Cumberland County Water District Burkesville, Kentucky

Independent Auditors' Report And Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

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### Independent Auditors' Report

To the Commissioners Cumberland County Water District Burkesville, Kentucky

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Cumberland County Water District, which comprise the statements of net position as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, 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, which collectively comprise Cumberland County Water District's basic financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cumberland County Water District, as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, 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.

### Basis for Opinion

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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Cumberland County Water 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 opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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 Cumberland County Water District's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 Cumberland County Water 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 Cumberland County Water 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.

### **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 30, 2022 on our consideration of Cumberland County Water District'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 Cumberland County Water District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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London, Kentucky

March 30, 2022

### Cumberland County Water District Statements of Net Position December 31, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	63,222	\$	97,077
Receivable, less allowance for doubtful				
accounts of \$53,249 and \$58,428, respectively		74,144		69,797
Unbilled accounts receivable		54,514		53,238
Inventories		42,374		29,487
Prepaid expenses		9,041		7,941
Bond sinking fund deposits		127,978		-
Bond payments in transit		74,992		-
Total Current Assets		446,265		257,540
Noncurrent Assets				
Restricted Assets				
Customer deposits		6,227		13,555
Depreciation reserves		156,558		409,871
Debt and interest funds		12,467		93,511
Total Restricted Assets		175,252		516,937
Capital Assets				
Land and improvements		55,313		55,313
Buildings and improvements		233,837		233,837
Equipment		772,011		341,500
Other water system assets	1	1,032,499	•	11,354,746
Transportation		370,066		368,066
Office furniture and equipment		62,445		62,445
Less: accumulated depreciation	(	4,918,163)		(4,593,146)
Net Capital Assets		7,608,008		7,822,761
Total Noncurrent Assets		7,783,260		8,339,698
Total Assets	\$	8,229,525	\$	8,597,238

### Cumberland County Water District Statements of Net Position (Continued) December 31, 2021 and 2020

Liabilities		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Current Liabilities Current portion of long-term debt	\$	206,293	\$ 109,473
Accounts payable Accrued interest payable Accrued salaries and taxes payable		108,907 53,277 43,044	364,378 47,069 44,272
Customer deposits Total Current Liabilities		39,930 451,451	34,005 599,197
Noncurrent Liabilities Long-term debt, less current portion			
included in current liabilities Unamortized bond premium		4,632,262 68,758	 4,838,240 68,758
Total Noncurrent Liabilities		4,701,020	 4,906,998
Total Liabilities  Net Position		5,152,471	5,506,195
Net investment in capital assets		2,700,695	2,806,290
Restricted Unrestricted		175,252 201,107	 516,937 (232,184)
Total Net Position	<u>\$</u>	3,077,054	\$ 3,091,043

# Cumberland County Water District Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
Operating Revenues	_		_	
Water sales	\$	1,393,165	\$	1,373,185
Service charges		15,829		6,849
Other revenues		117,523		48,304
Total Operating Revenues		1,526,517		1,428,338
Operating Expenses				
Salaries and wages		311,748		295,483
Employee benefits		80,204		86,643
Purchased water		403,015		471,708
Utilities		53,370		63,110
Materials and supplies		121,822		171,111
Contracted services		26,961		40,052
Vehicle and equipment expenses		52,106		26,254
Insurance		21,389		21,282
Office expenses		53,982		59,706
Directors fees		8,850		10,550
Depreciation		325,017		329,605
Other operating expenses		11,254		11,359
Total Operating Expenses		1,469,718		1,586,863
Operating Income (Loss)		56,799		(158,525)
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)				
Interest income		1,386		2,216
Grant revenue		28,971		211,029
Interest expense		(101,145)		(133,834)
Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)		(70,788)		79,411
Change in Net Position		(13,989)		(79,114)
Net Position, Beginning of Year		3,091,043		3,170,157
Net Position, End of Year	\$	3,077,054	\$	3,091,043

## Cumberland County Water District Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

Cash Flows From Operating Activities	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Receipts from customers	\$ 1,526,818	\$ 1,446,690
Payments to employees	(393,180)	(293,577)
Payments to suppliers	(1,022,207)	(721,264)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	111,431	431,849
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(110,264)	(837,420)
Principal payments on debt	(109,157)	(1,839,663)
Interest payments on debt	(94,937)	(165,125)
Proceeds from debt	-	2,107,435
Bond sinking fund payments and bond payments in transit	(202,970)	-
tr	-	68,758
Grants	28,971	211,029
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(488,357)	(454,986)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities Interest income	1,386	2,216
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	1,386	2,216
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(375,540)	(20,921)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	614,014	634,935
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 238,474	\$ 614,014
Reconciliation of cash per Statement of Net Position to cash per Statement of Cash Flows:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 63,222	\$ 97,077
Customer deposits	6,227	13,555
Depreciation reserves	156,558	409,871
Debt and interest funds	12,467	93,511
Cash and cash equivalents per Statement of Cash Flows	\$ 238,474	\$ 614,014

