NORTHEAST WOODFORD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT Versailles, Kentucky

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2022 and 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners Northeast Woodford County Water District Versailles, Kentucky

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Northeast Woodford County Water District (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Northeast Woodford County Water District, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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 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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of

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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 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 District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the Management Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 24, 2023, on our consideration of the 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 District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



RFH, PLLC Lexington, Kentucky March 24, 2023

NORTHEAST WOODFORD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION December 31,

ASSETS	2022	2021
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 259,748	\$ 321,781
Certificates of deposit	454,676	544,003
Accounts receivable, net	59,264	47,268
Accrued interest receivable	-	324
Prepaid expenses	2,500	7,350
Inventory	14,783	12,426
Total current assets	790,971	933,152
Restricted assets		
Cash	101,705	88,910
Fixed assets		
Land and land rights	2,000	2,000
Construction in progress	168,318	105,693
Property, plant and equipment	3,385,046	3,170,372
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,715,429)	(1,651,194)
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Total fixed assets	1,839,935	1,626,871
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,732,611	\$ 2,648,933
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 100,707	\$ 82,663
Accrued interest payable	7,849	8,366
Payroll liabilities	1,529	1,529
Customer deposits	7,756	6,771
Current portion of bonds and notes payable	19,000	18,000
Total current liabilities	136,841	117,329
Long-term debt		
Bonds and notes payable	629,000	615,443
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	1,191,935	993,428
Restricted	101,705	88,910
Unrestricted	673,130	833,823
Total net position	1,966,770	1,916,161
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 2,732,611</u>	<u>\$ 2,648,933</u>

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

NORTHEAST WOODFORD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION for the years ended December 31,

	2022	2021
OPERATING REVENUES		
Water sales	\$ 709,079	\$ 643,769
Penalties	12,468	10,925
Other income	 2,150	 2,450
Total operating revenues	 723,697	 657,144
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Water purchased	462,877	419,713
Customer billing and bookkeeping	40,975	38,787
Meter reading	53,725	50,400
Utilities	13,383	10,572
Repairs	64,726	37,427
Commissioners' fees	18,200	18,200
Payroll taxes	1,393	1,392
Insurance and bonds	5,606	5,560
Telephone	808	760
Professional services	9,120	8,200
Computer expenses	3,344	3,113
PSC assessment	981	1,346
Other expense	 6,617	 8,180
Total operating expenses	 681,755	 603,650
Operating income before depreciation	41,942	53,494
Depreciation expense	 (64,235)	 (66,676)
OPERATING (LOSS)	(22,293)	(13,182)
Non-operating income (expenses)		
Interest income	1,668	2,204
Interest expense	(22,313)	(22,851)
(Loss) on investments	(9,176)	-
Gain on disposal of assets	 -	 39
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	(52,114)	(33,790)
Capital contributions		
Tap fees	2,723	5,244
Grant income	 100,000	 -
Change in net position	50,609	(28,546)
Net position, beginning, as restated	 1,916,161	 <u>1,944,707</u>
NET POSITION, ENDING	\$ 1,966,770	\$ 1,916,161

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

NORTHEAST WOODFORD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS for the years ended December 31,

