REPORT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Members of the Board Letcher County Water and Sewer District 3443 US 119 N Mayking, Kentucky 41837

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Letcher County Water and Sewer District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Letcher County Water and Sewer District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Letcher County Water and Sewer District, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Letcher County Water and Sewer District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Letcher County Water and Sewer 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

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Letcher County Water and Sewer District's basic financial statements. The accompanying comparative statement of revenues and expenses is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the comparative statement of revenues and expenses is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 1, 2023, on our consideration of the Letcher County Water and Sewer 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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the Letcher County Water and Sewer District's internal control over financial report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Letcher County Water and Sewer District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Chris Gooch Certified Public Accountant

Hazard, Kentucky

December 1, 2023

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2022

As management of the Letcher County Water and Sewer District, we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the year ended December 31, 2022. This information should be considered in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements and disclosure following this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The beginning cash balance for the District was \$572,936. The ending cash balance for the District was \$578,421.
- The District continues water line extensions and improvements to various locations. The following projects are planned, committed, ongoing or completed: Thornton Water Improvements Project; Deane; Red Star, Hallie, Turkey Creek; Pine, Pert & Cram Creek; Bull & Elk Creek; Millstone; GPS location of Hydrants and Valves; Vicco Interconnect; Hazard Interconnect; Loggy Hollow; Big Cowan Side Roads; Millstone Sewer; Carbon Glow, Roxana and Premium.
- The District had a total of 3,073 active customers and 3,109 active customers at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.
- On July 28, 2022, an unprecedented flash flood occurred in the service area of the Organization resulting in loss of lives, property, and infrastructure damages. While the long-term financial impact for the Organization cannot be reasonably estimated, management anticipates monitoring and preparing amendments to future budget projections reflecting any changes in revenues and operational activities as a result of the flooding.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD & A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their *Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* issued June 1999.

Our discussion and analysis of the Letcher County Water and Sewer District's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. Please read the MD & A in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

For accounting purposes, the District is classified as an enterprise fund: Enterprise funds account for activities similar to those found in the private business sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration. Enterprise funds are reported using the full accrual method of accounting in which all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. The focus of enterprise funds is on income measurement, which, together with the maintenance of equity, is an important financial indicator.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report includes this Management Discussion and Analysis report, the Basic Financial Statements, and the Notes to the Financial Statements. The District's financial statements are presented as fund level financial statements because the District only has proprietary funds.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2022

The financial statements of the District report information of the District using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. These statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about the District's activities. The Statement of Net Position includes all of the District's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and obligations to the District's creditors (liabilities). It also provides the basis for evaluating the capital structure of the District and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the District.

All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. The statement measures the success of the District's operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether the District has successfully recovered all its costs through its user fees and other charges, profitability and creditworthiness.

The Statement of Cash Flows reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operation, investing, and financing activities and provides answers to such questions as where did cash come from, what was cash used for, and what was the change in the cash balance during the reporting period.

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Financial Analysis

The District's basic financial statements are the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. The Statement of Net Position provides a summary of the District's assets and liabilities as of the close of business on December 31, 2022. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position summarizes the revenues and sources of those revenues generated during the year ended December 31, 2022, and the expenses incurred in operating the District for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Our analysis below focuses on the net position and the change in the net position of the District as a whole and not the individual operations or projects.

	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>12/31/2021</u>		
Net Position:				
Current Assets	\$ 827,701	\$ 735,736		
Noncurrent Assets	23,050,396	23,717,394		
Total Assets	\$ 23,878,097	\$ 24,453,130		

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2022

	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>12/31/2021</u>
Current Liabilities	\$ 564,795	\$ 481,674
Noncurrent Liabilities	1,906,711	1,902,059
Total Liabilities	2,471,506	2,383,733
- Net Position -		
Unrestricted (Deficit)	343,164	345,714
Restricted	82,576	76,992
Net Investment in Capital Assets	20,980,851	21,646,691
Total Net Position	\$ 21,406,591	\$ 22,069,397

- Decrease in non-current assets is due to recognition of depreciation expense.

- Increase in current assets is due in part to an increase in construction-related accounts receivable.

