

Southeastern Water Association, Inc.

Audited Financial Statements
for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Somerset, Kentucky

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Southeastern Water Association, Inc. (a non-profit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Southeastern Water Association, Inc., as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my 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. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of Southeastern Water Association, Inc. and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Southeastern 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my 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*, I:

- 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 Southeastern 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 my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am 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 I identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2, U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for the purpose 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 the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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*, I have also issued my report dated August 12, 2025, on my consideration of Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my 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 Southeastern 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 Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Rodall D. Z..., CPA, PLLC

August 12, 2025
Somerset, Kentucky

Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Statements of Financial Position
December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 401,412	\$ 382,914
Certificates of deposit	1,249,098	1,761,707
Accounts receivable (net of allowance of \$26,970 and \$27,801 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively)	358,310	369,350
Inventory	254,890	370,087
Prepaid expenses	79,933	75,907
Total current assets	<u>2,343,643</u>	<u>2,959,965</u>
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Property, plant and equipment	50,358,506	47,481,195
Accumulated depreciation	(21,055,896)	(20,009,553)
Net property, plant and equipment	<u>29,302,610</u>	<u>27,471,642</u>
Other Assets		
Restricted cash accounts	1,479,527	1,352,881
Total other assets	<u>1,479,527</u>	<u>1,352,881</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 33,125,780</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,784,488</u></u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 176,640	\$ 320,317
Accrued liabilities	23,695	39,840
Accrued interest payable	46,564	47,989
Customer deposits	174,458	157,006
Advance tap-on fees	5,735	8,235
Current portion of long-term debt	415,597	394,387
Total current liabilities	<u>842,689</u>	<u>967,774</u>
Long-term Liabilities		
Long-term debt	11,072,504	10,966,029
Net of current portion	(415,597)	(394,387)
Total long-term liabilities	<u>10,656,907</u>	<u>10,571,642</u>
Total Liabilities	11,499,596	11,539,416
Net Assets, Without Donor Restrictions		
Reserved by contract	1,352,881	1,352,881
Reserved by board	1,120,000	1,120,000
Membership fees	167,386	163,536
Tap-on fees	3,793,863	3,620,703
Unrestricted, other	15,192,054	13,987,952
Total net assets	<u>21,626,184</u>	<u>20,245,072</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 33,125,780</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,784,488</u></u>

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

Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Statements of Activities
For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Operating increases in net assets without donor restrictions		
Water sales	\$ 5,026,345	\$ 4,713,362
Service charges/reconnect fees	27,791	20,211
Other income	1,805	23,526
Total	<u>5,055,941</u>	<u>4,757,099</u>
Operating decreases in net assets without donor restrictions		
Cost of water sold	1,669,955	1,460,185
Depreciation	1,300,498	1,216,498
Wages	660,394	615,025
Maintenance	76,832	69,384
Supplies	158,235	108,892
Insurance	207,415	226,619
Other general and administrative	14,725	14,628
Auto and truck	92,477	74,035
Pension plan expense	25,972	42,670
Bank charges	56	-
PSC fees	7,227	8,007
Utilities	116,932	119,433
Telephone	8,052	8,158
Testing and analysis	15,725	16,530
Customer billing	66,689	47,870
Directors' fees	40,000	42,000
Office expense	77,417	28,275
Bad debt	5,499	21,017
Uniforms/laundry	9,752	10,062
Professional services	84,212	64,285
Tax and license	58,274	55,898
Total	<u>4,696,338</u>	<u>4,249,471</u>
Operating increase in net assets without donor restrictions	<u>359,603</u>	<u>507,628</u>
Non-operating increases (decreases) in net assets without donor restrictions		
Capital contributions - federal grants	805,240	163,131
Gain(Loss) on sale of assets	248,732	21,607
Employee retention credit received	-	260,294
Membership fees collected	3,850	4,460
Tap-on fees collected, net of amounts refunded	173,160	161,400
Interest income	130,275	94,683
Interest expense	(339,748)	(313,960)
Total	<u>1,021,509</u>	<u>391,615</u>
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	<u>\$ 1,381,112</u>	<u>\$ 899,243</u>