	2022		2021	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Receipts from customers	\$	712,686	\$	668,146
Payments to suppliers		(538,426)		(497,916)
Payments for commissioners' fees and contract labor		(112,900)		(107,387)
Net cash provided by operating activities		61,360		62,843
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Capital contributions		2,723		5,244
Grant proceeds		100,000		-
Purchases of capital assets		(287,191)		(14,719)
Debt proceeds		32,557		37,196
Principal paid on bonds payable		(18,000)		(17,000)
Interest paid on bonds payable		(22,830)		(23,340)
Net cash (used) by capital and related financing activities		(192,741)	. <u> </u>	(12,619)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchase of/increase in investments		(465,689)		(2,203)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments		545,840		-
Interest and dividends		1,992		2,279
Net cash provided by investing activities		82,143		76
Net increase (decrease) in cash		(49,238)		50,300
Balances, beginning of the year		410,691		360,391
BALANCES, END OF THE YEAR	\$	361,453	\$	410,691
Reconciliation of operating (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Operating (loss)	\$	(22,293)	\$	(13,182)
Adjustments to reconcile operating (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:	Ψ	(22,200)	Ψ	(10,102)
Depreciation expense		64,235		66,676
Change in assets and liabilities:				,
Receivables, net		(11,996)		9,219
Inventory		(5,130)		(1,350)
Prepaid expenses		4,850		(182)
Accounts and other payables		30,709		(121)
Customer deposits		985		1,783
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	61,360	\$	62,843
Non-cash changes in capital assets	\$	(9,892)	\$	38,960

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

1. ORGANIZATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Northeast Woodford County Water District (the District) was created and organized as a public body incorporated in Woodford County, Kentucky, pursuant to Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes by the fiscal court of Woodford County to operate a water distribution system.

The Northeast Woodford County Water District's financial statements include the operations of all entities for which the District exercises oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility includes, but is not limited to, financial interdependency, selection of the governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. The entities included in the financial statements are the general operations of the Northeast Woodford County Water District.

There are no other entities that are subject to the District's oversight responsibility as indicated above.

The District maintains its accounting records on the cash basis during the year. Adjustments are made to the accrual basis from memorandum records at year end.

Fixed assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation has been provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset. Land and land rights are not depreciated.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District defines cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand and cash in banks.

Investments at December 31, 2022 consisted of certificates of deposit held in brokerage accounts and valued at fair value. Investments at December 31, 2021 consisted of certificates of deposit, with maturities greater than 90 days, valued at cost.

Inventories are stated at lower of cost or market.

The District charges all uncollectible accounts directly against earnings. The reserve for accounts receivable represents accounts past due more than ninety days that are thought to be uncollectible. The reserve balance was \$5,000 at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

The District's financial statements are presented in conformity with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, "*Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments.*" The District has not prepared the Management's Discussion and Analysis required by GASB 34.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

In 2022, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, "*Leases*." GASB Statement No. 87 enhances the relevance and consistency of information of the entity's leasing activities. It establishes requirements for lease accounting based on the principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. A lessee is required to recognize a lease payable and an intangible right to use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources. These changes had no effect on the financial statements.

The District has evaluated and considered the need to recognize or disclose subsequent events through March 24, 2023, which represents the date that these financial statements were available for issuance. Subsequent events past this date, as they pertain to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, have not been evaluated by the District.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The bank balances of Northeast Woodford County Water District's deposits and investments at December 31, 2022, totaled \$825,356. \$718,395 was covered by FDIC insurance, and \$106,961 was held in collateral pledged in the District's name. Deposits and investments were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the custodial banks in the District's name.

KRS 66.480 authorizes the District to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which have a physical presence in Kentucky and are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4). The Statute also authorizes investment in mutual funds, exchange traded funds, individual equity securities and high-quality corporate bonds that are managed by a professional investment manager and subject to additional requirements outlined in KRS 66.480. The District does not have a formal investment policy but follows Kentucky Revised Statutes for investing funds.

The District maintains several bank accounts and investment accounts in accordance with the Bond Resolution. The following schedule presents the detail by account.