Changes in Net Position	12/31/2022	12/31/2021
Revenues	\$ 1,706,307	\$ 1,612,528
Operating Expenses:		
General	1,602,098	1,469,734
Depreciation & Amortization	834,074	832,204
Total Operating Expenses	2,436,172	2,301,938
Other Income (Expenses)	(73,372)	(77,498)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ (803,237)	\$ (766,908)

- The increase in revenue is due to an increase in water usage for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Increases in general expenses include increases in salaries and related fringe benefits, vehicle, and
operating supplies.

Questions regarding this report should be directed to the District Office at (606) 633-8550.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2022

ASSETS:

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- Current Assets -	
Cash in Banks - Unrestricted	\$ 495,845
Accounts Receivable, net of allowance for doubtful	
accounts	211,805
Other Current Assets	 120,051
Total Current Assets	 827,701
- Fixed Assets -	
Land, Structure & Equipment, net of depreciation	 22,956,607
- Other Assets -	
Cash - Restricted	82,576
Other Receivables	11,213
Total Other Assets	 93,789
Total Assets	 23,878,097
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION:	
- Current Liabilities -	
Accounts Payable	98,342
Payroll Liabilities Payable	7,413
Accrued Compensation	25,337
Customer Deposits	186,260
Other Current Liabilities	178,398
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	 69,045
Total Current Liabilities	 564,795
- Long Term Liabilities -	
Bonds/Notes Payable	1,975,756
Less: Current Portion	 (69,045)
Total Long-Term Liabilities	 1,906,711
Total Liabilities	 2,471,506
- Net Position -	
Unrestricted/(Deficit)	343,164
Restricted Assets	82,576
Net Investment in Capital Assets	 20,980,851
Total Net Position	 21,406,591
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 23,878,097

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

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

For The Year Ended December 31, 2022

Revenue	
Water and Sewer Operations	\$ 1,576,538
Tap Fees	27,264
Late Fees	47,726
Other Miscellaneous Income	54,779
Total Operating Revenues	1,706,307
Operating Expense	
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	417,991
Office Expense	18,734
Water Consumption	800,916
Electric	54,856
Telephone	14,676
Postage	13,820
Advertisement	2,234
Legal and Accounting	16,129
Contract Labor	55,289
Water Quality Monitoring	10,308
Repairs and Maintenance	9,878
Vehicle Expense	60,837
Rents	2,185
Operating Supplies	90,710
Bank Fees and NSF	261
Insurance and Bonds	33,274
Depreciation Expense	818,164
Amortization Expense	15,910
Total Operating Expense	2,436,172
Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Revenue	
Over Operating Expense	(729,865)
Other Income (Expense)	
Interest Income	1,445
Interest Expense	(74,817)
Total Other Income (Expense)	(73,372)
Net Income (Loss)	(803,237)
Net Position, Beginning of Year	22,069,397
Add: Capital Contributions	140,431
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 21,406,591

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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2022

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 1,669,472
Payments to personnel	(415,523)
Payments to suppliers	(1,075,871)
Payments to contractors	(71,418)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	106,660
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Increase in infrastructure assets - net	(150,279)
Principal paid on bonds and notes	(17,955)
Interest paid on bonds and notes	(74,817)
Capital grants and contributions received	140,431
Net Cash Provided (Used) for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(102,620)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Interest revenue	1,445
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	5,485
Cash and restricted cash, January 1	572,936
Cash and restricted cash, December 31	578,421
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating A	ctivities:
Operating loss	(729,865)
Adjustments to reconcile operating net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	818,164
Amortization	15,910
Changes in assets and liabilities	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(36,482)
(Increase) decrease in other current assets	(55,582)
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(11,213)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(1,363)
Increase (decrease) in payroll tax payable	(1,956)
Increase (decrease) in accrued compensation	4,424
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	10,860
Increase (decrease) in other current liabilities	93,763
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operations	\$ 106,660

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2022

1. <u>Reporting Entity</u>

Letcher County Water and Sewer District was created by Letcher County Fiscal Court to be governed and operated under the rules and procedures established under KRS Chapter 74, relating to water districts, and KRS Chapter 220 relating to sanitation districts. The entity plans to expand its operating activities into parts of Letcher County not presently served with water and sewer utility services.

