FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016** 

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members
East Daviess County Water Association, Inc.

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of East Daviess County Water Association, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of income, retained deficit, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit 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 financial position of East Daviess County Water Association, Inc. as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Schedule of Insurance and Rates is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 19, 2018 on our consideration of East Daviess County Water Association's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering East Daviess County Water Association's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Owensboro, Kentucky
March 19, 2018

#### Balance Sheets

#### December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017			2016	
ASSETS	-				
UTILITY PLANT					
Water plant in service	\$	12,288,840	\$	11,992,935	
Construction in progress		9,170		25,724	
Less: accumulated depreciation	***************************************	(5,365,094)		(5,144,374)	
TOTAL UTILITY PLANT - NET		6,932,916	4,	6,874,285	
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Cash - reserve fund		595,621		568,206	
Cash - construction fund		50		49	
Cash - security deposit fund		30,260		27,319	
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	·	625,931		595,574	
CURRENT ASSETS				•	
Cash		454,122		609,543	
Accounts receivable trade		169,736		175,417	
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		(12,225)		(8,838)	
Other receivables		155		580	
Inventory		48,790		47,523	
Prepaid insurance		11,425		11,900	
Other current assets		7,243		2,692	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		679,246		838,817	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	8,238,093	\$	8,308,676	

#### **Balance Sheets**

#### December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS		
RETAINED EARNINGS (DEFICIT)	\$ 6	20 \$ (56,811)
LONG-TERM DEBT, net of current portion	731,5	32 934,303
CURRENT LIABILITIES	1	·
Accounts payable - trade	50,0	36 45,534
Accounts payable - RWRA	11,6	83 11,336
Current portion of long-term debt	198,9	21 191,722
Accrued taxes	3,0	26 <sup>-</sup> 4,279
Accrued interest	8,4	21 9,148
Customer deposits	29,3	13 26,619
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	8,2	77 8,745
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	309,6	77 297,383
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,041,2	09 1,231,686
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Federal grants	1,807,30	00 1,807,300
State and local grants	2,343,6	41 2,343,641
Contributions in aid	3,045,33	23 2,982,860
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	7,196,20	7,133,801
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS	\$ 8,238,0	93 \$ 8,308,676

#### Statements of Income

#### Years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016	
OPERATING REVENUE			
Water sales	\$ 1,631,227	\$ 1,542,160	
Miscellaneous service revenue	89,614	96,482	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	1,720,841	1,638,642	
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Bad debts	12,830	8,394	
Depreciation	255,409	247,768	
Directors' fees	12,750	12,750	
Engineering	-	2,000	
Insurance	161,325	154,318	
Legal and accounting	28,663	31,674	
Miscellaneous	23,059	23,314	
Office supplies and postage	47,032	47,138	
Payroll taxes and fringe benefits	40,501	39,922	
PSC assessment	3,271	3,179	
Repairs	173,175	103,140	
Salaries and wages	371,546	363,843	
Telephone	8,462	9,071	
Transportation	21,432	18,748	
Utilities	45,946	42,505	
Water purchased	384,357	376,141	
Water testing	7,279	4,928	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,597,037	1,488,833	
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	123,804	149,809	
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)		`. '	
Loss on disposal of assets	(29,030)	(2,910)	
Interest earned on investments	3,687	3,647	
Interest expense	(41,030)	(48,256)	
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	(66,373)	(47,519)	
NET INCOME	\$ 57,431	\$ 102,290	

### EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. Statements of Retained Earnings (Deficit)

#### Years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017		2016	
RETAINED DEFICIT, BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	\$	(56,811)	\$	(44,520)
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT				(114,581)
RETAINED DEFICIT, BEGINNING OF YEAR, RESTATED	·	(56,811)		(159,101)
NET INCOME		57,431		102,290
RETAINED EARNINGS (DEFICIT), END OF YEAR	\$	620	\$	(56,811)

#### Statements of Cash Flows

#### Years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017		2016	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	-			
Net income	\$	57,431	\$	102,290
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided				
by operating activities:				
Depreciation		255,409		247,768
Loss on disposal of assets		29,030		2,910
(Increase) decrease in:				
Accounts receivable		5,681		(15,044)
Other receivable		425		(433)
Reserve for bad debts		3,387		(5,741)
, Prepaid insurance		475		698
Inventory		(1,267)		(5,418)
Other current assets		(4,551)		-
Increase (decrease) in:				
Accounts payable		4,849		(4,095)
Accrued taxes payable		(1,253)		551
Accrued interest		(727)		(665)
Customer deposits		2,694		939
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes		(468)		1,486
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		351,115		325,246
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Payments for the purchase of property		(343,070)		(181,191)
Transfers to reserves and restricted funds		(30,356)		(28,323)
Proceeds from the sale of property		<u> </u>		4,900
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(373,426)		(204,614)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				•
Principal payments on long-term debt		(195,572)		(188,409)
Contribution in aid of construction		62,462	<u> </u>	117,718
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<del></del>	(133,110)		(70,691)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(155,421)		49,941
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR		609,543		559,602
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$	454,122	\$	609,543

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Nature of Business

East Daviess County Water Association, Inc. (the "Water Association") is a water utility which operates in rural sections of Daviess, Hancock, and Ohio Counties of Kentucky, and its sales are primarily to residential customers.