Revenue Fund	2022	2021
Cash-checking	\$ 65,609	\$ 60,877
Operation and Maintenance Fund Cash-checking Construction Fund	135,842	127,126
Cash-checking	5,133	81,816
Customer Credit Cash-savings Edward Jones Investment Account Cash-investments	52,993	51,962
	171	<u> </u>
Operation and Maintenance Fund	<u>\$ 259,748</u>	<u>\$ 321,781</u>
Certificates of deposit	\$ -	\$ 493,995
Certificates of deposit	-	50,008
Edward Jones Investment Account Certificates of deposit	454,676	
	<u>\$ 454,676</u>	<u>\$ 544,003</u>
Bond and Interest Reserve Fund Cash-checking Depreciation Reserve Fund Cash-savings	\$ 26,955	\$ 15,225
	74,750	73,685
	<u>\$ 101,705</u>	<u>\$ 88,910</u>

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Statement of Cash Flows

The Statement of Cash Flows includes the following:

	202	22	2021
Cash Restricted Cash	\$ 259. 101.	,748 \$,705 _	321,781 88,910
	<u>\$ 361</u>	<u>,453</u> \$	410,691

Investment Valuation

The District categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value: 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 does not have any investments that are measured using Level 2 or 3 inputs.

For those investments measured at fair value, the investments' fair value measurements are as follows at December 31, 2022:

		Fair Value Measurements Using			
Investments	Fair Value	Level 1 Inputs	Level 2 Inputs	Level 3 Inputs	
Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$ 454,676</u>	<u>\$ 454,676</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	

At December 31, 2021, the District had investments of \$544,003 valued at cost.

3. PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of capital asset activity during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	Balance 12/31/2021			Balance 12/31/2022	
Capital assets not depreciated: Land right of way Construction in progress	\$ 2,000 <u> 105,693</u>	\$ - <u>62,625</u>	\$	\$ 2,000 <u>168,318</u>	
Total	107,693	62,625	_	170,318	
Capital assets that are depreciated: Cost of system Equipment	3,123,930 46,442	201,923 12,751	-	3,325,853 59,193	
Total	3,170,372	214,674	_	3,385,046	
Less accumulated depreciation	1,651,194	64,235	<u> </u>	1,715,429	
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,626,871</u>	<u>\$213,064</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 1,839,935</u>	

3. PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

	Balance 12/31/2020	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2021	
Capital assets not depreciated: Land right of way Construction in progress	\$ 2,000 68,497	\$- 	\$	\$ 2,000 <u>105,693</u>	
Total	70,497	37,196	<u> </u>	107,693	
Capital assets that are depreciated: Cost of system Equipment	3,122,166 40,124	1,764 9,618	(3,300)	3,123,930 46,442	
Total	3,162,290	11,382	(3,300)	3,170,372	
Less accumulated depreciation	1,584,557	66,676	(39)	1,651,194	
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,648,230</u>	<u>\$ (18,098)</u>	<u>\$ (3,261)</u>	<u>\$ 1,626,871</u>	

4. BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE

The District issued \$611,000 of Waterworks Revenue Bonds in 1995. These bonds bear interest at the rate of 5.75% with the interest payable January 1 and July 1 of each year. The bonds mature serially on January 1 of each year. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Economic & Community Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration) holds the bonds.

During 2018, the District entered into a debt service agreement with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) to borrow \$400,000 to replace a pump station and to replace and extend waterline. This amount will be repaid over a period of 20 years, at an interest rate of 1.75%. Payments will be made every six months, beginning six months after the first draw of funds. The District will also be required to pay a .20% annual administrative fee and to set up a replacement reserve account.

The District has begun to pay interest on the note. Principal payments are expected to start once the final draw is made.

4. BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

Principal amounts due are as follows:

Issued		ued	Total Requirement	Bonds Outstanding		
Year	Principal	Interest	For Year	End of Year		
2023	\$ 19,000	\$ 15,151	\$ 34,151	\$ 254,000		
2024	21,000	14,001	35,001	\$ 233,000		
2025	22,000	12,765	34,765	\$ 211,000		
2026	23,000	11,471	34,471	\$ 188,000		
2027	25,000	10,091	35,091	\$ 163,000		
2028-2032	150,000	26,450	176,450	\$ 13,000		
2033	13,000	374	13,374	\$ -		
Totals	273,000	<u>\$ 90,303</u>	<u>\$ 363,303</u>			
KIA	375,000					
Totals	<u>\$ 648,000</u>					