### Cumberland County Water District Statements of Cash Flows (Continued) For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash		
Provided by Operating Activities:		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 56,799	\$ (158,525)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net		
cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	325,017	329,605
(Increase) Decrease in operating assets		
Accounts receivable	(4,347)	20,969
Unbilled receivables	(1,276)	(4,124)
Inventory	(12,887)	19,243
Prepaid expenses	(1,100)	(618)
Increase (Decrease) in operating liabilities		
Accounts payable	(255,471)	288,676
Accrued salaries and taxes payable	(1,228)	1,906
Customer deposits	5,924	975
Other liabilities	 	 (66,258)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 111,431	\$ 431,849

### Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### Reporting Entity

Cumberland County Water District (the District) was organized on November 29, 1995, from the merger of Marrowbone Water District and South Cumberland Water District. The merger was carried out in accordance with a Merger Agreement authorized by respective Resolutions of the Board of Water Commissioners of South Cumberland and Marrowbone, approved by Order of the Public Service Commission of Kentucky entered on February 24, 1995 under the provisions of Section 74.363 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes ("KRS") and approved by an Ordinance passed and adopted by the Fiscal Court of Cumberland County, Kentucky on May 9, 1995. The District is governed by a five-person board of Commissioners appointed by the Cumberland County Fiscal Court. The District is regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

The District 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 Cumberland County, Kentucky. The District's primary source of revenue is from water sales to its customers, including public bodies and local businesses in its service area.

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

The basic financial statements of the District 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 District applies all relevant 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 District applies all applicable FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, 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 District as a whole. These statements include all funds of the District.

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 District 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 District considers demand deposits and certificates of deposit to be cash equivalents.

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

### Accounts Receivable

Receivables include amounts due from customers for water services. These receivables are due at the time the services are billed and are considered past due on the first day of the following month. 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, 2021 and 2020, the allowance for doubtful accounts was \$53,249 and \$58,428, 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.

### Inventories and Prepaid Expenses

Inventories consist of expendable supplies held for consumption stated on a first-in, first-out basis. They are reported at cost and are recorded as an expense at the time individual items are used. Prepaid expenses represent payments to vendors that benefit future reporting periods and are reported on the consumption basis.

### Capital Assets

The District's property, plant and equipment with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method. When assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations.

Estimated useful lives for depreciable assets are as follows:

Asset Classification	Range of Lives
Water and sewer system utility plants	20-40 years
Buildings and improvements	10-40 years
Trucks and equipment	3-10 years
Office equipment	3-10 years

### **Customer Deposits**

The District collects and holds in escrow a \$75 deposit from customers to ensure collection of its water charges. Interest at an annual rate of 0.002% is paid on these deposits.

### Compensated Absences

Full-time employees receive vacation leave based on their years of continuous service. The District allows employees to accumulate and carry over a maximum of 30 days of vacation time. Employees are paid for any unused vacation time earned in excess of 30 days at the end of the calendar year. Full-time employees receive 6 days of sick leave per year. Up to 20 days of sick leave may be accrued. Upon termination, accumulated vacation leave will be paid to the employee. Accumulated sick leave of up to 20 days will be paid to the employee upon termination.

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

### **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.

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 Commission would typically use restricted assets first, but reserves the right to selectively spend unrestricted assets first.

### **Use of 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. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Note 2 – Restricted Assets

Under the terms of all loan resolutions, the District is required to maintain certain accounts and funds for the benefit and protection of the creditors. The balance of these accounts at December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$12,467 and \$93,511, respectively. In addition, the District is also required to collect reasonable and sufficient rates and charges for services rendered, prohibited from selling, leasing or mortgaging any part of the system without prior approval, required to maintain the operating system in good condition and to carry adequate insurance on all properties to protect against loss or damage.

The resolutions require the District to establish a depreciation fund or reserve to be used to finance the cost of unusual repairs, renewals and replacements not included in the annual budget and to pay for future system extensions. The balance of these accounts at December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$156,558 and \$409,871, respectively.