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Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Statements of Changes in Net Assets
For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions					
	Reserved by Contract	Reserved by board	Membership Fees	Tap-on Fees	Other	Total
Balances, January 1, 2023	\$ 1,321,955	\$ 1,120,000	\$ 159,076	\$ 3,459,303	\$ 13,285,495	\$ 19,345,829
2023 change in net assets	-	-	4,460	161,400	733,383	899,243
Transfers	30,926	-	-	-	(30,926)	-
Balances, December 31, 2023	\$ 1,352,881	\$ 1,120,000	\$ 163,536	\$ 3,620,703	\$ 13,987,952	\$ 20,245,072
2024 change in net assets	-	-	3,850	173,160	1,204,102	1,381,112
Transfers	126,646	-	-	-	(126,646)	-
Balances, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 1,479,527</u>	<u>\$ 1,120,000</u>	<u>\$ 167,386</u>	<u>\$ 3,793,863</u>	<u>\$ 15,065,408</u>	<u>\$ 21,626,184</u>

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Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Statement of Functional Expenses
For the year ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Program</u>	<u>General and Administrative</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost of water sold	\$ 1,669,955	\$ -	\$ 1,669,955
Depreciation	1,237,891	62,607	1,300,498
Wages	521,209	139,185	660,394
Maintenance	76,832	-	76,832
Supplies	158,235	-	158,235
Insurance	179,875	27,540	207,415
Other general and administrative	-	14,725	14,725
Auto and truck	92,477	-	92,477
Pension plan expense	20,498	5,474	25,972
Bank charges	-	56	56
PSC fees	7,227	-	7,227
Utilities	104,377	12,555	116,932
Telephone	-	8,052	8,052
Testing and analysis	15,725	-	15,725
Customer billing	81,434	-	81,434
Directors' fees	-	40,000	40,000
Office expense	-	62,672	62,672
Bad debt	5,499	-	5,499
Uniforms/laundry	9,752	-	9,752
Professional services	-	84,212	84,212
Tax and license	47,229	11,045	58,274
	<u>\$ 4,228,215</u>	<u>\$ 468,123</u>	<u>\$ 4,696,338</u>

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Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Statement of Functional Expenses
For the year ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Program</u>	<u>General and Administrative</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost of water sold	\$ 1,460,185	\$ -	\$ 1,460,185
Depreciation	1,198,990	17,508	1,216,498
Wages	491,430	123,595	615,025
Maintenance	69,384	-	69,384
Supplies	108,892	-	108,892
Insurance	203,484	23,135	226,619
Other general and administrative	-	14,628	14,628
Auto and truck	74,035	-	74,035
Pension plan expense	34,095	8,575	42,670
Bank charges	-	-	-
PSC fees	8,007	-	8,007
Utilities	110,849	8,584	119,433
Telephone	-	8,158	8,158
Testing and analysis	16,530	-	16,530
Customer billing	47,870	-	47,870
Directors' fees	-	42,000	42,000
Office expense	-	28,275	28,275
Bad debt	21,017	-	21,017
Uniforms/laundry	10,062	-	10,062
Professional services	-	64,285	64,285
Tax and license	45,907	9,991	55,898
	<u>\$ 3,900,737</u>	<u>\$ 348,734</u>	<u>\$ 4,249,471</u>

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Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Statements of Cash Flows
For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Operating income/loss	\$ 359,603	\$ 507,628
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	1,300,498	1,216,498
Bad debts	5,499	21,017
(Increase) decrease in operating assets		
Inventory	115,197	(225,258)
Accounts receivable	5,541	(42,133)
Prepaid expenses	(4,026)	5,060
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities		
Accounts payable	(143,677)	(29,363)
Accrued liabilities	(16,144)	17,587
Accrued interest	(1,425)	(10,709)
Advance tap on fees	(2,500)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,618,566	1,460,327
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest income	130,275	94,683
Redemption of (investment in) certificates of deposits	512,609	(734,399)
Proceeds from sale of assets	272,625	25,000
Cash payments for the purchase and construction of fixed assets	(3,155,360)	(2,250,341)
Net cash used by investing activities	(2,239,851)	(2,865,057)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Interest expense	(339,748)	(313,960)
Proceeds from federal grants	805,240	163,131
Employee retention credit received	-	260,294
Increase in customer deposits	17,452	21,881
Proceeds from tap-on and membership fees	177,010	165,860
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	504,328	-
Principal payment on long-term debt	(397,853)	(385,518)
Net cash provided by financing activities	766,429	(88,312)
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	145,144	(1,493,042)
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash beginning of year	1,735,795	3,228,837
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash end of year	<u>\$ 1,880,939</u>	<u>\$ 1,735,795</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the year for interest	<u>\$ 341,173</u>	<u>\$ 348,149</u>