2. Accounting Policies and Procedures

a. Cash

For purposes of the cash flow statement, cash consists of interest-bearing checking accounts, restricted and unrestricted.

b. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Property, plant, and equipment are stated at historical or estimable cost. The District does not have a policy determining the threshold for capitalization. Fixed assets are recorded and depreciated using the straight-line method of accounting over the respective assets' useful lives as follows:

Equipment	5-7 years
Transmission Lines	20-40 years
Water Wells, Structures, and Improvements	15-40 years

c. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Letcher County Water and Sewer District's financial statements reflect an allowance account for its customer accounts receivable based on management's estimate of probable losses. An allowance expense in the amount of \$268,692 was recognized in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

d. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2022

e. Basis of Presentation

GASB 34 creates basic financial statements for reporting on governmental financial activities. Financial statements include government-wide financial statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting and fund financial statements which present information for individual major funds rather than by fund type. Letcher County Water and Sewer District is considered a special purpose government engaged in a business-type activity. No governmental type funds are recognized.

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Proprietary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

The District has the following fund:

Proprietary Funds (Enterprise Funds)

The Water and Sewer Revenue Funds accounts for revenues and expenses related to customer utility services.

f. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. For its water and sewer enterprise operations the District uses the full-accrual basis of accounting where revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Revenues – Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions – Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenues are recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and available.

Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of the fiscal year-end.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2022

f. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenues from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Unearned Revenue – Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as unearned revenue.

Expenses/Expenditures – On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

g. Net Position

GASB 63 changed the presentation of the Letcher County Water and Sewer District's financial statements to incorporate the concepts of net position, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows. The net position component "investment in capital assets", consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by the creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

h. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the District, those revenues are primarily charges for utility services provided.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2022

i. Materials and Supplies

Inventory is currently charged to expense as incurred. Supplies are acquired on an as needed basis.

j. Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

The District adopted Statement on Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) Nos. 87, *Leases* and Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, *Leases*, which did not have a material effect on the financial statements.

The District will adopt the following new accounting pronouncements in future years:

• GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, effective for the District's fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

The impact of these pronouncements on the District's financial statements has not been determined.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of cash, including petty cash, was \$578,421 and the bank balance of cash was \$575,837 at December 31, 2022. Cash at December 31, 2022 was comprised of the following:

		Bank		Book	Interest
	E	Balance	<u>F</u>	Balance	Rate
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Water Operations Account	\$	4,482	\$	1,586	0.25%
RD Sinking Fund Account		8		8	0.00%
Revenue Account		488,779		494,009	0.25%
KIA Reserve Account		10,102		10,102	0.10%
Reserve Account		5,856		5,856	0.10%
Carbon Glow Water Project		38,058		38,058	0.15%
Deane Interconnect		13,562		13,562	0.10%
Hallie/Turkey Creek Phase II		172		172	0.00%
Redstar Phase II		19		19	0.00%
AML Prison Waste Water Plant		17		17	0.00%
AML Water Line Ext to Roxana		14,782		14,782	0.10%
Petty Cash		<u>-</u>		250	N/a
Totals	\$	575,837	\$	578,421	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2022

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents (Continued)

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in event of bank failure the deposits may not be returned or that Letcher County Water and Sewer District may not recover collateral securities. The organization's deposits at December 31, 2022 exceeded the amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance (FDIC). Letcher County Water and Sewer District has a collateral agreement that covers any amounts not insured by FDIC. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Investments held for longer periods are subject to increased risk of adverse interest rate changes. Letcher County Water and Sewer District does not have any investments other than its interest-bearing checking accounts. Concentrations of credit risk are the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the District's investment in a single issuer. All of the Organization's cash at December 31, 2022 is held at Community Trust Bank.

Foreign currency risk is the risk of changes in exchange rates affecting foreign investments. The District does not hold any foreign investments.

