

HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners  
Hardin County Water District No. 2  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hardin County Water District No. 2 as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, 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 respective financial position of Hardin County Water District No. 2, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, thereof for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Emphasis of a Matter**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, during the year ended December 31, 2020, the District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### **Other Matters**

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 to 8, schedule of proportionate share of the net pension and OPEB liabilities on pages 36 and 37 and schedule of contributions on pages 38 and 39 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such 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. 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.

#### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Hardin County Water District No. 2's basic financial statements. Schedules I, II, IV, V, VI and VII are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Schedules I, II, IV, V, VI and VII are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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, Schedules I, II, IV, V, VI and are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Schedule III has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

#### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 25, 2021, on our consideration of Hardin County Water District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting and 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 the 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 Hardin County Water District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Heartland CPAs and Advisors, PLLC  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky  
March 25, 2021

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



**HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

The discussion and analysis of Hardin County Water District No. 2's financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2020. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to review the District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The ending cash and investment balance for the District was \$30.4 million. The balance at December 31, 2019, was \$29.9 million. This reflects an increase in cash and investments during the year of \$.5 million.
- The District continued capital construction projects to improve the water system and ensure the future water supply.
- The District began operation of a sewer service in the Glendale area.
- The District invested approximately \$4.4 million in capital assets during the year.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The basic financial statements report information about the District using full accrual accounting methods as utilized by similar business activities in the private sector. The basic financial statements include a statement of net position; a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position; a statement of cash flows; and notes to the basic financial statements.

The **statement of net position** presents the financial position of the District on a full accrual historical cost basis. The statement presents information on all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position are one indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

While the statement of net position provides information about the nature and amount of resources and obligations at year-end, the **statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position** presents the results of the District's activities over the course of the fiscal year and information as to how the net position changed during the year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. This statement also provides certain information about the District's recovery of its costs. Rate setting policies use different methods of cost recovery not fully provided for by generally accepted accounting principles. The primary objectives of the rate model are to improve equity among customer classes and to ensure that capital costs are allocated on the basis of long-term capacity needs, ensuring that growth pays for growth.

The **statement of cash flows** presents changes in cash and cash equivalents, resulting from operational, financing, and investing activities. This statement presents cash receipts and cash disbursement information, without consideration of the earnings event, when an obligation arises, or depreciation of capital assets.

The **notes to the basic financial statements** provide required disclosures and other information that are essential to a full understanding of material data provided in the statements. The notes present information about the District's accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, material risks, obligations, commitments, contingencies and subsequent events, if any.

#### ENTITY-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$100.5 million and \$97.7 million as of December 31, 2020 and 2019.

The largest portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in infrastructure and capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, vehicles, equipment, transmission and distribution systems and construction in progress), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to its customers; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The District's financial position is the product of several financial transactions including the net results of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets, and the depreciation of capital assets.

**(Table 1)**  
**Summary of Net Position**  
**as of December 31, 2020 and 2019**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current and		
Other Assets	\$ 45,763,310	\$ 43,565,477
Capital Assets	<u>87,784,189</u>	<u>86,737,522</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>133,547,499</u>	<u>130,302,999</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	3,720,448	3,304,368
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Long-term liabilities	33,203,098	31,865,229
Other Liabilities	<u>2,666,390</u>	<u>2,815,012</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>35,869,488</u>	<u>34,680,241</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	901,417	1,271,490
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	69,024,989	65,120,854
Restricted	6,161,611	8,294,892
Unrestricted	<u>25,310,442</u>	<u>24,239,890</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 100,497,042</u>	<u>\$ 97,655,636</u>

Unrestricted net position, the portion of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations (without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation or other legal requirements), increased \$1.1 million (4.42%) at December 31, 2020. Restricted net position decreased \$2.1 million (25.72%). Net investment in capital assets increased by \$3.9 million (6.00%).

**(Table 2)**  
**Changes in Net Position**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019**

	2020	2019
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>		
Water sales	\$ 13,477,649	\$ 13,900,538
Sewer sales	191,811	-
Other operating income	474,231	818,851
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>14,143,691</b>	<b>14,719,389</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Power purchased	843,168	810,375
Purchased water	388,681	568,130
Pumping and treatment labor	1,618,806	1,560,780
Purification supplies and expense	341,919	340,142
Transmission and distribution labor	2,467,665	2,347,050
Transmission and distribution supplies and expense	376,913	258,358
Transmission and distribution maintenance and repairs	98,127	84,428
Equipment rental	2,475	3,539
Transportation expense	145,352	216,751
Water treatment maintenance and expense	228,902	234,717
General and administrative expenses	3,002,166	3,066,596
Depreciation	3,320,335	3,029,307
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>12,834,509</b>	<b>12,520,173</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>1,309,182</b>	<b>2,199,216</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):</b>		
Investment income	699,702	1,103,986
Other income	281,603	281,690
Gain on disposal of capital assets	72,203	42,729
Interest expense on long-term debt	(631,494)	(635,678)
Amortization of bond discount and utility acquisition	(15,073)	(19,540)
<b>TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>	<b>406,941</b>	<b>773,187</b>
Capital contributions	1,125,283	4,593,035
Increase in net position	2,841,406	7,565,438
Net position, beginning	97,655,636	90,090,198
Net position, ending	<b>\$ 100,497,042</b>	<b>\$ 97,655,636</b>

Operating revenue decreased 3.9% as compared to the prior year. Total operating expenses increased 2.5%, which was due to increased depreciation as assets for the sewer division were put in service. The District continues to receive capital contributions through the State of Kentucky, the Federal government, other governments and individual developers.