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

Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization and Nature of Activities

Southeastern Water Association, Inc. (the Association) was formed as a result of an order by the Public Service Commission of Kentucky which required the merger of Nelson Valley Water Association, Inc., Tateville Water Association, Inc., Elihu-Rush Branch Water Association, Inc., and Barnesburg Water Association, Inc. The Association purchases water from the City of Somerset Water Service and distributes the water to residents of the Nelson Valley, Tateville, Elihu-Rush Branch, and Barnesburg areas of Pulaski County, Kentucky. The Association falls under the oversight and regulations of the Kentucky Public Service commission and accordingly follows their prescribed uniform System of Accounts.

Method of Accounting

The Association prepares its financial statements on the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this method, revenues are recognized when earned, rather than when received and expenses are recognized when incurred rather than when paid.

Financial Statement Presentation

The Association prepares its financial statements in accordance with FASB ASC 958, *Not for Profit Entities*. Under FASB ASC 958, the Association is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Association and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor-imposed stipulation, even though their use may be limited in other respects, such as by contract or by board designation.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. There were no donor-imposed restrictions of a temporary or perpetual nature at December 31, 2024 or 2023. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Revenue Recognition

Revenues from sales of water, service charges/reconnect fees, and tap-on fees for new service addresses are exchange transactions and are recognized in the period in which the water is provided to the customer or meters installed. The Association's sales are delivered daily as customers use water at which time ownership, risks, and rewards transfer. At the end of the month, customer usage is measured and billed. Control of water transfers to the customer as they consume it. In 2024 and 2023, the Association recognized revenue from sales to customers, net of sales and utility taxes and refunds/adjustments, totaling \$5,026,3451 and \$4,713,362, respectively. Grant income is recognized as revenues as various conditions are met, and then reflected as contributed capital in the Statement of Net Assets.

Credit risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Association to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash, cash equivalents and trade receivables. The Association places its cash deposits with high credit quality financial institutions and generally limits the amount of credit exposure by using multiple institutions and requiring collateral pledges. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade receivables are limited due to the Association's large number of customers with individually small, immaterial balances.

Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash

The statement of cash flows classifies changes in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash according to operating, investing or financing activities. The Association considers cash on hand, cash in banks and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of three months or less, both restricted and unrestricted, to be cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents on the statement of cash flows includes amounts classified as cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash on the statement of financial position.

Contract Accounts Receivable

The Association extends credit to substantially all of its customers. Accounts receivable are stated at the face amount of the water bills, which approximates fair market value. The timing of revenue recognition, billings, and cash collections results in billed accounts receivable on the statement of financial position. Amounts are billed at the end of every month based on customer usage. Total usage determines the rate at which a customer is billed per unit. Payment is due within 10 days. Penalties are imposed 10 days after the payment due date on unpaid balances.

Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Contract Accounts Receivable, continued

Customers may request adjustment for leaks, up to a maximum of 90 days, once per year, or to correct errors from meter reading. The Association recognizes revenue sales in the amount it expects to be entitled, that is, net of estimated adjustments. Based on past experience, the Association does not anticipate a significant amount of adjustments and, therefore, has not accrued an adjustment liability.

Allowance for Credit Losses

The Association operates in the water utility industry and its accounts receivables are primarily derived from individual and commercial customers. At each balance sheet date, the Association recognizes an expected allowance for credit losses. In addition, also at each reporting date, this estimate is updated to reflect any changes in credit risk since the receivable was initially recorded. The estimate is calculated on a pooled basis where similar risk characteristics exist.

The allowance estimate is derived from a review of the Association's historical losses based on the aging of receivables. This estimate is adjusted for management's assessment of current conditions, reasonable and supportable forecasts regarding future events, and any other factors deemed relevant by the Association. The Association believes historical loss information is a reasonable starting point in which to calculate the expected allowance for credit losses as the Association's portfolio segments have remained constant since the Association's inception.