4. <u>Other Current Assets</u>

Other current assets consisted of the following at December 31, 2022:

Prepaid insurance	\$ 15,307
Construction related accounts receivable	93,531
Receivable from Perry County	 11,213
	\$ 120.051

5. <u>Other Current Liabilities</u>

Other current liabilities consisted of the following at December 31, 2022:

Unearned revenue	\$ 5,982
Utility tax payable	3,675
Accrued interest payable	36,742
Construction related payables	131,603
Sales tax payable	 396
	\$ 178,398

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2022

6. <u>Changes in Fixed Assets</u>

		12/31/2021			12	2/31/2022
		Balance	Additions	Reductions]	Balance
Water operations	_					
Capital assets not being depreciated:						
Land	\$	30,855	\$ -	\$ -	\$	30,855
Construction in progress		701,737	 131,603	 (249,494)		583,846
Total capital assets not being depreciated		732,592	131,603	(249,494)		614,701
Capital assets being depreciated:						
Plant and infrastructure		31,500,720	268,172	(2)		31,768,890
Building		158,279	-	-		158,279
Office furniture and equipment		30,519	-	-		30,519
Other tangible equipment		126,367	-	-		126,367
Transportation equipment		122,411	-	-		122,411
Total capital assets being depreciated		31,938,296	268,172	 (2)		32,206,466
Less accumulated depreciation for:						
Plant and infrastructure		(9,083,521)	(792,606)	-		(9,876,127)
Building		(18,203)	(5,648)	-		(23,851)
Office furniture and equipment		(27,650)	(1,090)	-		(28,740)
Other tangible equipment		(111,350)	(8,642)	-		(119,992)
Transportation equipment		(89,477)	(11,203)	-		(100,680)
Total accumulated depreciation		(9,330,201)	 (819,189)	 -	(10,149,390)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net		22,608,095	 (551,017)	 (2)		22,057,076
Total Water operations fixed assets	\$	23,340,687	\$ (419,414)	\$ (249,496)	<u>\$</u> 2	22,671,777
		12/31/2021			12	2/31/2022
		Balance	Additions	Reductions	1	Balance
Sewer operations					-	
Capital assets being depreciated:	_					
Plant and infrastructure	\$	595,411	\$ -	\$ -	\$	595,411
Office furniture and equipment		104	-	-		104
Other tangible equipment		5,066	-	-		5,066
Transportation equipment		5,599	-	-		5,599
Total capital assets being depreciated		606,180	 -	 -		606,180
Less accumulated depreciation for:						
Plant and infrastructure		(295,770)	(14,885)	-		(310,655)
Office furniture and equipment		(104)	-	-		(104)
Other tangible equipment		(5,066)	-	-		(5,066)
Transportation equipment		(5,525)	-	-		(5,525)
Total accumulated depreciation		(306,465)	 (14,885)	 -		(321,350)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net		299,715	 (14,885)	 		284,830
Total Sewer operations fixed assets		299,715	 (14,885)	 		284,830
Total fixed assets	\$	23,640,402	\$ (434,299)	\$ (249,496)	\$ 2	22,956,607

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2022

6. Changes in Fixed Assets (continued)

Total depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2022 was allocated as follows:

	Dep	reciation	Amo	ortization	Total		
Water operations		803,279	\$	15,910	\$	819,189	
Sewer operations		14,885		-		14,885	
Total	\$	818,164	\$	15,910	\$	834,074	

7. Long-Term Debt and Lease Obligations

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligations for the year ended December 31, 2022:

	Balance			Balance	Due Within
	12/31/2021	Additions	Deductions	12/31/2022	One Year
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,734,000	\$ -	\$-	\$ 1,734,000	\$ 51,000
Notes from direct borrowing	259,711		(17,955)	241,756	18,045
	\$ 1,993,711	<u>\$</u> -	<u>\$ (17,955)</u>	\$ 1,975,756	\$ 69,045

The District's outstanding notes from direct borrowing contains provision that in the event of default, outstanding balances become immediately due, with interest rate increases and accrued fees.

