SOUTH LOGAN WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Commissioners South Logan Water Association, Inc. Adairville, Kentucky

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of South Logan Water Association, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of South Logan Water Association, Inc. as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows 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 South Logan Water Association, Inc. 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 South Logan Water Association, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of South Logan Water Association, Inc.'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 South Logan Water Association, Inc.'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.

Prior-Year Comparative Information

We have previously audited South Logan Water Association, Inc.'s financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified opinion on the respective financial statements in our report dated March 23, 2023. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 2, 2024 on our consideration of South Logan Water Association, Inc.'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 South Logan Water Association, Inc.'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 South Logan Water Association, Inc.'s internal control over financial control over financial reporting over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Buckles, Travis & Hart, PLLC

Buckles, Travis & Hart, PLLC Certified Public Accountants Leitchfield, Kentucky March 2, 2024

SOUTH LOGAN WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2023

	DEC	DECEMBER 31, 2023		CEMBER 31, 2022 UMMARY
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS	.		.	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	725,519	\$	652,455
Restricted cash		591,152		557,968
Accounts receivable, net		97,156		101,097
Inventory		140,327		124,588
Prepaid expenses		10,619		9,529
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,564,773		1,445,637
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT				
Utility plant, net of depreciation		5,123,554		5,040,539
Construction in progress		35,000		30,000
NET PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		5,158,554		5,070,539
OTHER ASSETS		45		45
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	6,723,372	\$	6,516,221
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable Current portion of long-term debt Customer deposits	\$	74,312 86,265 125,829	\$	53,373 82,951 122,973
Accrued liabilities Accrued interest		5,277		14,352
Unearned revenue		42,758 850		44,483 2,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		335,291		320,132
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES Long-term debt, net of current portion TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		<u>2,815,271</u> 2,815,271		2,903,974 2,903,974
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,150,562		3,224,106
NET ASSETS				
With donor restrictions		2,276,925		2,018,992
Without donor restrictions		1,295,885		1,273,123
TOTAL NET ASSETS		3,572,810		3,292,115
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	6,723,372	\$	6,516,221

Accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTH LOGAN WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	DE	DECEMBER 31, 2023		DECEMBER 31, 2022 SUMMARY		
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS						
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT						
Water service	\$	1,258,900	\$	1,244,827		
Late charges		17,101		19,474		
Other revenues		17,369		16,933		
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT		1,293,370		1,281,234		
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Purchased water		509,414		513,569		
Payroll		201,539		207,017		
Payroll taxes		16,298		19,874		
Directors fees		2,450		2,500		
Retirement expense		3,408		4,303		
Transmission and distribution		75,732		45,870		
Repairs and maintenance		25,288		12,420		
Vehicle expense		30,124		32,464		
Contractual services		1,140		0		
Bad debt expense		0		0		
Utilities and telephone		16,889		17,421		
Professional fees		14,460		10,200		
Insurance		30,356		37,778		
Taxes and licenses		956		1,073		
Office supplies		59,765		43,272		
Water tests		7,493		4,218		
Depreciation expense		182,232		164,537		
Miscellaneous expense		5,516		2,925		
Advertising		693		1,020		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		1,183,753		1,120,461		
EXCESS OF OPERATING REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		109,617		160,773		
NON-OPERATING GAINS (LOSSES) Interest income		4,854		2,193		
Gain (loss) on sale of fixed assets		-,054		7,500		
PSC taxes		(1,668)		(1,803)		
Interest expense		(90,151)		(81,473)		
Line relocation revenue				(01,473)		
		0				
Line relocation expense TOTAL NON-OPERATING GAINS (LOSSES)		(86,965)		(73,583)		
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INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		22,652		87,190		
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS						
Capital contributions - Tap on fees		21,650		25,700		
Capital contributions - Grants		283,591		35,544		
Grants		111		0		
Depreciation on assets acquired by grant		(47,309)		(44,239)		
Depresiumon on about acquirea of grant		(17,507)		(11,237)		
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS		258,043		17,005		
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS		280,695		104,195		
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR		,		,		
	<u></u>	3,292,115	<u></u>	3,187,920		
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$	3,572,810	\$	5,292,115		

Accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTH LOGAN WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	DEC	CEMBER 31, 2023		EMBER 31, 2022 MMARY
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	¢		¢	0 - 100
Operating income (loss)	\$	22,652	\$	87,190
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income (loss) to net cash				
provided (used) by operating activities:				
Depreciation expense		182,232		164,537
(Gain) loss on disposition of assets		0		(7,500)
(Increase) decrease in restricted cash		(33,185)		(27,151)
Net (increase) decrease in accounts receivable		3,943		(9,951)
Net (increase) decrease in inventory		(15,739)		(18,451)
Net (increase) decrease in prepaid expenses		(1,090)		(2,358)
Net increase (decrease) in accounts payable		20,939		6,667
Net increase (decrease) in customer deposits		2,856		3,989
Net increase (decrease) in accrued interest		(1,725)		(1,154)
Net increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities		(9,076)		(89)
Net increase (decrease) in unearned revenue		(1,150)		1,150
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		170,657		196,879
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Payments on long-term debt		(85,389)		(67,927)
Proceeds from issuance of debt		0		798,000
Acquisition of utility plant		(317,556)		(937,515)
Proceeds from sale of assets		0		20,000
Contributions in aid of construction from customers and grants		305,352		61,244
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(97,593)		(126,198)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES		0		0
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		73,064		70,681
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR		652,455		581,774
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$	725,519	\$	652,455
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION				
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$	91,876	\$	82,627

Accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Nature of Operations

The South Logan Water Association, Inc. (the "Association") was chartered on October 6, 1971. It is a distributor of water under the authority of the Public Service Commission of Kentucky. The Association provides water service to customers in a sector of Logan County, Kentucky.

2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Association are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The Association follows the reporting requirements of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), which requires that resources be classified for reporting purposes based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. This is accomplished by classification of fund balances into two classes of net assets: without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions. Descriptions of the two net asset categories and the types of transactions affecting each category follow:

- Without Donor Restrictions Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Items that affect this net asset category principally consist of fees for service and related expenses associated with the core activities of the Association: water services.
- With Donor Restrictions Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that will be met either by actions of the Association or the passage of time. Items that affect this net asset category are contributions in aid of construction for which donor-imposed restrictions have not been met in the year of receipt. Depreciation for capital assets acquired via contributions in aid of construction is applied to this component of net assets rather than operating expenses.

				2023	
Detail of net assets	r	Without donor estrictions	r	With donor estrictions	Total
Water service: Operating	\$	1,295,885	\$	0	\$ 1,295,885
Contributions in aid of construction		0		1,546,433	1,546,433
Tap on fees		0		730,492	 730,492
Total	\$	1,295,885	\$	2,276,925	\$ 3,572,810

NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3. Use of Estimates

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

4. Accounts Receivable and Other Receivables

Customer accounts receivable and other receivables are stated at the amount billed to customers. The Association's operating revenues are recognized on the basis of cycle billings rendered monthly. Accounts receivable are due on the 20th of each month. Accounts unpaid 10 days after the due date are considered delinquent and service is disconnected. An allowance is established for delinquent receivables and they are written off when deemed uncollectible. New service is denied until all outstanding balances have been settled.

5. Inventory

Inventory consists of operating supplies and is stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined by the first-in, first-out method.

6. Utility Plant

Expenditures for utility plant with an original cost of \$500 or more are capitalized at cost, while maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

7. Contributions in Aid of Construction

Beginning January 1, 1997, the Association changed its method of accounting for tap on fees. Prior to 1997, tap on fees were recorded as other revenue. Effective January 1, 1997, tap on fees are recorded as contributions in aid of construction. The cumulative effect on retained earnings at the beginning of 1997 is undeterminable. Effective January 1, 2018, this is presented as a component of net assets with donor restrictions.

Federal and state capital grants and construction contributions are recorded as capital contributions when received.

NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONCLUDED)

8. Income Taxes

The Association may qualify for an exemption from federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code as a not-for-profit organization. The Association has not filed for an exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service. See Note D.

9. Concentrations of Credit Risk

At year-end, the carrying amount of the Association's cash and investments was \$1,316,671 and the bank balance was \$1,348,980. Of the total bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remaining balance of \$1,098,980 would require collateralization. As of December 31, 2023, \$1,488,274 was pledged with securities held by the pledging banks' trust department but not in the Association's name.

10. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Association has defined cash and cash equivalents to include all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

11. Unearned Revenue

At December 31, 2023, the Association held \$850 in unearned revenue for water meters paid in advance prior to installation.

12. Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Association reviews its property for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. For assets held and used, if the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than the carrying amounts of the asset, an impairment loss has occurred. The amount of the impairment loss is equal to the excess of the asset's carrying value over its estimated fair value. No impairment loss has been recognized during the year ended December 31, 2023.