The Association writes off receivables when there is information that indicates the debtor is facing significant financial difficulty and there is no possibility of recovery. If any recoveries are made from any accounts previously written off, they will be recognized in accordance with the entity's accounting policy election. The total amount of write offs was \$5,499 and \$21,017 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Inventory

Inventory of the Association consists of supplies and materials for Association use. This inventory is valued at first-in, first-out cost, which approximates market.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Depreciation is computed using straight line over estimated useful lives ranging from 5 to 40 years. Depreciation is calculated on construction projects once completed and placed in service.

Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Advance Tap-On Fees

The Association allows potential customers to pay tap-on fees in advance of construction of lines. Amounts paid in advance remain payable back to the customer until they receive water service. Upon receipt of water service, the tap-on fee is reclassified to Net Assets – Tap-On-Fees.

Membership Fees

The Association requires all customers to be members of the Association by paying a one-time nonrefundable fee of \$10.

Grants

Grants received by the Association that are used to offset the acquisition, improvement or construction costs of the Association's property, facilities, water distribution system, or equipment used to provide utility services to the public are recorded as non-operating revenue. Grant revenues are transferred at year end to the equity account Net Assets, Without Donor Restrictions – Other.

Functional Expenses

The Association's functional expense policy is to allocate all direct costs of providing water as well as a portion of salaries and related payroll expenses to program services. The salaries and related payroll costs attributed to program services are allocated using a percentage based on the relative time spent by the affected employees on each function. The Association incurs no fund raising expense.

Estimates

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

Comparability

Certain prior year amounts have been restated to conform to current year presentation. The restatements had no effect on the change in net assets for either period.

Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, concluded

Income Tax Status

The Association is a nonprofit organization, exempt under Internal Revenue Section 501(c)(12). No income tax is applicable due to the Association's tax exempt status. The Association is not aware of any uncertain income tax positions as of December 31, 2024 for any open tax years.

2. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash reported within the statement of financial position that sum to the total of the same such amounts shown in the statement of cash flows:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 401,412
Restricted cash accounts included in other assets	<u>1,479,527</u>
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ 1,880,939</u>

Amounts included in restricted cash represent those required to be set aside by covenants of various debt agreements with Rural Development as well as customer deposits held.

3. Concentration of Credit Risk

The Association held deposits at multiple banks. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. Cash at three institutions exceeded FDIC insured limits. The amounts in excess of the FDIC limit totaled \$1,258,347 and \$550,911 at December 31, 2024 and 2023 respectively. At December 31, 2024, all of the excess amount, except for \$618,406 was collateralized with securities held in the name of the financial institution and pledged to the Association. At December 31, 2023, all of the excess amount was collateralized with securities held in the name of the financial institution and pledged to the Association. Securities cannot be moved or redeemed without prior approval of the Association.

4. Contract Balances

The contract balances were as follows:

	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>1/1/2023</u>
Accounts receivable	<u>\$358,310</u>	<u>\$369,350</u>	<u>\$348,234</u>

Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements
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5. Property and Equipment

The cost of property and equipment at December 31, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Transmission and distribution system	\$ 45,446,002	\$ 42,855,285
Construction work in process	145,743	2,451,089
Buildings and equipment	4,535,689	1,943,749
Land and land rights (nondepreciable)	<u>231,072</u>	<u>231,072</u>
Property and equipment	50,358,506	47,481,195
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(21,055,896)</u>	<u>(20,009,553)</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 29,302,610</u>	<u>\$ 27,471,642</u>

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Association completed a project to replace and extend water lines and construct/rehab pump stations in the KY192/KY1003 area. The project was funded by two Rural Development loans at a total of \$2,696,000 and two Rural Development grants at a total of \$659,000. \$3,459,699 was expended on the project in total, including capitalized interest.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Association completed a project to replace pump stations in the Rush Branch and Tateville areas. The project was funded in house with funds available. \$800,800 was expended on the project in total.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Association completed a project to build a new office for the Association/s operations. The project was funded in house with funds available. \$2,655,603 was expended on the project in total.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Association completed a project to build a new water storage tank in the Dixie Bend area. The project was funded by a \$504,328 Rural Development Loan and \$659,497 of United States Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority Cleaner Water Program. \$1,172,277 was expended on the project in total.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Association began a project to replace water lines in the Eagle's Nest area. The total expected project cost is \$457,823. This project is to be funded by \$416,203 of United States Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority Cleaner Water Program and the remainder with funds on hand. As of December, 31, 2024, \$145,743 had been expended on the project.