If the District defaults on the long term debt, the lenders may assign a receiver to administer on behalf of the District to charge and collect rates sufficient to provide for payment of operating and maintenance expenses and for the payment of principal and interest on the outstanding balances.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the District's long-term obligations are as follows:

	Notes fro								
		borro	wing	<u>z</u>		Bond	<u>ls</u>		
	F	<u>rincipal</u>	I	nterest		Principal	Interest		
2023	\$	18,045	\$	1,511	\$	51,000	\$	76,618	
2024		41,060		3,030		55,000		74,328	
2025		41,472		2,515		56,500		71,852	
2026		41,887	1,996			59,500		69,310	
2027		42,307		1,471	62,500			66,632	
2028-2032		56,985		1,130		354,500		288,518	
2033-2037		-		-		437,500		201,053	
2038-2042		-		-		383,500		109,067	
2043-2046		-		-		274,000		25,465	
Total	\$	241,756	\$	11,653	\$	1,734,000	\$	982,843	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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7. Long-Term Debt and Lease Obligations (continued)

A Rural Utilities Service bond, dated May 9, 2005 was issued to defease prior debt of the District used for water infrastructure improvements. The bond issue has an annual interest rate of 4.25%. The total amount of the bond was \$830,000. The bond calls for 40 annual principal payments and semiannual interest payments. The bond agreement also establishes an initial operations and maintenance account of \$25,000 for the first five years of operations with any remainder balance to be transferred to the depreciation reserve account. The funded depreciation reserve establishes monthly payments of \$385, beginning with the first month of the first full fiscal year after the facility becomes operational, until the account reaches \$46,200. At December 31, 2022, the Reserve account's balance was \$5,856.

Following is the RUS debt service schedule for the Isom Jeremiah infrastructure project:

Year	F	Principal	-	Interest	Total		I	Balance
							\$	634,000
2023	\$	17,000	\$	28,530	\$	45,530		617,000
2024		18,000		27,765		45,765		599,000
2025		19,000		26,955		45,955		580,000
2026		20,000		26,100		46,100		560,000
2027		21,000		25,200		46,200		539,000
2028-2032		120,000		110,925		230,925		419,000
2033-2037		148,000		81,540		229,540		271,000
2038-2042		185,000		45,045		230,045		86,000
2043-2044		86,000		5,850		91,850		-
Total	\$	634,000	\$	377,910	\$	1,011,910		

Letcher County Water and Sewer District assumed operations of the City of Blackey Water Treatment Plant beginning July 1, 2006. Assets and related liability of the plant was transferred to the Organization and is reflected in the current period financial statements. The Organization reflects an asset acquired related to the water plant of \$1,111,809, net of depreciation and amortization. Also assumed was a Rural Utility Service long-term debt obligation. Interest is payable annually at 4.5%. Following is the RUS debt service schedule for the Blackey Water Treatment Plant:

Year	P	rincipal	-	Interest	Total		E	Balance
							\$	310,000
2023	\$	14,000	\$	15,500	\$	29,500		296,000
2024		16,000		14,800		30,800		280,000
2025		16,000		14,000		30,000		264,000
2026		17,000		13,200		30,200		247,000
2027		18,000		12,350		30,350		229,000
2028-2032		102,000		47,550		149,550		127,000
2033-2037		127,000		19,150		146,150		-
<u>Total</u>	\$	310,000	\$	136,550	\$	446,550		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2022

7. Long-Term Debt and Lease Obligations (Continued)

A Rural Utilities Service bond, dated September 13, 2007 was issued for water infrastructure improvements. The bond issue has an annual interest rate of 4.125%. The total amount of the bond was \$1,000,000. The bond calls for 38 annual principal payments and semiannual interest payments.

Following is the RUS debt service schedule for the Camp Branch Sandlick infrastructure project:

Year	P	Principal	Interest	<u>Total</u>		E	Balance
						\$	790,000
2023	\$	20,000	\$ 32,588	\$	52,588		770,000
2024		21,000	31,763		52,763		749,000
2025		21,500	30,897		52,397		727,500
2026		22,500	30,010		52,510		705,000
2027		23,500	29,082		52,582		681,500
2028-2032		132,500	130,043		262,543		549,000
2033-2037		162,500	100,363		262,863		386,500
2038-2042		198,500	64,022		262,522		188,000
2043-2046		188,000	 19,615		207,615		-
Total	\$	790,000	\$ 468,383	\$	1,258,383		

Letcher County Water and Sewer District received a loan passed thru the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority from the Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$545,692 for construction of water infrastructure in the Little Cowan area of Letcher County. The obligation has a 1% interest rate. Principal and interest will be payable each June 1 and December 1. The loan term is 20 years. The loan requires a replacement reserve account be funded in the amount of \$3,905 each December 1 until the balance reaches \$39,050 and maintained for the life of the system. At December 31, 2022, the KIA Reserve account's balance was \$10,102.