## Capital Assets and Debt Administration

### Capital Assets

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the District had \$87.8 million and \$86.7 million invested in a variety of capital assets, as reflected in the following table:

**(Table 3)**  
**Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)**  
**as of December 31, 2020 and 2019**

	2020	2019
Non-Depreciable Assets:		
Land and land rights	\$ 2,182,132	\$ 2,171,632
Depreciable Assets:		
Structures and improvements	10,932,802	7,998,282
Property held for future use	1,054,004	1,083,764
Supply mains	12,255,283	455,269
Treatment plant	9,680,405	9,607,478
Standpipes, tanks and foundations	7,459,625	7,542,323
Transmission and distribution mains	33,671,761	34,082,809
Services and meters	5,596,321	5,608,861
Hydrants	30,930	33,855
Office furniture and fixtures	371,937	125,733
Transportation equipment	903,194	760,350
Other property and equipment	359,514	132,138
Capital assets in service	84,497,908	69,602,494
Construction in progress	3,286,281	17,135,028
Total capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>\$ 87,784,189</u>	<u>\$ 86,737,522</u>

Changes in capital assets for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 are in the following table:

**(Table 4)**  
**Changes in Capital Assets**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019**

	2020	2019
Beginning balance	\$ 86,737,522	\$ 84,190,773
Additions	21,554,514	8,996,683
Retirements	(17,187,512)	(3,420,627)
Depreciation	(3,320,335)	(3,029,307)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 87,784,189</u>	<u>\$ 86,737,522</u>

## Debt

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the District had \$14.2 million and \$15.1 million, in revenue bonds outstanding and \$4.6 million and \$4.9 million of notes payable. A total of \$1.3 million is due within the 2021 calendar year.

**(Table 5)**  
**Outstanding Debt**  
**as of December 31, 2020 and 2019**

	2020	2019
Revenue bonds	\$ 14,168,500	\$ 15,115,000
Notes payable	4,597,981	4,864,452
Unamortized discount/premium	85,758	103,525
	\$ 18,852,239	\$ 20,082,977

### District Challenges for the Future

The District continues to be financially sound. However, the current state and national financial climate requires the District to remain prudent.

The District will continue to use careful planning and monitoring of finances to provide quality services to its customers.

### Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives and spends. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Shaun Youravich, General Manager, 360 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701, (270) 737-1056.

## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Brief history - The Hardin County Water District No. 2 was organized pursuant to the provisions of Kentucky Revised Statutes KRS 74.010 and KRS 44.020 in order to provide a water supply for the residents of Hardin County, Kentucky. During the year ended December 31, 2017, the District established a sewer division. The District began supplying sewer service in 2020.

The District's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The District follows the accounting policies and procedures set forth by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and the guidance provided by the American Water Works Association in *Water Utility Accounting* and is regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the District are discussed below.

## A. REPORTING ENTITY

These financial statements present the District's financial activities. As defined by GASB No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units* the criteria for inclusion in the reporting entity involve those cases where the District or its officials appoint a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and is either able to impose its will on the organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or to impose specific financial burdens on the District or the nature and significance of the relationship between the District and the organization is such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be incomplete. Applying this definition, the District does not include any component units in its reporting entity.

## B. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

All activities of the District are accounted for within a single proprietary (enterprise) fund. The focus of proprietary fund measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. The GAAP applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. Enterprise funds are required to be used to account for operations for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services and the activity is financed with debt that is solely secured by a pledge of the net revenues.

## C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied. The proprietary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Nonexchange revenues, including intergovernmental revenues and grants, are reported when all eligibility requirements have been met. Fees and charges and other exchange revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Because the District's rates are regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission the District accounts for the financial effects of regulation in accordance with

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 62, Paragraphs 476-500, Regulated Operations. Accordingly, certain costs and income may be capitalized as a regulatory asset or liability that would otherwise be charged to expense or revenues. Regulatory assets and liabilities are recorded when it is probable that future rates will permit recovery.

## D. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AMOUNTS

1. Cash and investments – The District’s cash balances are held at multiple financial institutions. Investments are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices.
2. Cash and cash equivalents – The District has defined cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand and demand deposits. The District considers all highly liquid debt instruments (including restricted assets) purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.
3. Restricted Assets – Restricted assets consist of demand deposit savings accounts and certificates of deposit. The cost basis approximates market value.
4. Materials and supplies – Materials and supplies is composed of items used in the capital construction process.
5. Accounts Receivable - The allowance method is used to record uncollectible accounts. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, accounts receivable was stated net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$130,000 and \$80,000. Bad debt expense for 2020 was \$105,189 and 2019 was \$79,564. The District does not believe there is any credit risk associated with these receivables due to the large customer base and small individual account balances.
6. Capital Assets – Capital assets in service and construction in progress with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are recorded at historical cost, if purchased or constructed. Assets acquired through contributions from developers or other customers are capitalized at their estimated fair market value, if available, or at engineers’ estimated fair market value or cost to construct at the date of the contribution. Maintenance and repairs, which do not significantly extend the value or life of property, plant and equipment, are expensed as incurred. Assets are depreciated on the straight-line method. Depreciation is calculated using the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Source of supply equipment	15-50
Water treatment plant	10-40
Transmission and distribution systems	10-50
Equipment	3-20
Structures and improvements, including buildings	10-50
Office furniture, equipment and vehicles	3-20
Meters	10-20

7. Compensated absences – The District accrues unpaid vacation when earned by the employee.

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

8. Defining Operating Revenues and Expenses – The District distinguishes between operating and non-operating revenue and expenses. Operating revenues and expenses consist of charges for services and the costs of providing those services, including depreciation and excluding interest cost. All other revenues and expenses are reported as non-operating.
9. Net Position – Net position is divided into three components:
  - a. Net investment in capital assets – consist of the historical cost of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less any debt that remains outstanding that was used to finance those assets.
  - b. Restricted net position – consist of net position that is restricted by the District's creditors (for example, through debt covenants), by grantors (federal, state and local) and by other contributors.
  - c. Unrestricted – all other net position is reported in this category.
10. Use of Restricted Resources – When an expense is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources (net position), the District's policy is to first apply the expense toward restricted resources and then toward unrestricted resources.
11. Amortization – Bond discounts/premiums and deferred amounts on refundings are being amortized using the interest method over the life of each respective bond issue.
12. Capital Contributions – Contributions are recognized in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position when earned. Contributions include capacity fees, capital grants, and other supplemental support by other utilities and industrial customers and federal, state and local grants in support of system improvements.
13. Long-term Obligations – Long-term obligations are reported at face value, net of applicable premiums and discounts.
14. Use of Estimates – 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
15. Pensions and OPEB – For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, net OPEB liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) and additions to/deductions from CERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by CERS except that CERS's fiscal year end is June 30. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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The District's rates are regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 62, Paragraphs 476-500, Regulated Operations, which requires that the effects of the rate-making process be recorded in the financial statements, the District has elected to record a regulatory asset for the net pension liability, net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB. Accordingly, the District recognizes the actuarially determined contribution as the current year pension and OPEB expense.

