, including interest, through June 2015	166,770	-	(110,502)	56,268	56,268

## Note 5 – Long-Term Debt (Continued)

	Balance Dec. 31, 2013	Additions	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 2014	Due Within One Year
4.5% notes payable to the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through June 2043	1,613,416	-	(28,554)	1,584,862	28,079
2.5% note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through 2050	3,532,361		(63,040)	3,469,321	63,672
J	\$ 7,098,850	\$ -	\$ (292,368)	\$ 6,806,482	\$ 243,077

Real estate mortgages on the property of the Association are pledged as collateral on the long-term debt. In addition, revenues from the operations of the Association are pledged as collateral on the long-term debt, a described in Note 2.

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2013:

	Balance			Balance		Due Within								
	Dec.	31, 2012	<u>Additions</u>		<u>Payments</u>		ditions Payments Dec. 31,		Payments [		s Dec. 31, 2013		<u>Or</u>	ne Year
5% note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture- Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through September 2017	\$	133,358	\$	-	\$	(26,000)	\$	107,358	\$	27,235				
5% note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture- Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through February 2024		77,123		_		(5,159)		71,964		5,494				
5% note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture- Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through April 2024		46,656		-		(3,077)		43,579		3,267				

## Note 5 – Long-term Debt (Continued)

	Balance Dec. 31, 2012	Additions	<u>Payments</u>	Balance Dec. 31, 2013	Due Within One Year
5% note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture- Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through January 2030	826,696	-	(31,395)	795,301	33,072
4.5% note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through July 2035	788,449	-	(20,348)	768,101	21,469
2.45% note payable to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, due in annual installments, including interest, through June 2015	274,613	-	(107,843)	166,770	110,502
4.5% note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through June 2043	1,640,716	-	(27,300)	1,613,416	26,868
2.5% note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture- Rural Development; due in annual installments, including interest, through July 2035	3,598,000		(65,639)	3,532,361	62,270
	\$ 7,385,611	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (286,761)</u>	\$ 7,098,850	\$ 290,177

## Note 5 – Long-term Debt (Continued)

The annual requirements to retire long-term debt are as follows:

Year Ended December 31	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Principal</u>		<u>Interest</u>		<u>Total</u>	
2015	\$	243,077	\$	230,565	\$	473,642	
2016		194,249		222,503		416,752	
2017		191,693		214,709		406,402	
2018		176,877		207,804		384,681	
2019		183,646		201,062		384,708	
2020-2024	1	,020,651		893,977		1,914,628	
2025-2029	1	,164,487		689,694		1,854,181	
2030-2034	1	,009,490		491,058		1,500,548	
2035-2039		925,456		323,536		1,248,992	
2040-2044		914,364		169,700		1,084,064	
2045-2049		649,255		60,095		709,350	
2050		133,237		3,122		136,359	
	\$ 6	,806,482	\$	3,707,825	\$	10,514,307	
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## Note 6 - Retirement Plan

The Association has a retirement plan which covers employees age eighteen or older who have completed twelve months of service. The plan allows participants to make contributions by salary reduction, pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Association makes contributions to the plan on the basis of up to 4% of the participant's compensation. Plan expenses incurred by the Association during 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$23,466, \$22,471 and \$20,562, respectively.

## Note 7 – Risk Management

The Association is exposed to various risks of loss related to limited torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the Association carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage for the year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

## Note 8 - Subsequent Events

## **Date of Management Evaluation**

Management of the Association has evaluated subsequent events through March 31, 2015, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.



Independent Auditors' 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 Commissioners
Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated
Tyner, Kentucky

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 Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Jackson County Water Association's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2015.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be material weaknesses (See items 2014-1 and 2014-2).

## Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated'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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 and other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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## Jackson County Water Association's Response to Findings

Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated'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

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.

Christian Sturgeon + Associates, PSC

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March 31, 2015

## Jackson County Water Association, Incorporated Schedule of Findings and Responses December 31, 2014

#### A. Findings – Financial Statement Audit

2014-1

#### Criteria:

As discussed in *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government* published by the General Accounting Office of the United States, internal control is an integral component of an organization's management that provides reasonable assurance that an objective of reliable financial reporting is being achieved. Organizations should implement procedures to ensure this objective is achieved.

#### Condition:

During the audit procedures performed, instances of this objective not being completely achieved were noted.

#### Cause:

The Association's limited internal resources prevent the preparation of financial statements and related note disclosures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

#### Effect:

The Association was unable to prepare their financial statements and related note disclosures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

#### Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions:

The Association understands the responsibility related to financial reporting rests with management. The Association also understands the cost benefit concept with regard to this particular finding. The Association believes it is not cost effective to attempt to overcome this finding. Management has reviewed a draft of the financial statements and accepts responsibility for its contents.

2014-2

#### Criteria:

As discussed in *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government* published by the General Accounting Office of the United States, internal control is an integral component of an organization's management that provides reasonable assurance that an objective of reliable financial reporting is being achieved. Organizations should implement procedures to ensure this objective is achieved.

#### Condition:

During the audit procedures performed, instances of this objective not being completely achieved were noted.

#### Cause:

The size of the Association's office staff does not allow for proper segregation of duties in the areas of accounts receivable, cash receipts, and payroll.

#### Effect:

This condition creates a weakness in internal controls that could provide opportunity for misappropriation of funds that may not be detected.

#### Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions:

The Association does not believe it is cost effective to hire additional staff to overcome this finding. The Association will consider implementing mitigating controls to reduce risk related to lack of segregation of duties.