6. Line of Credit

The Association obtained a line of credit from a local bank for the Dixie Bend Tank Replacement Project. The total amount of the line of credit is \$622,000. The line of credit matures in November, 2025 and bears interest at 6.5% which can vary depending on fluctuations in the prime rate. The line of credit is secured by a certificate of deposit. The balance on the line was \$0 at December 31, 2024.

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7. Long-Term Liabilities

Loans from Rural Development (RD) financed installation of distribution mains and water lines. Real estate and revenue sufficient to fund the annual debt service secure the loans. During 2015, a group of these loans were refinanced through Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation into a 2015 Series Revenue Bonds at an interest savings.

The balances on the Association's loans/bonds are as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Interest variable revenue bonds dated March 8, 2015, payable in annual installments, including interest through February, 2041.	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,860,000
2.375% loan dated February 2, 2011 payable in annual installments of \$160,799, including interest, through February 2, 2051.	3,094,917	3,181,102
4.375% loan dated November 8, 2006, payable in annual installments of \$149,956, including interest through November 8, 2046.	2,062,611	2,120,948
4.5% loan dated September 17, 2004, payable in annual installments of \$101,567, including interest, through September 17, 2044.	1,283,290	1,326,227
1.875% loan dated May 14, 2020, payable in annual installments of \$78,529, including interest, through May 14, 2060.	1,983,718	2,024,647
1.875% loan dated May 14, 2020, payable in annual installments of \$17,880, including interest, through May 14, 2060.	443,640	453,105
1.75% loan dated December 17, 2024, payable in monthly installments of \$17,556, including interest, through December 17, 2064.	504,328	-
	\$ 11,072,504	\$ 10,966,029
Less current portion	(415,597)	(394,387)
	<u>\$ 10,656,907</u>	<u>\$ 10,571,642</u>

The Association executed a supplementary agreement with RD in which payments are made in monthly installments at an amount that is adequate to cover the annual requirements of all outstanding loans.

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7. Long-Term Liabilities, continued

The following table shows estimated maturities of all long-term debt at December 31, 2024:

2025	\$ 415,597
2026	428,379
2027	441,480
2028	454,802
2029	438,445
Later years	<u>8,893,801</u>
	<u>\$11,072,504</u>

The Association capitalizes interest incurred during construction projects as a component on construction costs at the end of the construction project. Interest in the amount of \$0 and \$23,480 was capitalized during the years ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

Interest incurred on all debt during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$339,748 and \$348,149, respectively.

8. Special Funds and Restrictions

The debt agreements with Rural Development require the following accounts be maintained by the Association as long as any outstanding debt remains;

General account – All operating funds received shall be deposited in this account. Funds will be used for operating and maintenance expenses and will be transferred to other accounts as needed.

Depreciation reserve account – The Association is required to make monthly deposits into this account as provided by the letter of conditions from RD. Ten percent of each loan is required to be deposited into this account over a period of ten years. These funds may be used for debt service or for unusual repairs or improvements if proper approvals are obtained and no funds are available in the general account. The balance as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$911,007 and \$845,412, respectively, which met all required RD covenants for the full amount for all outstanding debt issues.

Debt service reserve account – Monthly deposits are required to be made into this account. Funds are to be used to make payments on Rural Development loans. The account was established per Rural Development loan requirements. The balance as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$4,336 and \$4,714, respectively.

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8. Special Funds and Restrictions, concluded

Short lived assets reserve account – Monthly deposits are required to commence in January 2014 into this account as provided by the letter of conditions for loan 26. These funds may be used to replace short lived assets used in the normal course of business at the discretion of the Association. The balance as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$150,419 and \$133,848, respectively, which met all required RD covenants.

The bond agreement with Regions Bank requires monthly deposits to be made into a sinking account. These deposits are to set aside funds for the semi-annual payments on the 2015 bond issue. The balance as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$220,756 and \$211,439, respectively.

Customer deposits received by the Association are required to be set aside in an account to be used for final billing amounts with any excess, including interest earned, returned to customers when they terminate service. The balance as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$186,274 and \$156,969, respectively.

9. Related-Party Transactions

The Association paid \$40,000 and \$42,000 in 2024 and 2023, respectively, for board of director's fees. The Association purchases insurance from a company in which a board member's brother is a stockholder.