## 16. Impact Of Recently Issued Accounting Principles

Recently Issued And Adopted Accounting Principles

In May 2020, the GASB issued Statement 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*. This statement was effective upon issuance. For the postponement dates, see individual standard descriptions below.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2017, the GASB issued Statement 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. This statement was effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2018, but was delayed by one year with the issuance of GASB 95. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this statement on the District's financial statements.

In June 2017, the GASB issued Statement 87, *Leases*. This statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2019, but was delayed by eighteen months with the issuance of GASB 95. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this statement on the District's financial statements.

In June 2018, the GASB issued Statement 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred Before the End of a Construction Period*. This statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2019, but was delayed by one year with the issuance of GASB 95. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this statement on the District's financial statements.

In August 2018, the GASB issued Statement 90, *Majority Equity Interests – An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*. This statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2018, but was delayed by one year with the issuance of GASB 95. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this statement on the District's financial statements.

In May 2019, the GASB issued Statement 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*. This statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2020, but was delayed by one year with the issuance of GASB 95. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this statement on the District's financial statements.

In January 2020, the GASB Issued Statement 92, *Omnibus 2020*. This statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2020, but was delayed by one year with the issuance of GASB 95. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this statement on the District's financial statements.

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

In March 2020, the GASB issued Statement 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*. This statement is effective, except for paragraphs 11b, 13, and 14 for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2020. The requirement in paragraph 11b is effective for reporting periods ending after December 31, 2021. The requirements in paragraphs 13 and 14 are effective for fiscal years periods beginning after June 15, 2021. These dates were delayed by one year with the issuance of GASB 95. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this statement on the District's financial statements.

In March 2020, the GASB issued Statement 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*. This statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2022. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this statement on the District's financial statements.

In June 2020, the GASB issued Statement 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a supersession of GASB Statement No. 32*. The requirements in (1) paragraph 4 of the Statement as it applies to defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution OPEB plans, and other employee benefit plans and (2) paragraph 5 of the Statement are effective immediately. The requirements in paragraphs 6–9 of the Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021. All other requirements of the Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this statement on the District's financial statements.

NOTE 2 – ELIZABETHTOWN WATER SYSTEM ACQUISITION

On October 23, 2014, the Kentucky Public Service Commission approved an asset purchase agreement between the District and the City of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, for the District's purchase of certain water system assets of the City. The transaction closed on October 31, 2014. The agreement requires the District to pay a note to the City of \$8,000,000 in twenty annual installments of \$400,000 beginning in 2015. The note carries no specified interest rate, but interest was imputed at a rate of 2.745 percent resulting in a net principal amount of \$6,093,748 and a resulting interest amount of \$1,906,252 over the life of the note (See note 5). The assets acquired were recorded at cost as well as the corresponding accumulated depreciation (See note 4). The transaction resulted in a \$1,000,000 capital contribution from the City and a utility acquisition adjustment of \$194,608 which is presented as a deferred outflow of resources in the Statement of Net Position. This amount is being amortized over 20 years at \$9,730 per year. The unamortized amount at December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$136,225 and \$145,956.

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

*DEPOSITS – 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 or that the District will not be able to recover collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, \$17,130,700 and \$16,752,501 of the District's bank balance of \$17,630,700 and \$17,282,112 was exposed to custodial credit risk. For 2019 and 2018, of the amount exposed to custodial credit risk, the entire amount was collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution.

*INVESTMENTS*

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the District had the following investments and maturities:

	12/31/2020 Fair Value	Average Credit Quality/Ratings	Maturities
Bond Mutual Funds	\$ 3,790,359	Unrated	4.0 years average
Bond Mutual Funds	5,294,517	Unrated	5.2 years average
Bond Mutual Funds	<u>4,195,724</u>	Unrated	6.1 years average
Total Investments	<u>\$ 13,280,600</u>		
	12/31/2019 Fair Value	Average Credit Quality/Ratings	Maturities
Bond Mutual Funds	\$ 3,650,535	Unrated	4.0 years average
Bond Mutual Funds	5,074,180	Unrated	5.2 years average
Bond Mutual Funds	<u>3,950,145</u>	Unrated	6.1 years average
Total Investments	<u>\$ 12,674,860</u>		

*The funds listed above are not rated. The individual investments within the funds are rated no lower than BBB.*

*Investment Policies*

**Credit Risk** is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Generally, the District's investing activities are under the custody of the District Commissioners. Investing policies comply with the State Statutes. Kentucky Revised Statute 66.480 defines the following items as permissible investments:

- Obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities;
- Obligations of any corporation of the United States Government;
- Obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States or a United States government agency;
- Uncollateralized certificates of deposit issued by any bank or savings and loan institution rated in one (1) of the three (3) highest categories by a nationally recognized rating agency;
- Bankers' acceptances for banks rated in one (1) of the three (3) highest categories by a nationally recognized rating agency;

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- Certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or similar entity or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligations, including surety bonds, permitted by KRS 41.240(4);
- Commercial paper rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized rating agency;
- Bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state and of its agencies and instrumentalities;
- Securities issued by a state or local government, or any instrumentality of agency thereof, in the United States, and rated in one (1) of the three (3) highest categories by a nationally recognized rating agency; and
- Shares of mutual funds, each of which shall have the following characteristics:
  1. The mutual fund shall be an open-end diversified investment company registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended;
  2. The management company of the investment company shall have been in operation for at least five (5) years; and
  3. All of the securities in the mutual fund shall be eligible investments pursuant to this section.