In December 2009, Letcher County Water and Sewer District borrowed an additional \$235,308 from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. The total loan from Kentucky Infrastructure Authority was \$781,000.

Following is the KIA debt service schedule for the Little Cowan infrastructure project:

Year	I	Principal	I	nterest	Total		E	Balance
							\$	241,756
2023	\$	18,045	\$	1,511	\$	19,556		223,711
2024		41,060		3,030		44,090		182,651
2025		41,472		2,515		43,987		141,179
2026		41,887		1,996		43,883		99,292
2027		42,307		1,471		43,778		56,985
2028-2029		56,985		1,130		58,115		-
Total	\$	241,756	\$	11,653	\$	253,409		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2022

7. Long-Term Debt and Lease Obligations (Continued)

Changes in long-term debt for the District are as follows:

	1	2/31/2021						2/31/2022	Current	
		Balance		Additions		Reductions		Balance		Portion
Rural Utility Service Bond -										
Isom-Jeremiah Project	\$	634,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	634,000	\$	17,000
Rural Utility Service Bond -										
Camp Branch-Sandlick Project		790,000		-		-		790,000		20,000
Rural Utility Service Bond -										
Blackey Water Treatment Plant		310,000		-		-		310,000		14,000
Kentucky Infrastructure Authority -										
Little Cowan Project		259,711		_		(17,955)		241,756		18,045
Total	\$	1,993,711	\$	_	\$	(17,955)	\$	1,975,756	\$	69,045

Lessee

The District has a policy to recognize a lease liability and a right-to-use asset (lease asset) in the financial statements with an initial, individual value of \$5,000 or more with a lease term greater than one year. Variable payments based on future performance or usage of the underlying assets are not included in the measurement of the lease liability.

At the commencement of a lease, the lease liability is measured at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made.

Lease assets are recorded at the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liabilities and modified by any lease payments made to the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term, less any lease incentives received from the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term along with any initial direct costs that are ancillary charges necessary to place the lease assets into service. Lease assets are amortized using the straight–line method over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset, unless the lease contains a purchase option that the District has determined is reasonably certain of being exercised. In this case, the lease asset is amortized over the useful life of the underlying asset.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

• The District uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2022

7. Long-Term Debt and Lease Obligations (Continued)

- The lease term includes the noncancelable period of the lease, plus any option periods that are reasonably certain to be exercised.
- Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the District is reasonably certain to exercise. The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of a lease and will remeasure any lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Lease assets are reported as right-to-use along with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported on the statement of net position.

Lessor

When the District is a lessor for leases of buildings and land it recognizes a lease receivable and deferred inflows of resources in the financial statements. The District has a policy to recognize a lease receivable in the financial statements with an initial, individual value of \$5,000 or more with a lease term greater than one year.

At the commencement of a lease, the lease receivable is measured at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflows of resources are initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflows of resources are recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term in a systematic and rational method.

Key estimates and judgments include how the District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease receipts to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease receipts.

- The District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancelable period of the lease plus any option periods that are likely to be exercised.
- Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivable is composed of fixed payments from the lessee.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease receivable and deferred inflows of resources if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2022

8. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District carries commercial insurance for risk of loss. The District manages and finances these risks by purchasing commercial insurance for their worker's compensation and employer's liability.

The District did not have settled claims that exceeded the District's commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

9. <u>Contingencies</u>

The District receives funding from local, state, and federal government agencies. These funds are to be used for designated purposes only. For government agency grants, if the grantor's review indicates that the funds have not been used for the intended purpose, the grantors may request a refund of monies advanced or refuse to reimburse the District for its disbursements. The amount of such future refunds and unreimbursed disbursements, if any, is not expected to be significant. Continuation of the District's grant programs is predicated upon the grantor's satisfaction that the funds provided are being spent as intended and the grantors' intent to continue their programs.