#### Management Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

#### Regulation

The Water Association's utility operations are subject to regulation with respect to rates, service, maintenance of accounting records and various other matters by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Public Service Commission. The Water Association's accounting policies recognize the financial effects of the ratemaking and accounting practices and policies of the Public Service Commission which conform to generally accepted accounting principles in all material respects.

#### Operating Revenue

Operating revenue is recognized upon completion of monthly meter readings. At the end of each month, water services which have been rendered from the latest meter reading to the end of the month are unbilled.

#### Inventory

Inventory consists of materials and supplies which are stated at lower of cost (determined on the first-in, first-out basis) or market.

#### **Utility Plant**

Utility plant is stated at original cost (cost of the property to whomever first devoted it to public service.) The cost of labor for additions to the utility plant constructed by the Water Association's employees is not capitalized. It is the Water Association's policy to capitalize property or equipment over \$500.

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Depreciation

Depreciation expense is computed on the straight-line method. Depreciation expense for 2017 and 2016 was \$ 255,409 and \$ 247,768 respectively. Estimated useful lives of major components of the utility plant in service were adjusted in 2016 to be more reflective of their useful lives as determined by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. The adjusted useful lives are as follows:

Water pumps and equipment	20 years
Service equipment	22.5 years
Land improvements	25 years
Meters	40 years
Water reservoirs	50 years
Water lines	62.5 years

#### Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable consists of water sales to residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural and other customers. The allowance for doubtful accounts is computed based on the aging of outstanding accounts receivable and historical collections experience and represents in management's opinion, an adequate allowance to provide for probable uncollectible accounts. Accounts receivable for the previous month's billing are considered past due after the 15th of the current month. Any inactive, unpaid accounts from the previous year are written off in the last guarter of the current year.

#### Cash Flows Information

For purposes of the Statements of Cash Flows, the Water Association considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Cash paid for interest for 2017 and 2016 was \$41,233 and \$48,433, respectively.

#### Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Management periodically evaluates whether events or circumstances have occurred that indicate that excess of cost over net assets acquired and other long-lived assets may not be recoverable or that the remaining useful life may warrant revision. When such events or circumstances are present, management assess the recoverability of long-lived assets by determining whether the carrying value will be recovered through the expected future cash flows. In the event the sum of the expected future cash flows resulting from the use of the asset is less than the carrying value of the asset, an impairment loss equal to the excess of the asset's carrying value over its fair value is recorded. To date, no such impairment has been recognized.

#### NOTE B - RESTRICTED FUNDS

Funds are restricted as follows: (1) Reserve fund cash is restricted pursuant to loan agreements with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and US Bank as described in Note D; (2) Construction fund cash represents cash advanced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and other grantors which is restricted for construction projects; and (3) Security deposit fund cash consists of security deposits paid by customers.

#### **NOTE C - LONG-TERM DEBT**

	2017	2016
Long-term debt consists of the following:		
Note payable to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development with interest at the rate of 4.375% per annum, due in annual installments of \$31,228, including interest through August 7, 2046.	\$ 407,044	\$ 419,902
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Note payable to US Bank with interest at the rate of 3.71% per annum, due in monthly installments of \$17,175, including interest		
through July 7, 2020.	524,932	708,171
	931,976	1,128,073
Less: Unamortized debt issuance costs Less: Current portion	1,523 198,921	2,048 191,722
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	\$ 731,532	\$ 934,303

US Bank and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development hold mortgages on substantially all assets of the Water Association.

In prior years the Association had reported debt issuance costs as a deferred charge in the statement of financial position and amortization of such costs in the statement of activities as depreciation and amortization. To comply with new GAAP presentation requirements, in 2017 the Association began reporting such costs as a direct deduction from the face amount of related debt (as shown in the table above) and reclassified prior year amounts, resulting in a reduction of total 2016 assets by \$2,048. The change did not affect net assets.

Similarly, the Association now reports amortization of debt issuance costs (\$525 in 2017) as interest expense and reclassified 2016 amounts accordingly. As a result, reported interest expense in 2016 was increased (and depreciation and amortization decreased) by \$488, with no effect on the change in net assets.