**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. The District policy provides that, to the extent practicable, investments are matched with anticipated cash flows. Investments are diversified to minimize the risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of assets in a specific maturity period, a single issuer, or an individual class of securities. **Concentration of Credit Risk** is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the District's investment in a single issuer. U.S. Government securities and investments in mutual funds are excluded from this risk. The District does not have more than 5% or more of investments subject to the concentration of credit risk disclosure in any one issuer. **Custodial Credit Risk** is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. No investments are reported at amortized cost. The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The District's investments are level 1 inputs.

NOTE 4 - RESTRICTED CASH

The District has restricted cash for various purposes at December 31, 2020 and 2019 as follows:

<u>Restricted For</u>	<u>December 31, 2020</u>	<u>December 31, 2019</u>
Debt service	\$ 2,549,474	\$ 2,504,752
Depreciation fund	1,076,283	1,043,862
Escrow	54,360	116,941
Construction	1,975,273	4,187,337
Customer deposits	506,221	441,999
	<u>\$ 6,161,611</u>	<u>\$ 8,294,891</u>

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2020 follows.

	Balance at December 31, 2019	Additions	Retirements	Balance at December 31, 2020
Non-Depreciable Assets:				
Land and land rights	\$ 2,171,632	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ 2,182,132
Construction in progress	17,135,028	3,338,765	(17,187,512)	3,286,281
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	19,306,660	3,349,265	(17,187,512)	5,468,413
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Structures and improvements	15,269,264	3,579,120	-	18,848,384
Property held for future use	1,190,404	-	-	1,190,404
Supply mains	1,795,159	12,065,042	-	13,860,201
Treatment plant	11,886,444	165,730	-	12,052,174
Standpipes, tanks and foundations	11,908,014	225,646	-	12,133,660
Transmission and distribution mains	52,461,860	681,125	-	53,142,985
Services and meters	10,813,318	599,316	(299,118)	11,113,516
Hydrants	298,601	3,582	-	302,183
Office furniture and fixtures	646,759	274,216	-	920,975
Transportation equipment	2,190,688	336,061	(201,346)	2,325,403
Other property and equipment	686,699	275,411	-	962,110
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated at historical cost	109,147,210	18,205,249	(500,464)	126,851,995
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Structures and improvements	7,270,982	644,600	-	7,915,582
Property held for future use	106,640	29,760	-	136,400
Supply mains	1,339,890	265,028	-	1,604,918
Treatment plant	2,278,966	92,803	-	2,371,769
Standpipes, tanks and foundations	4,365,691	308,344	-	4,674,035
Transmission and distribution mains	18,379,051	1,092,173	-	19,471,224
Services and meters	5,204,457	611,856	(299,118)	5,517,195
Hydrants	264,746	6,507	-	271,253
Office furniture and fixtures	521,026	28,012	-	549,038
Transportation equipment	1,430,338	193,217	(201,346)	1,422,209
Other property and equipment	554,561	48,035	-	602,596
Total accumulated depreciation	41,716,348	3,320,335	(500,464)	44,536,219
Total other capital assets, net	67,430,862	14,884,914	-	82,315,776
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 86,737,522</u>	<u>\$ 18,234,179</u>	<u>\$ (17,187,512)</u>	<u>\$ 87,784,189</u>

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Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2019 follows.

	Balance at December 31, 2018	Additions	Retirements	Balance at December 31, 2019
Non-Depreciable Assets:				
Land and land rights	\$ 2,171,632	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,171,632
Construction in progress	15,916,522	4,629,933	(3,411,427)	17,135,028
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	18,088,154	4,629,933	(3,411,427)	19,306,660
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Structures and improvements	12,687,452	2,581,812	-	15,269,264
Property held for future use	1,199,604	-	(9,200)	1,190,404
Supply mains	1,795,159	-	-	1,795,159
Water treatment plant	11,821,853	64,591	-	11,886,444
Standpipes, tanks and foundations	11,441,433	466,581	-	11,908,014
Transmission and distribution mains	52,007,443	454,417	-	52,461,860
Services and meters	10,570,999	505,235	(262,916)	10,813,318
Hydrants	295,042	3,559	-	298,601
Office furniture and fixtures	623,101	23,658	-	646,759
Transportation equipment	2,079,208	266,897	(155,417)	2,190,688
Other property and equipment	686,699	-	-	686,699
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated at historical cost	105,207,993	4,366,750	(427,533)	109,147,210
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Structures and improvements	6,720,525	550,457	-	7,270,982
Property held for future use	76,880	29,760	-	106,640
Supply mains	1,267,167	72,723	-	1,339,890
Water treatment plant	2,190,026	88,940	-	2,278,966
Standpipes, tanks and foundations	4,068,921	296,770	-	4,365,691
Transmission and distribution mains	17,301,001	1,078,050	-	18,379,051
Services and meters	4,847,198	620,175	(262,916)	5,204,457
Hydrants	256,843	7,903	-	264,746
Office furniture and fixtures	485,813	35,213	-	521,026
Transportation equipment	1,382,248	203,507	(155,417)	1,430,338
Other property and equipment	508,752	45,809	-	554,561
Total accumulated depreciation	39,105,374	3,029,307	(418,333)	41,716,348
Total other capital assets, net	66,102,619	1,337,443	(9,200)	67,430,862
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 84,190,773</u>	<u>\$ 5,967,376</u>	<u>\$ (3,420,627)</u>	<u>\$ 86,737,522</u>

During the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, the District capitalized no interest in either year and expensed \$631,494 and \$635,678 of interest costs.