10. Retirement Plan

The Association adopted a simple employee pension plan (SEP) in 1999. This discretionary plan covers substantially all employees. The Association contributes 3% of gross wages for qualifying employees, plus additional amounts as periodically approved by the Board. During 2024 and 2023 the Association made plan contributions of \$25,972 and \$42,670, respectively.

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11. Liquidity and Availability

The Association has not adopted a formal liquidity management plan. The Association continually reviews its financial assets and assesses if these assets are sufficient to meet cash needs for general expenditures. Financial assets available for general expenditures, that is, without donor restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position date, are comprised of the following:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Financial assets, at December 31,		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,880,939	\$1,735,795
Certificates of deposit	1,249,098	1,761,707
Accounts receivable, net	<u>358,310</u>	<u>369,350</u>
 Total financial assets	 3,488,347	 3,866,852
Less: amounts restricted for certain purposes	<u>(1,479,527)</u>	<u>(1,352,881)</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 2,008,820</u>	 <u>\$2,513,971</u>

Normal operating expenses per month are, on average, approximately \$390,000 to \$360,000 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

12. Legal Contingencies

The Association is involved in legal proceedings regarding property damage claims. These matters are subject to inherent uncertainties, and the ultimate outcome or any possible range of loss are not determinable at this time. The Association intends to contest these matters vigorously.

13. Subsequent Events

The Association has evaluated and considered the need to recognize or disclose subsequent events through August 12, 2025, which represents the date that these financial statements were available to be issued. Subsequent events past this date, as they pertain to the year ended December 31, 2024, have not been evaluated by the Association.

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

To the Board of Directors
Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Somerset, Kentucky

I 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 Southeastern Water Association, Inc. (a non-profit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated August 12, 2025.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, I 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 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.

To the Board of Directors
Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
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My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s financial statements are free from material misstatement, I 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association'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.

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August 12, 2025
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH
MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Directors
Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Somerset, Kentucky

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

I have audited Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024. Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In my opinion, Southeastern Water Association, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

I conducted my audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). My responsibilities under those standards and Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of my report.

I am required to be independent of Southeastern Water Association, Inc. and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion on compliance for each major federal program. My audit does not provide a legal determination of Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s compliance based on my audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, I:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risk of material noncompliance, 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 Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

I am required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that I identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

My consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

My audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



August 12, 2025
Somerset, Kentucky

Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Pass Through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Program or Award Amount</u>	<u>Passed Through to Subrecipients</u>	<u>Total Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture					
Passed through Rural Economic and Community Development					
Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities					
RUS Loan	10.760	99934	\$622,000	\$ -	\$ 504,328
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture				\$ -	\$ 504,328
U.S. Department of the Treasury					
Passed through Kentucky Infrastructure Authority					
Kentucky Cleaner Water Program					
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	22CWW306	\$285,606	\$ -	\$ 285,606
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	22CWW348	\$373,891	\$ -	\$ 373,891
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	22CWW362	\$416,203	\$ -	\$ 145,743
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury				\$ -	\$ 805,240
Total federal awards expended				\$ -	\$1,309,568

Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Southeastern Water Association, Inc. under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2024. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Southeastern Water Association, Inc., it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of Southeastern Water Association, Inc.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

3. Indirect Cost Rates

The Association did not elect to use the 10 percent de minimis cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

4. Outstanding Loan Balance

Southeastern Water Association, Inc.'s federal awards consist of grant and loan funds which were used for construction projects. Current year expenditures are included in the federal expenditures presented in the schedule as required by the Compliance Supplement issued by the Office of Management and Budget. As of December 31, 2024, the outstanding balance of the loans associated with the projects was \$9,372,504.

Southeastern Water Association, Inc.
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

A. Summary of Auditor's Results

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on whether the financial statements of Southeastern Water Association, Inc. were prepared in accordance with GAAP.
2. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting were identified during the audit of the financial statements.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Southeastern Water Association, Inc. were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements.
4. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over major federal awards programs were identified during the audit.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award programs for Southeastern Water Association, Inc. expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal programs.
6. There were no audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a).
7. The programs tested as major are as follows:

<u>Name of Federal Program</u>	<u>Federal Assistance Listing Number</u>
U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027

8. The threshold for distinguishing Type A and Type B programs was \$750,000.
9. Southeastern Water Association, Inc. was determined not to be a low-risk auditee.

B. Findings Related to the Financial Statements

1. None

C. Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards

1. None

D. Prior Audit Findings

1. None