NOTE B – RESTRICTED CASH

Restricted cash consists of the following at December 31, 2023:

	2023
System improvement project construction funds	\$ 158
Customer deposits	161,224
Debt service-Bonds	47,607
Cash reserves-Bonds	193,252
Short-lived assets	188,911
	\$ 591,152

The Association's bond agreements require certain debt and capital reserves. Capital project funds are restricted for the expansion project. Customer deposits are refundable after service has been terminated.

NOTE C – UTILITY PLANT

A summary of utility plant activity at December 31, 2023 is as follows:

	2023
Land and land improvements	\$ 49,219
Pumping equipment	57,210
Distribution reservoirs and standpipes	927,578
Transmission and distribution mains	7,358,231
Services	42,701
Meters and installations	775,061
Hydrants	71,684
Communication equipment	19,341
Vehicles	246,682
Building and improvements	94,685
Office equipment	40,422
Construction in progress	35,000
	9,717,814
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(4,559,260)
Utility Plant, Net	\$5,158,554

NOTE D – CONTINGENCY

The Association has been operating as a tax exempt, not-for-profit organization since its inception. However, no formal application has been made with the Internal Revenue Service to receive official tax exempt status. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements to reflect any uncertainty of this status, including potential income taxes.

NOTE E – LONG-TERM DEBT

Current year long-term debt activity is as follows:

Description	Beginning Balance	Incre	eases	De	ecreases	Ending Balance	Due Vithin ne Year
Note payable – FmHA, payable in annual installments of principal and interest of \$24,655, interest at 5.00%, maturing May 2033, secured by assignment and pledge of revenue	\$ 162,764	\$	0	\$	16,517	\$ 146,247	\$ 15,147
Note payable – FmHA, payable in annual installments of \$33,594, interest at 4.875%, maturing February 2038, secured by assignment and pledge of revenue	365,301		0		15,786	349,515	16,457
Note payable – Rural Development, payable in annual installments of principal and interest, interest at 4.125%, maturing September 2045, secured by substantially all assets and revenues of the Association	600,025		0		16,253	583,772	17,000
Note payable – Rural Development, payable in annual installments of \$51,300 principal and interest, interest at 2.75%, maturing September 2053, secured by assignment and pledge of revenue	1,060,835		0		22,127	1,038,708	22,736
Note payable – Rural Development, payable in annual installments of \$26,675 principal and interest, interest at 1.50%, maturing December 2062, secured by substantially all assets and revenues of the Association	<u> </u>	\$	0	\$	<u>14,706</u> 85,389	 <u></u>	\$ <u>14,925</u> 86,265

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year]	Principal		Interest		Total
2024	\$	86,265	\$	91,111	\$	177,376
2025		89,174		88,001		177,175
2026		92,681		84,772		177,453
2027		95,788		81,401		177,189
2028		99,503		77,903		177,406
2029-2033		510,525		330,580		841,105
2034-2038		528,005		233,430		761,435
2039-2043		444,563		150,252		594,815
2044-2048		383,976		84,332		468,308
2049-2053		348,040		41,834		389,874
2054-2058		120,200		13,174		133,374
2059-2062		102,816		3,884		106,700
	\$	2,901,536	\$	1,280,674	\$	4,182,210
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<u>NOTE F – RISK MANAGEMENT</u>

The Association is exposed to various risks of loss related torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The Association carries insurance for all risks of loss, including worker's compensation, general liability and property loss insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

NOTE G – WATER AGREEMENT

The Association has entered into a water purchase contract with the Logan-Todd Regional Water Commission, whereas the contract requires the Commission to provide water to the Association and the rates the Association will be charged for the expected water usage are defined therein. The contract will extend for a term of 50 years beginning January 1, 2003. The agreement may be renewed or extended for such term or terms as may be agreed by the Commission and the Association. Under terms of the agreement, the Association may not produce or resell water to any other water system or water seller, nor may the Association add any customer to its system that would increase average daily water demand or peak water demand within the Association by over 25% without prior written approval from the Commission. The agreement was originally signed to begin from the earlier date of initial availability of water for delivery by the Commission or January 1, 2003. The Association began purchasing water to the Association. The agreement does require the Association to purchase minimum levels of water from the Commission. If minimum levels are not met, the Commission may charge the Association for shortages.

<u>NOTE H – FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS</u>

SFAS 157, Fair Value Measurements (ASC Topic 820-10) defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is determined based on a fair value hierarchy, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value which are as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets.