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The construction costs of the District's water facilities have been financed by issuance of revenue bonds authorized under Kentucky Revised. All assets of the District are pledged as collateral for these bonds. Information relating to the outstanding bond issues is summarized below:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Face Amount</u>	<u>Bonds Due 12/31/2020</u>	<u>Bonds Due 12/31/2019</u>
2010 Series A	2.0% - 4.125%	\$ 5,625,000	\$ 3,450,000	\$ 3,700,000
2012 Series	1.0% - 3.75%	6,070,000	4,505,000	4,710,000
2016 Series A	3.875%	3,400,000	3,363,500	3,400,000
2016 Series B	2.0% - 3.0%	2,180,000	1,380,000	1,585,000
2016 Series C	2.0% - 3.0%	2,430,000	1,470,000	1,720,000
			<u>\$ 14,168,500</u>	<u>\$ 15,115,000</u>

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2020, was as follows:

	<u>Balance at December 31, 2019</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance at December 31, 2020</u>	<u>Amount Due Within One Year</u>
Bonds and notes payable:					
Revenue bonds	\$ 15,115,000	\$ -	\$ (946,500)	\$ 14,168,500	\$ 988,000
Notes	4,864,452		(266,471)	4,597,981	273,785
Unamortized bond premium/discount	103,525		(17,767)	85,758	-
Total bonds and notes payable	20,082,977	-	(1,230,738)	18,852,239	1,261,785
Other liabilities:					
Customer deposits	402,695	174,513	(127,154)	450,054	45,054
Accrued vacation	165,737	185,274	(165,737)	185,274	185,274
Customer advances for construction	112,000	69,767	(131,767)	50,000	50,000
Total other liabilities	680,432	429,554	(424,658)	685,328	280,328
Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 20,763,409</u>	<u>\$429,554</u>	<u>\$ (1,655,396)</u>	<u>\$ 19,537,567</u>	<u>\$ 1,542,113</u>

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Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2019, was as follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2018	Additions	Reductions	Balance at December 31, 2019	Amount Due Within One Year
Bonds and notes payable:					
Revenue bonds	\$ 16,005,000	\$ -	\$ (890,000)	\$ 15,115,000	\$ 946,500
Notes	5,123,804	-	(259,352)	4,864,452	266,471
Unamortized bond premium/discount	<u>119,575</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,050)</u>	<u>103,525</u>	<u>-</u>
Total bonds and notes payable	21,248,379	-	(1,165,402)	20,082,977	1,212,971
Other liabilities:					
Customer deposits	441,920	147,060	(186,285)	402,695	40,270
Accrued vacation	165,169	165,737	(165,169)	165,737	165,737
Customer advances for construction	<u>103,250</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>(36,250)</u>	<u>112,000</u>	<u>112,000</u>
Total other liabilities	<u>710,339</u>	<u>357,797</u>	<u>(387,704)</u>	<u>680,432</u>	<u>318,007</u>
Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 21,958,718</u>	<u>\$ 357,797</u>	<u>\$ (1,553,106)</u>	<u>\$ 20,763,409</u>	<u>\$ 1,530,978</u>

Under covenants of the bond ordinances, certain funds have been established. These funds and their current financial requirements are presented as follows:

Revenue Fund

All receipts for services are deposited into this fund and, subsequently, disbursed into the following required funds:

Bond and Interest Redemption Funds

There is to be a monthly deposit of an amount equal to 1/12 of the next ensuing principal payment due and 1/6 of the next ensuing interest payment due for the 2010 Series A, 2012 Series, 2016 Series A, 2016 Series B and 2016 Series C and 1/12 of the next ensuing principal and interest payment on the note payable.

Depreciation Fund

The District is required to transfer \$20,295 per month until the fund balance reaches \$272,400 (was fully funded at December 31, 2019). Also, \$4,000 per month is deposited for replacement or purchase of short-term assets. This fund also receives the proceeds from the sale of any property or equipment. This fund may be used to purchase new or replacement property and equipment.

Operation and Maintenance Fund

This fund receives, on a monthly basis, sufficient amounts to pay current expenses from the Revenue Fund after the above transfers have been made. This fund is used to pay operating expenditures. This account is funded until it reaches two months of forecasted operating expenses. Any surplus left may be added to the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund.

The District requires new customers to provide a \$60 deposit for initial water service. Current customers in good standing who add additional service locations are not required to pay an additional deposit.

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Bond and note maturities and Sinking Fund requirements in each of the next five years and in five year increments thereafter are as follows at December 31, 2020:

Year	Revenue Bonds			Notes		
	Principal	Interest	Totals	Principal	Interest	Totals
2021	\$ 988,000	\$ 471,312	\$ 1,459,312	\$ 273,785	\$ 126,215	\$ 400,000
2022	1,019,500	441,314	1,460,814	281,301	118,699	400,000
2023	1,056,500	409,974	1,466,474	289,022	110,978	400,000
2024	1,108,000	377,127	1,485,127	296,956	103,044	400,000
2025	1,139,500	341,795	1,481,295	305,108	94,892	400,000
2026-2030	3,457,500	1,316,586	4,774,086	1,655,860	344,140	2,000,000
2031-2035	1,995,000	806,716	2,801,716	1,495,949	104,051	1,600,000
2036-2040	1,189,000	528,023	1,717,023	-	-	-
2041-2045	464,000	391,388	855,388	-	-	-
2046-2050	568,000	290,329	858,329	-	-	-
2051-2055	695,500	166,587	862,087	-	-	-
2056-2058	488,000	29,345	517,345	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,168,500</b>	<b>\$5,570,496</b>	<b>\$ 19,738,996</b>	<b>\$4,597,981</b>	<b>\$ 1,002,019</b>	<b>\$ 5,600,000</b>
	<b>Sinking Fund</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>Requirements</b>					
2021	\$ 1,859,312					
2022	1,860,814					
2023	1,866,474					
2024	1,885,127					
2025	1,881,295					
2026-2030	6,774,086					
2031-2035	4,401,716					
2036-2040	1,717,023					
2041-2045	855,388					
2046-2050	858,329					
2051-2055	862,087					
2056-2058	517,345					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,338,996</b>					

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019NOTE 7 - RETIREMENT PLANPlan Description

The District participates in the County Employees' Retirement System (CERS), a component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan. CERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Under the provisions of KRS Section 61.645, the Board of Trustees of Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS) administers the CERS. The CERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about CERS' fiduciary net position. CERS' report may be obtained at [www.kyret.ky.gov](http://www.kyret.ky.gov).