The following is a summary of direct borrowings and placements for the year ended December 31, 2022:

		Balance nber 31, 2021	ŀ	ssued		cipal nents		Balance nber 31, 2022
Series 1995 KIA Note	\$	291,000 342,443	\$	- 32,557	\$ (18	,000) _	\$	273,000 375,000
Totals	<u>\$</u>	633,443	<u>\$</u>	32,557	<u>\$ (18</u>	<u>,000)</u>	<u>\$</u>	648,000

5. COMPLIANCE WITH BOND RESOLUTION

The bond and note resolutions require the District to maintain certain reserves as follows:

<u>Reserve Fund</u> – The bond requires this reserve to receive a monthly transfer of \$495 until a balance of \$59,400 is accumulated. In addition, this reserve is to receive all proceeds collected from potential customers to aid in construction of extensions and any property damage insurance proceeds. Funds may be used only for the purpose of paying the cost of unusual or extraordinary maintenance and repairs not included in the budget and cost of constructing extensions or improvements to the system. The KIA note requires this reserve to receive an annual payment of \$1,000 until a balance of \$20,000 is accumulated. The balances of this reserve were \$74,750 and \$73,685 at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

<u>Bond and Interest Sinking Fund</u> – This reserve is to receive a monthly transfer of 1/6 of the next interest payment due and 1/12 of the next principal payment due. In addition, this reserve is to receive any excess revenues at the close of each year after provision of anticipated operating expenses for a two-month period. This reserve can only be used to pay debt service on the bond issue. The District met the bond requirements during the current year. The balance of this reserve was \$26,955 and \$15,225 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

6. 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; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

7. RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION

The beginning net position for the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2021 has been restated to reflect additional accrued expenses for invoices that were not received timely and were not accrued as payable. The effect of the restatements on beginning net position is outlined below:

Net position – January 1, 2021	\$ 1,950,185
Additional payables accrued	<u>(5,478)</u>
Net position – January 1, 2021, as restated	<u>\$ 1,944,707</u>
Net position – January 1, 2022	\$ 1,935,691
Additional payables accrued	<u>(19,530)</u>
Net position – January 1, 2022, as restated	<u>\$ 1,916,161</u>



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Commissioners Northeast Woodford County Water District Versailles, 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 Northeast Woodford County Water District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 24, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Northeast Woodford County Water 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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Northeast Woodford County Water District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2022-001, that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Northeast Woodford County Water District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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*.

Northeast Woodford County Water District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Northeast Woodford County Water District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Northeast Woodford County Water District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.



RFH, PLLC Lexington, Kentucky March 24, 2023

NORTHEAST WOODFORD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES December 31, 2022

FINDING: 2022-001 (Recurring)

Criteria: The District is required to have internal controls in place that enable it to prepare complete financial statements, including note disclosures, in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Condition: Management engaged the auditor to prepare cash to accrual adjustments and draft financial statements, including the related notes to the financial statements. Management reviewed, approved and accepted responsibility for the adjustments and the financial statements prior to their issuance.

Cause: The District lacks personnel with the expertise to apply generally accepted accounting principles in preparing its financial statements including note disclosures and thus, does not have the internal control procedures required to draft the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Effect: Management engaged the auditor to prepare cash to accrual adjustments and draft financial statements, including the related notes to the financial statements. Management reviewed, approved and accepted responsibility for the adjustments and the financial statements prior to their issuance.

Recommendation: We recommend management review the costs and benefits involved to retain a consultant with the required expertise to prepare the financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting, including preparing all cash to accrual adjustments.

Management's Response: Management has determined that it is more cost effective to continue to engage the auditor to adjust the books to the accrual basis and to draft the financial statements and related notes. Management has reviewed and accepts responsibility for the adjustments and financial statements.