NOTE H – FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONCLUDED)

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets. Level 3 assets include investments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgement or estimation.

The following methods and assumptions were used by the Association in estimating the fair value of its financial instruments:

<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> – The carrying amount reported in the statement of financial position approximates fair value because of the short maturity of those instruments.

<u>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</u> – The carrying value amount reported in the statement of financial position approximates its fair value.

Long-term debt – Fair value of the Association's debt is based on current traded value.

NOTE I – RETIREMENT PLAN

The Association began a SIMPLE IRA retirement plan in 2007 that covers all employees who meet the eligibility requirements. The Association's contributions to the plan have been determined by the Board of Commissioners. Contributions to the plan were \$3,408 for 2023.

NOTE J – KENTUCKY CLEANER WATER PROGRAM

The Association has been awarded grant funds totaling approximately \$315,664 from the Kentucky Cleaner Water Program (CWP), which are funds provided through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. These funds have been designated and used towards the rehabilitation of the Schochoh water tank and the Red River waterline replacement project. Funds totaling \$205,111 have been received as of December 31, 2023.

<u>NOTE K – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS</u>

South Logan Water Association, Inc.'s management has evaluated and considered the need to recognize or disclose subsequent events through March 2, 2024, which represents the date that these financial statements were available to be issued. Subsequent events past this date, as they pertain to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, have not been evaluated by management.

South Logan Water Association is in the early stages of renovating the office building. This project is ongoing subsequent to year end. Funding will be provided by grants received from USDA Rural Development.

NOTE L – CONTRACT BALANCES

The following summarizes gross receivables from contracts and contract liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	vables From Contracts	Contrac	et Liabilities
Beginning balance at January 1, 2023	\$ 154,677	\$	2,000
Ending balance at December 31, 2023	\$ 151,421	\$	850

NOTE M – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A portion of the Association's insurance is purchased through a local agency, the principal of which is a commissioner. The total payment to the agency or to represented companies was \$229 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

NOTE N – ADVERTISING COSTS

The Association uses advertising to post meeting information and customer notices. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Total advertising expense was \$693 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

NOTE O – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The following reflects the Association's financial assets as of the statement of financial position date, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions within one year of the statement of financial position date. Financial assets at year-end consist of cash and cash equivalents of \$725,519, receivables of \$97,156, and restricted cash of \$591,152.

	 2023
Financial assets at year-end	\$ 1,413,827
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to:	
Contractually-restricted items for specific use only	 591,152
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within	
one year	\$ 822,675

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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*

Commissioners South Logan Water Association, Inc. Adairville, 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 South Logan Water Association, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 2, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered South Logan Water Association, Inc.'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 South Logan Water Association, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of South Logan Water Association, Inc.'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 the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as 2023-001 and 2023-002, that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether South Logan 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 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*.

South Logan Water Association, Inc.'s Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on South Logan Water Association, Inc.'s response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. South Logan Water Association, Inc.'s response was not subjected to the 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 organization'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 organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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SOUTH LOGAN WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES

Reference <u>Number</u>	Finding
2023-001	 Condition: Whereas management has the suitable skills, knowledge and expertise concerning financial activities of the Association, they lack the professional training to apply generally accepted accounting principles in the preparation of the Association's financial statements. Criteria: Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements. Effect: Management is unable to assemble the Association's financial information in the form of adjusted financial statements with full disclosures without oversight and direction. Cause: Budgetary constraints limit hiring individuals possessing the required technical knowledge. Recommendation: The Association should consider obtaining the professional training and expertise to apply generally accepted accounting principles according to governmental accounting standards in preparing and presenting the Association's financial statements. Response: The Association concurs with the recommendation; however, it is not feasible to obtain the training and expertise at this time.
2023-002	 Condition: The Association has two office employees, and they have a number of duties, many of which are incompatible. Criteria: Separation of duties is an essential element of proper internal control. Effect: Significant controls over transaction processing were absent. Cause: Budgetary constraints limit hiring the number of employees sufficient to permit assignment of accounting functions to various individuals. Recommendation: With only two employees, controls are difficult to establish in this area. Where practical, staff should have extensive documentation of approval from the Association and its officers. Response: The Association believes that there will always be a risk involved in a small business with limited personnel. Policy whereby employees check each other could possibly be restricted and monitored more extensively, but they also feel that they have enough backup to prevent fraud or theft where deposits are concerned. The Association has implemented measures for the bank statements and reconciliations to be reviewed by the treasurer.