Benefits Provided

The system provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to system members. Retirement benefits may be extended to beneficiaries of members under certain circumstances. Prior to July 1, 2009, cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) were provided annually equal to the percentage increase in the annual average of the consumer price index for all urban consumers for the most recent calendar year, not to exceed 5% in any plan year. Effective July 1, 2009, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, the COLA is limited to 1.5% provided the recipient has been receiving a benefit for at least 12 months prior to the effective date of the COLA. If the recipient has been receiving a benefit for less than 12 months prior to the effective date of the COLA, the increase shall be reduced on a pro-rata basis for each month the recipient has not been receiving benefits in the 12 months preceding the effective date of the COLA. The Kentucky General Assembly has the authority to increase, suspend or reduce COLAs. Senate Bill 2 of 2013 eliminated all future COLAs unless the State Legislature so authorizes on a biennial basis and either (1) the system is over 100% funded or (2) the Legislature appropriates sufficient funds to pay the increased liability for the COLA. No COLA has been granted since July 1, 2011.

Contributions

For the calendar year ended December 31, 2020, plan members were required to contribute 5% of their annual creditable compensation. Participating employers were required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Per Kentucky Revised Statute Section 78.545(33), normal contribution and past service contribution rates shall be determined by the Board on the basis of an annual valuation last preceding July 1 of a new biennium. The Board may amend contribution rates as of the first day of July of the second year of a biennium, if it is determined on the basis of a subsequent actuarial valuation that amended contribution rates are necessary to satisfy requirements determined in accordance with actuarial bases adopted by the Board.

The District's contractually required contribution rate for the entire calendar year ended December 31, 2020, was 19.30 percent for the entire calendar year. The District's contractually required contribution rate for the calendar year ended December 31, 2019, was 16.22 percent of creditable compensation from January 1 to June 30 and 19.30 percent of creditable compensation from July 1 to December 31. Contributions to the pension plan for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 from the District were \$778,089 and \$686,443. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the District owed \$102,635 and \$76,980 to the plan for employer and member contributions for December.

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$11,567,079 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019 using standard roll-forward techniques. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2020, the District's proportion 0.150811 percent, which was an increase of .005849 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, the District recognized pension expense of \$778,089 and \$686,443. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the District reported its proportionate share of the CERS deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>2020</u>	
	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 288,446	\$ -
Changes in actuarial assumptions	451,675	-
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	501,394	211,942
Changes in proportion and proportionate share of contributions	561,061	-
	<u>\$ 1,802,576</u>	<u>\$ 211,942</u>
	 <u>2019</u> 	
	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 260,315	\$ 43,077
Changes in actuarial assumptions	1,031,874	-
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	195,709	360,060
Changes in proportion and proportionate share of contributions	598,726	-
	<u>\$ 2,086,624</u>	<u>\$ 403,137</u>

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Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Pension Expense Amount</u>
2021	\$ 808,988
2022	507,695
2023	157,701
2024	116,250
	<u>\$ 1,590,634</u>

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation using standard roll-forward techniques was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2019
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

## Actuarial Assumptions:

Discount Rate	6.25 percent
Inflation	2.30 percent
Salary increases	3.30 percent to 10.30 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.25 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The mortality table used for active members was a Pub-2010 General Mortality table, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2010. The mortality table used for healthy retired members was a system-specific mortality table based on mortality experience from 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2020. The mortality table used for the disabled members was PUB-2010 Disabled Mortality table, with a 4-year set-forward for both male and female rates, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2010.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018.

The long-term expected rate of return was determined by using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rate of returns are developed for each asset class. The ranges are combined by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rate of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table below.

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
US Equity	18.75%	4.50%
Non-US Equity	18.75%	5.25%
Private Equity	10.00%	6.65%
Specialty Credit/High Yield	15.00%	3.90%
Core Bonds	13.50%	-0.25%
Cash	1.00%	-0.75%
Real Estate	5.00%	5.30%
Opportunistic	3.00%	2.25%
Real Return	<u>15.00%</u>	3.95%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability as of the Measurement Date was 6.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that local employers would contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate of projected compensation over the remaining 24 year (closed) amortization period of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The actuarial determined contribution rate is adjusted to reflect the phase in of anticipated gains on actuarial value of assets over the first four years of the projection period. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment return of 6.25%. The discount rate determination does not use a municipal bond rate. The long-term assumed investment rate of return was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019Sensitivity Of The District's Proportionate Share Of The Net Pension Liability To Changes In The Discount Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.25 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.25 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.25%)	Current Discount Rate (6.25%)	1% Increase (7.25%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 14,264,725	\$ 11,567,079	\$ 9,333,325

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position, which has been determined on the same basis as that used by the plan, is available in the separately issued CERS financial report. The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Member contributions and employer matching contributions are recognized in the fiscal year due. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

NOTE 8 – OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLANPlan Description

The District participates in the County Employees' Retirement System (CERS), a component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan. CERS provides other post-employment benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The Board of Trustees of Kentucky Retirement Systems (KERS) administers CERS. CERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained at [www.kyret.ky.gov](http://www.kyret.ky.gov). The Kentucky Retirement Systems' Insurance Fund (Insurance Fund) was established to provide hospital and medical insurance for eligible members receiving benefits from CERS. The eligible non-Medicare retirees are covered by the Department of Employee Insurance (DEI) plans. KRS submits the premium payments to DEI. The Board contracts with Humana to provide health care benefits to the eligible Medicare retirees through a Medicare Advantage Plan. The Insurance Fund pays a prescribed contribution for whole or partial payment of required premiums to purchase hospital and medical insurance.

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019Benefits provided

For members participating prior to July 1, 2003, KRS pays a percentage of the monthly premium for single coverage based upon the service credit accrued at retirement. Members participating on or after July 1, 2003, and before September 1, 2008, are required to earn at least 10 years of service credit in order to be eligible for insurance benefits at retirement. Members participating on or after September 1, 2008 are required to earn at least 15 years of service credit in order to be eligible for insurance benefits at retirement. The monthly health insurance contribution will be \$10 for each year of earned service increased by the CPI prior to July 1, 2009, and by 1.5% annually from July 1, 2009.