#### NOTE C - LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

The Water Association's loan agreements include various covenants, including a provision that it will not borrow any money from any source or enter into any contract agreement or incur any other liabilities in connection with making extensions or improvements to the facility, exclusive of normal maintenance, without obtaining the prior written consent of the Mortgagees. The cash reserve fund associated with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development loan is fully funded. US Bank does not require a reserve fund for their loan. The Reserve Fund shall be used and disbursed only for the purpose of paying the cost of repairing or replacing any damage to the facility which may be caused by unforeseen catastrophe, for making extensions or improvements to the facility with the prior written approval of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, and when necessary, for the purpose of making debt service payments on the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development note in the event funds are not available from current operating funds.

Maturities of notes payable are as follows:

Year Ended December 31		Amount		
		,		
2018	\$	198,921		
2019		206,390		
2020		147,406		
2021		10,100		
2022		10,552		
Thereafter		358,607		
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	\$_	931,976		

#### **NOTE D - UTILITY PLANT**

The major classes of Utility Plant at December 31, 2017 and 2016 consist of the following:

	2017	2016
Pumping system Transmission and distribution system General plant	\$ 446,722 10,876,190 965,928	\$ 483,569 10,707,003 802,363
	\$ 12,288,840	\$ 11,992,935

#### NOTE E - INCOME TAX STATUS

The Water Association maintains the tax position that it is exempt from federal and state income taxes and, accordingly, no provision for such taxes has been made. The Water Association did not pay any interest or penalty as a result of its tax position. The tax years 2015 through 2017 remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

#### **NOTE F - CONTRIBUTIONS**

	Government Grants	<u>Other</u>	Total
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 4,150,941	\$ 2,982,860	\$ 7,133,801
Add: Tap-on fees and memberships Reimbursed line costs Government grants	- - -	31,525 30,938	31,525 30,938 
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ 4,150,941	\$ 3,045,323	\$ 7,196,264
·	Government Grants	Other	Total
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 4,150,941	\$ 2,865,142	\$ 7,016,083
Add: Tap-on fees and memberships Reimbursed line costs Government grants	- - -	26,000 91,718	26,000 91,718
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 4,150,941	\$ 2,982,860	\$ 7,133,801

#### **NOTE G - SUPPLIER**

The Water Association purchases either directly or indirectly all of its water for resale from the City Utility Commission of the City of Owensboro, Kentucky operating as Owensboro Municipal Utilities (OMU). Purchases for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 were \$ 384,357 and \$ 376,141, respectively.

#### NOTE H - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Water Association's bank balance of cash and cash equivalents totaled \$ 1,120,843 and \$ 1,230,280, respectively. Of the total cash balance at December 31, 2017 and 2016, \$ 500,000 was covered by Federal depository insurance for both years with \$ 922,110 covered by collateral held by the banks for both years. Of the total bank deposits at December 31, 2017 and 2016, \$ 17,211 and \$ 14,270 respectively, was not covered by Federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the banks.

#### **NOTE I - COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

Employees are entitled to paid vacation and paid sick days, depending on job classification, length of service, and other factors. It is impracticable to estimate the amount of compensation for future absences, and accordingly, no liability has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements. The Association does not accrue compensation for paid vacation because the amount is considered immaterial. The Association's policy is to record compensated absences when actually paid to employees.

#### NOTE J - MEDICAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN

The Association provides a medical reimbursement plan (MERP) to its employees. This plan was implemented to provide quality medical coverage for the Association's employees while decreasing the Association's overall medical insurance expense. The plan reimburses employees for medical and hospital expenses incurred by themselves and their dependents from December 1 to November 30 in any calendar year, but not to exceed \$3,000 for single employee or \$6,000 for family plan per plan year. The reimbursements exclude insurable and eligible medical, prescription, and hospital expenses available to employees under the Association's group insured health plan. This plan also excludes employee dental expenses and expenses for non-prescription drugs.

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, medical reimbursements paid to employees were \$11,323 and \$10,236, respectively. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016 medical reimbursements payable were \$416 and \$1,258.

#### NOTE K - RETIREMENT PLAN

The Water Association maintains a voluntary SIMPLE IRA PLAN for all full time employees. Employees may elect to participate immediately upon employment. The Association matches the employees' contribution up to 3% of their compensation. Vesting takes place immediately. The Association's contributions were \$11,125 and \$10,813 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

#### NOTE L - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Association purchases water from Owensboro Municipal Utilities (OMU). The amount paid to OMU is for the Association's estimated usage. Since the estimated usage differs from actual usage, the Association has overpaid or underpaid OMU for their water purchases. The difference is applied to future water purchases. OMU calculates the difference as of the end of their fiscal year (May 31st) and the information is not available for the Association's calendar year.