The balances of customer deposits held at December 31, 2021 and 2020 were \$6,227 and \$13,555, respectively.

### Note 3 - Kentucky Revised Statute

In accordance with Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 91A.060, the deposits are to be insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized to the extent uninsured by any obligations permitted by KRS 41.240(4). According to KRS 41.240(4), the financial institution shall either pledge or provide as collateral securities or other obligations having an aggregate current face value or current quoted market value at least equal to the deposits. According to KRS 66.480, the District is allowed to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies, repurchase agreements, obligations of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its agencies, interest bearing deposits of insured savings and loans, or interest bearing deposits of insured national or state banks. For additional cash descriptive information, see Note 1.

### Note 4 – Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the District's total deposits at banks of \$330,290 and \$651,386, respectively, were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$ -	\$ -
Uninsured and collateral held by pledging bank	80,290	183,527
Uninsured and collateral held by pledging bank's trust		
department not in the District's name	-	-
Total	\$ 80,290	\$ 183,527

### Note 5 – Capital Assets

The following is a summary of capital asset transactions for the year ended December 31, 2021:

	Balance			Balance
	Dec. 31, 2020	Additions	Dispositions	Dec. 31, 2021
Land and improvements	\$ 55,313	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,313
Building and improvements	233,837	-	-	233,837
Equipment	341,500	-	-	341,500
Other water system assets	11,354,746	108,264	-	11,463,010
Transportation	368,066	2,000	-	370,066
Office furniture and equipment	62,445	-	-	62,445
Construction in process	-	-	-	-
Totals at historical cost	12,415,907	110,264		12,526,171
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building and improvements	160,254	5,091	-	165,345
Equipment	309,786	7,966	-	317,752
Other water system assets	3,791,823	286,690	-	4,078,513
Transportation	268,838	25,270	-	294,108
Office furniture and equipment	62,445	-	-	62,445
Total accumulated depreciation	4,593,146	325,017		4,918,163
	\$ 7,822,761	\$ (214,753)	\$ -	\$ 7,608,008

Note 5 - Capital Assets (Continued)

The following is a summary of capital asset transactions for the year ended December 31, 2020:

	Balance			Balance
	Dec. 31, 2019	Dec. 31, 2019 Additions		Dec. 31, 2020
Land and improvements	\$ 55,313	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,313
Building and improvements	233,837	-	-	233,837
Equipment	341,500	-	-	341,500
Other water system assets	10,421,775	932,971	-	11,354,746
Transportation	314,373	53,693	-	368,066
Office furniture and equipment	62,445	-	-	62,445
Construction in process	149,244	(149,244)	-	-
Totals at historical cost	11,578,487	837,420	-	12,415,907
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building and improvements	145,318	14,936	-	160,254
Equipment	300,187	9,599	-	309,786
Other water system assets	3,509,664	282,159	-	3,791,823
Transportation	245,927	22,911	-	268,838
Office furniture and equipment	62,445	-	-	62,445
Total accumulated depreciation	4,263,541	329,605	-	4,593,146
	\$ 7,314,946	\$ 507,815	\$ -	\$ 7,822,761

### Note 6 – Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2021:

Loan payable to Kentucky	Balance Dec. 31, 202	0 Additions	<u>Payments</u>	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	Due Within One Year
Rural Water Finance Corporation, principal and interest, at the rate of 4% to 4.5%, payable on a semi- annual basis, with final payment due January 1, 2031	\$ 60,999	9 \$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 56,999	\$ 5,000
Loan payable to Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation, principal and interest at the rate of 2.375% to 4.25%, payable on a semi- annual basis, with final payment due January 1, 2049	1,560,000	) -	_	1,560,000	95,000
Loan payable to Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, principal and interest, at the rate of 0.75%, payable on a semi-annual basis, with final payment due December 1, 2036	720,233		42,234	677,999	42,870
Various bond issues payable to United States Department of Agriculture, principal and interest payable annually in varying amounts, interest rates ranging from 1.875% to 5.0%, with final payment due in 2058, secured by water distribution system	2,559,500	) -	49,500	2,510,000	50,000
Loan payable to equipment vendor, principal (0% interest) payable monthly, with final payment due June 2024	46,98 <sup>.</sup>	1 -	13,424	33,557	13,423
	\$ 4,947,713	3 \$ -	\$ 109,158	\$ 4,838,555	\$ 206,293

### Note 6 – Long-Term Debt (Continued)

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2020:

Loan payable to Kentucky	Balance Dec. 31, 2019	Additions	<u>Payments</u>	Balance Dec. 31, 2020	Due Within One Year
Rural Water Finance Corporation, principal and interest, at the rate of 4% to 4.5%, payable on a semi- annual basis, with final payment due January 1, 2031	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ 4,001	\$ 60,999	\$ 4,000
Loan payable to Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, principal and interest, at the rate of 0.75%, payable on a semi-annual basis, with final payment due December 1, 2036	762,783	_	42,550	720,233	42,550
Various bond issues payable to United States Department of Agriculture, principal and interest payable annually in varying amounts, interest rates ranging from 1.875% to 5.0%, with final payment due in 2058, secured by water		0.050.740			
Loan payable to equipment vendor, principal (0% interest) payable monthly, with final	3,852,158	2,053,742	1,786,400	4,119,500	49,500
payment due June 2024		53,693	6,712	46,981	13,423
	\$ 4,679,941	\$ 2,107,435	\$ 1,839,663	\$ 4,947,713	\$ 109,473

### Note 6 – Long-Term Debt (Continued)

The aggregate annual principal repayments on long-term debt are summarized as follows:

Year Ending					
December 31,	<u>Principal</u>		Interest		Total
2022	\$	206,293	\$	110,086	\$ 316,379
2023		213,615		104,206	317,821
2024		212,729		98,201	310,930
2025		208,343		91,997	300,340
2026		194,173		86,088	280,261
2027-2031		893,791		355,709	1,249,500
2032-2036		910,111		250,703	1,160,814
2037-2041		609,500		174,889	784,389
2042-2046		540,500		109,942	650,442
2047-2051		477,000		111,425	588,425
2052-2056		246,000		18,114	264,114
2057-2060		126,500		2,711	129,211
Total	\$	4,838,555	\$	1,514,071	\$ 6,352,626

### Note 7 – Retirement Plan

The District participates in a defined contribution retirement plan through Kentucky Public Employees & Deferred Compensation Authority. Prior to 2015, the District contributed 1% during the first year of employment, adding 1% each year up to a maximum of 5%. Starting in 2015, the District no longer contributes to the employees' plan. Retirement plan expense for 2021, 2020 and 2019 was \$0 each year.

### Note 8 - Risk Management

The District 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 District 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 9 - Subsequent Events

The world-wide outbreak of COVID-19 is having a major impact on the normal business activities in the United States and the state of Kentucky. Measures taken by various government entities to contain the virus have affected economic activity. Management has taken several measures to monitor and mitigate the effects of COVID-19, such as safety and health measures for our employees and customers and securing the supply of materials that are essential to our operations. The Organization will continue to follow the various government policies and advice and will do its utmost to continue operations in the best and safest way possible without jeopardizing the health of its employees and customers. It is uncertain what, if any, effect future developments in the pandemic will have on the District. As a result, management has not yet determined the impact it may have on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Management of the District has evaluated subsequent events through March 30, 2022, 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 Cumberland County Water District Burkesville, Kentucky

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the 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 Cumberland County Water District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Cumberland County Water District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 30, 2022.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Cumberland County Water District'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 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2021-1, 2021-2, and 2021-3, that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Cumberland County Water District's financial statements are free from 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### <u>Cumberland County Water District's Response to Findings</u>

Cumberland County Water District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Cumberland County Water District'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 result 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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### A. Findings – Financial Statement Audit

2021-1

### 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 District's limited internal resources prevents the preparation of financial statements and related note disclosures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

### Effect:

The District 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 District feels that it would not be cost beneficial to hire the personnel required to complete these tasks.

2021-2

### 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 Water District's office staff does not allow proper segregation of duties in the areas of cash receipts, billing, accounts receivable, and payroll.

### Effect:

This condition creates a weakness in internal controls which could result in unauthorized transactions being processed.

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

The District feels that it would not be cost beneficial to hire the personnel required to complete these tasks.

### 2021-3

#### 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:

Due to limited internal resources, the District's general ledger accounts are not being reviewed and adjusted to supporting detail on a regular monthly basis to ensure that all transactions are being recorded and account balances are accurate.

### Effect:

This condition prevents management and the Board from having accurate, reliable financial information on an ongoing basis in order to make informed decisions about the financial affairs of the District.

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

The District agrees that improvements need to be made in financial accounting and reporting and will consider hiring someone to review the general ledger balances on a quarterly basis and provide training to the current staff until they can maintain the general ledger accurately on their own.