Contributions

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, plan members who began participating prior to September 1, 2008, were required to contribute 0% of their annual creditable compensation. Those members who began participating on, or after, September 1, 2008 and before January 1, 2014 were required to contribute 1% of their annual creditable compensation. Those members who began participating on, or after, January 1, 2014 were required to contribute 1% of their annual creditable compensation but their contribution is not credited to their account and is not refundable. Participating employers were required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Per Kentucky Revised Statute Section 78.545(33), normal contribution and past service contribution rates shall be determined by the Board on the basis of an annual valuation last preceding July 1 of a new biennium. The Board may amend contribution rates as of the first day of July of the second year of a biennium, if it is determined on the basis of a subsequent actuarial valuation that amended contribution rates are necessary to satisfy requirements determined in accordance with actuarial bases adopted by the Board.

The District's contractually required contribution rate for the entire calendar year ended December 31, 2020, was 4.76 percent of creditable compensation for the entire calendar year. The District's contractually required contribution rate for the calendar year ended December 31, 2019, was 5.26 percent of creditable compensation from January 1 to June 30 and 4.76 percent of creditable compensation from July 1 through December 31. Contributions to the OPEB plan from the District were \$191,902 for the period ended December 31, 2020 and \$192,855 for the year ended December 31, 2019. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the District owed \$22,335 and \$19,245 to the plan for contributions for December.

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEBs

At December 31, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$3,640,565 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating school districts, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2020, the District's proportion was 0.150767 percent, which was an increase of .005843 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$191,902 and \$192,855. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the District reported its proportionate share of the CERS deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEBs from the following sources:

	<u>2020</u>	
	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 608,262	\$ 608,737
Changes in actuarial assumptions	633,243	3,851
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	195,290	74,286
Changes in proportion and proportionate share of contributions	<u>234,998</u>	<u>2,601</u>
	<u>\$ 1,671,793</u>	<u>\$ 689,475</u>
	<u>2019</u>	
	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ -	\$ 735,467
Changes in actuarial assumptions	721,296	4,823
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	16,056	124,321
Changes in proportion and proportionate share of contributions	<u>201,472</u>	<u>3,742</u>
	<u>\$ 938,824</u>	<u>\$ 868,353</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in the District's OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>OPEB Expense Amount</u>
2021	\$ 257,310
2022	293,120
2023	224,395
2024	208,280
2025	<u>(787)</u>
	<u>\$ 982,318</u>

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019Actuarial assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Investment rate of return	6.25%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation.
Projected salary increases	3.05% to 10.30%, including inflation
Inflation rate	2.30%
Real Wage Growth	2.00%
Healthcare Trend Rate:	
Pre-65	Initial trend starting at 6.40% at January 1, 2022, and gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 14 years.
Post-65	Initial trend starting at 2.90% at January 1, 2022, and gradually increasing to 6.30% in 2023, then gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 14 years.
Municipal Bond Index Rate	2.45%
Discount Rate	5.34%

The mortality table used for active members is RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (multiplied by 50% for males and 30% for females). For healthy retired members and beneficiaries, the mortality table used is the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (set-back for one year for females). For disabled members, the RP-2000 Combined Disabled Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (set back four years for males) is used for the period after disability retirement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018.

The long-term expected rate of return was determined by using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rate of returns are developed for each asset class. The ranges are combined by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rate of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table below.

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
US Equity	18.75%	4.50%
Non-US Equity	18.75%	5.25%
Private Equity	10.00%	6.65%
Specialty Credit/High Yield	15.00%	3.90%
Core Bonds	13.50%	-0.25%
Cash	1.00%	-0.75%
Real Estate	5.00%	5.30%
Opportunistic	3.00%	2.25%
Real Return	<u>15.00%</u>	3.95%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate of 5.34% assumed that local employers would contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate of projected compensation over the remaining 24 years (closed) amortization period of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The discount rate determination used an expected rate of return of 6.25%, and a municipal bond rate of 2.45%, as reported in Fidelity Index's "20 -Year Municipal GO AA Index" as of June 30, 2020. However, the cost associated with the implicit employer subsidy was not included in the calculation of the System's actuarial determined contributions, and any cost associated with the implicit subsidy will not be paid out of the System's trusts. Therefore, the municipal bond rate was applied to future expected benefit payments associated with the implicit subsidy. The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic nominal rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the CAFR.

Sensitivity Of The District's Proportionate Share Of The Net OPEB Liability To Changes In The Discount Rate

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability of the System, calculated using the discount rate of 5.34%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.34%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.34%) than the current rate::

	<u>1% Decrease (4.34%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (5.34%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (6.34%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 4,677,057	\$ 3,640,565	\$ 2,789,259

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019Sensitivity Of The District's Proportionate Share Of The Collective Net OPEB Liability To Changes In The Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that were 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates.

	<u>1%</u> <u>Decrease</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>1%</u> <u>Increase</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 2,818,707	\$ 3,640,565	\$ 4,637,908

OPEB plan fiduciary net position – Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position, which has been determined on the same basis as that used by the plan, is available in the separately issued CERS financial report. The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Member contributions and employer matching contributions are recognized in the fiscal year due. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

NOTE 9 - SELF-INSURANCE

In January 2017, the District implemented a self-insured health insurance plan. Revenues are recognized from payroll deductions for employee dependent coverage and from City contributions for employee coverage. Liabilities for unpaid claims are estimated based on a review of claims incurred during the fiscal year but not paid until the following fiscal year. Changes in claims liability during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, were as follows:

<u>Year</u> <u>Ended</u> <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Balance at</u> <u>beginning of</u> <u>year</u>	<u>Current-year</u> <u>claims and</u> <u>changes in</u> <u>estimates</u>	<u>Claim</u> <u>payments</u> <u>and transfers</u>	<u>Balance at</u> <u>end</u> <u>year</u>
2020	\$ 150,870	\$ 527,058	\$ 653,516	\$ 24,412
2019	\$ 31,207	\$ 1,030,429	\$ 910,766	\$ 150,870

Claims due within one year at December 31, 2020 and 2019 were \$24,412 and \$150,870. The health care coverage program maintains a policy with a commercial insurance company that covers any claims greater than \$35,000 per year per employee and also covers any aggregate claims greater than \$765,030 per year. For the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018, no settlements exceeded insurance coverage.