10. <u>Concentrations</u>

The District paid \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons for its water purchases in 2019. In February 2020 Knott County Water District increased its rate to \$3.27 per 1,000 gallons and the District adjusted its water rates to offset the increase.

The Blackey Water Treatment Plant ceased operations in August 2010, after that date all water available for usage must be purchased from either the City of Whitesburg, City of Jenkins, Perry County Water and Sewer System or the Knott County Water District.

11. <u>Pension and Health Plans</u>

Employees of the Letcher County Water and Sewer District participate in the Letcher County Fiscal Court's pension and health insurance plans. More information on these plans can be found in Letcher County Fiscal Court's audited financial statements.

12. <u>Subsequent Events</u>

The District continues to monitor the direct and indirect effects of COVID-19, which has led to closings of non-essential services and limitations for public assemblies. While the immediate and long-term financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated, management anticipates preparing amendments to future budget projections reflecting any significant changes in revenues or expenditures affection the District as a result of the coronavirus.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2022

12. Subsequent Events (Continued)

In August 2021, the Board approved financing of two future projects – the Letcher/Perry water treatment plant and the Lower Cumberland water line extension via the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, loans were initially authorized at \$4,000,000 and \$2,487,495, respectively. In addition, the District anticipates receiving grant assistance to supplant and supplement funding. At report date, the construction has not started.

In March 2023, the District acquired a billing software upgrade for approximately \$19,600.

On July 28, 2022, an unprecedented flash flood occurred in the service area of the Organization resulting in loss of lives, property, and infrastructure damages. While the long-term financial impact for the Organization cannot be reasonably estimated, management anticipates monitoring and preparing amendments to future budget projections reflecting any changes in revenues and operational activities as a result of the flooding.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	Water Operations FYE					Sewer Oj FY	pe rat YE			
	1	2/31/2022	12	2/31/2021	12	/31/2022	12/	31/2021		
Revenue										
Water and Sewer Operations	\$	1,571,258	\$	1,491,114	\$	5,280	\$	4,800		
Tap Fees		27,264		23,281		-		-		
Late Fees		47,726		35,061		-		-		
Other Miscellaneous Income		54,779		58,272		-		-		
Total Operating Revenues		1,701,027		1,607,728		5,280		4,800		
Operating Expense										
Salaries and Fringe Benefits		413,062		371,065		4,929		4,554		
Office Expense		18,734		13,371		-		-		
Water Consumption		800,916		784,615		-		-		
Electric		54,125		51,527		731		700		
Telephone		14,676		12,878		-		-		
Postage		13,820		12,462		-		-		
Advertisement		2,234		380		-		-		
Legal and Accounting		16,014		5,654		115		41		
Contract Labor		55,289		53,513		-		-		
Water Quality Monitoring		10,308		7,971		-		-		
Repairs and Maintenance		9,182		24,630		696		704		
Vehicle Expense		56,808		33,671		4,029		2,589		
Rents		2,185		1,560		-		-		
Operating Supplies		88,101		55,627		2,609		1,711		
Bank Fees and NSF		211		243		50		60		
Insurance and Bonds		31,272		28,396		2,002		1,812		
Depreciation Expense		803,279		801,409		14,885		14,885		
Amortization Expense		15,910		15,910		-		-		
Total Operating Expense		2,406,126		2,274,882		30,046		27,056		
Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Revenue										
Over Operating Expense		(705,099)		(667,154)		(24,766)		(22,256)		
Other Income (Expense)										
Interest Income		1,170		1,230		275		288		
Interest Expense		(74,817)		(79,016)		-		-		
Total Other Income (Expense)		(73,647)		(77,786)		275		288		
Net Income (Loss)	\$	(778,746)	\$	(744,940)	\$	(24,491)	\$	(21,968)		

See independent auditor's report.

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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 Members of the Board Letcher County Water and Sewer District Mayking, Kentucky 41837

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Letcher County Water and Sewer District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Letcher County Water and Sewer District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 1, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Letcher County Water and Sewer District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Letcher County Water and Sewer District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Letcher County Water and Sewer 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Letcher County Water and Sewer 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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

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

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Chris Gooch Certified Public Accountant

Hazard, Kentucky

December 1, 2023