As of May 31, 2016 and 2015, the amount due the Association for excess water charges was \$138,181 and \$114,581, respectively. The Association has not recognized a gain contingency on their records since the amount cannot be reasonably estimated as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

#### NOTE M - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

Retained deficit at the beginning of 2016 has been adjusted to reverse a previously recorded overpayment to Owensboro Municipal Utilities for excess water purchases. It was determined that the amount should not be recognized in the financial statements but should be disclosed as a commitment and contingency. Therefore, the 2016 financial statements were restated. The cumulative effect decreases beginning net position and accounts receivable by \$114,581.

#### **NOTE N - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Water Association did not have any subsequent events through March 19, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were issued requiring recording or disclosure in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017.



#### EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. Schedule of Insurance December 31, 2017

Coverage	Amount of Coverage
Workmen's Compensation	\$ 500,000 per occurrence
General Liability	\$ 1,000,000/3,000,000
Property and Contents	\$ 3,503,963
Employee Dishonesty	\$ 300,000
Owned Automobile Liability Bodily injury and property damage	\$ 1,000,000 per accident
Umbrella Coverage	\$ 2,000,000/2,000,000

## EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. Schedule of Rates December 31, 2017

Tap-on Fees	Charge
5/8" x 3/4" Meter All larger meters	\$ 650 Actual Cost
Monthly rates	
5/8" Meter	
First 2,000 gallons Next 4,000 gallons Next 44,000 gallons Over 50,000 gallons	\$16.24 (Minimum Bill) 5.45 per 1,000 gallons 4.36 per 1,000 gallons 3.56 per 1,000 gallons
3/4" Meter	
First 3,000 gallons Next 3,000 gallons Next 44,000 gallons Over 50,000 gallons	\$21.69 (Minimum Bill) 5.45 per 1,000 gallons 4.36 per 1,000 gallons 3.56 per 1,000 gallons
1" Meter	
First 6,000 gallons Next 44,000 gallons Over 50,000 gallons	\$38.04 (Minimum Bill) 4.36 per 1,000 gallons 3.56 per 1,000 gallons
1-1/2" Meter	
First 10,000 gallons Next 40,000 gallons Over 50,000 gallons	\$55.48 (Minimum Bill) 4.36 per 1,000 gallons 3.56 per 1,000 gallons
2" Meter	•
First 20,000 gallons Next 30,000 gallons Over 50,000 gallons	\$99.08 (Minimum Bill) 4.36 per 1,000 gallons 3.56 per 1,000 gallons

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# 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 Directors
East Daviess County Water Association, Inc.

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of East Daviess County Water Association, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017 and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 2018.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered East Daviess County Water Association Inc.'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association'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 Association's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as 2017-001 and 2017-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether East Daviess County Water Association, Inc.'s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

#### Association's Response to Findings

East Daviess County Water Association's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Association's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### Purpose of This Report

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

alexander + Company CPAS PSC Owensboro, Kentucky March 19, 2018

## EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. Schedule of Findings and Responses Year Ended December 31, 2017

#### **SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS**

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on whether the financial statements of East Daviess County Water Association were prepared in accordance with GAAP.
- Two significant deficiencies disclosed during the audit of the financial statements are reported in the 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. No material weaknesses are reported.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of East Daviess County Water Association, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.

#### FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

2017-001 Significant Deficiency:

#### Segregation of Duties

Condition: The small size of the Association's bookkeeping staff limits the extent of the separation of duties. Presently, the Association's bookkeeper's responsibilities include cash disbursements functions, billing, preparing the bank reconciliations and accounting functions. There has been significant improvement in the segregation of duties regarding the cash receipts function. However, the segregation of duties, which is the basic premise of a good internal control structure, is not adequate.

*Criteria:* Internal controls should be in place that provide reasonable assurance that no one individual performs all the duties related to cash receipts and disbursements.

Cause: One employee performs the majority of the accounting functions due to the limited number of personnel in the office.

Effect: Transactions could be made without management's knowledge or approval.

Recommendation: Procedures should be implemented that require a greater segregation of duties involving cash receipts and disbursements.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: Due to the limited number of personnel, management believes that an adequate segregation of duties is not achievable and that the costs of correcting the weakness would exceed the benefits that would be derived.

## EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. Schedule of Findings and Responses Year Ended December 31, 2017

#### FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT (continued)

2017-002 Significant Deficiency:

#### Internal Control Over Financial Disclosures

Condition: The Association does not have defined monitoring controls in place to identify and assess disclosures in the financial statements.

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to provide reasonable assurance that the disclosures in the financial statements are adequately updated.

Cause: Lack of expertise with footnote disclosures.

Effect: The financial statements are not complete or accurate if the disclosures have not been updated.

Recommendation: Personnel should receive training in order to update the financial statements disclosures.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: Due to the limited number of personnel, management believes that the cost of the hiring and/or training someone to update the disclosures would not be cost effective at this time.