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019NOTE 10 – INTERDIVISION ACTIVITIES

On October 17, 2017, the Water Division loaned the Sewer Division \$500,000 at no interest. The amount was due October 1, 2019 and was extended to a due date of December 31, 2021 during 2019. On January 16, 2018, the Water Division loaned the Sewer Division \$1,500,000 at no interest. The amount was due January 1, 2020 and was extended to a due date of December 31, 2021 during 2019. Both loans were paid by the Sewer Division to the Water Division during 2020.

NOTE 11 – CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following schedule details the sources of capital contributions for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019:

<u>Source</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
State of Kentucky	\$ 651,013	\$ 3,782,303
Relocation	34,176	482,220
Tap Fees	434,662	311,522
Developers	5,432	16,990
	<u>\$ 1,125,283</u>	<u>\$ 4,593,035</u>

NOTE 12 – RENTAL AGREEMENTS

The District has entered into agreements to lease space on its water towers to various customers. Rental income during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$94,135 for each year. The following schedule represents future payments to be received. Each agreement provides for optional renewals. The schedule below reflects payments to be received under current agreements and does not include renewals after the current term.

2021	\$ 94,135
2022	94,135
2023	<u>32,851</u>
Total	<u>\$ 221,121</u>

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSDECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019NOTE 13 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The District is subject to various legal actions in various stages of litigation, the outcome of which is not determinable at this time. Management of the District and its legal counsel do not anticipate that there will be any material effect on the basic financial statements as a result of the cases presently in progress.

The District has construction commitments for ongoing projects.

Under COBRA, employers are mandated to notify terminated employees of available continuing insurance coverage. Failure to comply with this requirement may put the District at risk for a substantial loss.

NOTE 14 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District was insured for workers' compensation, general liability and automobile liability coverage under a retrospectively rated commercial policy.

NOTE 15 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On January 15, 2021, the District issued into a revenue bond anticipation note to borrow up to \$8 million to be used for capital improvements. The note carries an interest rate of .575 percent.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



**HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2**

## NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

**CERS PENSION**

*Changes of benefit terms.* There were no changes in benefit terms from 2015 through 2020.

*Changes of assumptions (as of June 30 of the year measurement date):*

**2015** – The assumed investment rate of return was decreased from 7.75% to 7.50%. The assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.50% to 3.25%. The assumed rate of wage inflation was reduced from 1.00% to 0.75%. Payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.50% to 4.00%. The mortality table used for active members is RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (multiplied by 50% for males and 30% for females). For healthy retired members and beneficiaries, the mortality table used is the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (set back 1 year for females). For disabled members, the RP-2000 Combined Disabled Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (set back 4 years for males) is used for the period after disability retirement. There is some margin in the current mortality tables for possible future improvement in mortality rates and that margin will be reviewed again when the next experience investigation is conducted. The assumed rates of retirement, withdrawal and disability were updated to more accurately reflect experience.

**2016 and 2017** – No changes.

**2018** – The assumed investment return was changed from 7.50% to 6.25%. The price inflation assumption was changed from 3.25% to 2.30%, which also resulted in a 0.95% decrease in the salary increase assumption at all years of service. The payroll growth assumption (applicable for the amortization unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities) was changed from 4.00% to 2.00%.

**2019** – Annual salary increases and annual rates of retirement, disability, withdrawal and mortality were updated based on the 2018 experience study and the percent of disabilities assumed to occur in the line of duty was updated from 0% to 2% for non-hazardous members.

**2020** – No changes.

**HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2**

## NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

**CERS OPEB**

*Changes of benefit terms.* There were no changes in benefit terms for 2018 through 2020.

*Changes of assumptions (as of June 30 of the year measurement date):*

**2018** – The assumed investment return was changed from 7.50% to 6.25%. The price inflation assumption was changed from 3.25% to 2.30%, which also resulted in a 0.95% decrease in the salary increase assumption at all years of service. The payroll growth assumption (applicable for the amortization of unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities) was changed from 4.00% to 2.00%.

**2019** – The discount rate was changed from 5.85% to 5.68% . Annual salary increases and annual rates of retirement, disability, withdrawal and mortality were updated based on the 2018 experience study and the percent of disabilities assumed to occur in the line of duty was updated from 0% to 2% for non-hazardous members.

**2020** – The discount rate used to calculate the total OPEB liability decreased from 5.68% to 5.34%. The assumed increase in future health care costs, or trend assumption, was reviewed during the June 30, 2019 valuation process and was updated to better reflect more current expectations relating to anticipated future increases in the medical costs. Also, the June 30, 2020 actuarial information reflects the anticipated savings from the repeal of the “Cadillac Tax” and “Health Insurer Fee”, which occurred in December of 2019. The assumed load on pre-Medicare premiums to reflect the cost of the Cadillac Tax was removed and the Medicare premiums were reduced by 11% to reflect the repeal of the Health Insurer Fee.

## OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2SCHEDULE II - GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSESYEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Salaries	\$ 1,352,808	\$ 1,400,269
Commissioner's salaries	30,200	30,218
Employee benefits	794,532	899,304
Materials and supplies	19,866	34,368
Professional fees and contractual services	160,919	150,466
Insurance	154,863	142,147
Advertising	2,780	4,604
Provision for bad debts	105,189	79,564
Other general and administrative	381,009	325,275
	<u>\$ 3,002,166</u>	<u>\$ 3,066,215</u>

HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2

SCHEDULE III - ORGANIZATION DATA

DECEMBER 31, 2020

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Michael Bell - Chairman  
Morris Miller - Secretary/Treasurer  
Cordell Tabb - Member  
John Effinger - Member  
Tim Davis - Member

GENERAL MANAGER

Shaun Youravich

ATTORNEY

Stoll, Keenon, Ogden, PLLC

CALENDAR YEAR

January 1 to December 31

## INTERNAL CONTROL AND FISCAL COMPLIANCE



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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

Board of Commissioners  
Hardin County Water District No. 2  
Elizabethtown, 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 Hardin County Water District No. 2, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Hardin County Water District No. 2's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 25, 2021.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Hardin County Water District No. 2'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 Hardin County Water District No. 2's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Hardin County Water District No. 2'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 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 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 may exist that have not been identified.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Hardin County Water District No. 2'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 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 District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Heartland CPAs and Advisors, PLLC  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky  
March 25, 2021