

**WEST LAUREL WATER
ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Commissioners
West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated
London, Kentucky

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Association's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated, as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the West Laurel Water Association, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit program.

Responsibility of Management 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.

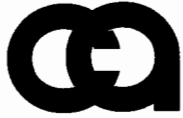
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In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the West Laurel Water Association's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. 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 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, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, so such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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





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Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 30, 2022 on our consideration of the West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated'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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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April 30, 2022



WEST LAUREL WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)

Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

This discussion and analysis are intended to be an easily readable analysis of the West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions or conditions. This analysis focuses on current year activities and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes that follow. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information found within the body of the financial statements and notes.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2021, the Association's net position decreased by \$73,064 or 1.78%, compared to a decrease of \$154,481 or 3.63% in 2020.
- In 2021, sales of water decreased by \$2,456 or 0.01%. In 2020, sales increased by \$10,155 or 0.01%.
- Operating expenses decreased by \$24,366 or 0.01% in 2021 compared to an increase of \$139,866 or 5.49% in 2020.
- Additions to capital assets in 2021 amounted to \$59,653. In 2020, additions to capital assets were \$75,622.
- Principal payments on long-term debt amounted to \$91,769 in 2021, compared to \$101,535 in 2020.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This report consists of the management's discussion and analysis and the basic financial statements. The financial statements include notes that explain information included in the basic financial statements.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements report information utilizing the full accrual basis of accounting and conform to accounting principles that are generally accepted in the United States of America. The statement of net position presents information on all of the Association's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Association is improving or deteriorating. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents information showing how the Association's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods. The financial statements also include a statement of cash flows, which presents sources and uses of cash and changes in cash balances during the fiscal year. The MD&A is intended to explain the

**WEST LAUREL WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED—CONTINUED
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)**

Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

significant changes in financial position and differences in operation between the current and prior year.

NET POSITION

A summary of the Association’s statement of net position as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 is presented below:

	<u>2021</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Net dollar</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Net percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 1,212,153	\$ 1,145,490	\$ (34,270)	-2.90%
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>5,982,450</u>	<u>6,208,647</u>	<u>\$ (208,981)</u>	-3.26%
Total Assets	<u>7,194,603</u>	<u>7,354,137</u>	<u>(243,251)</u>	-3.20%
Long-term liabilities	2,782,308	2,886,656	(91,686)	-3.08%
Current portion of long-term debt	94,701	90,592	(1,379)	-1.50%
Other liabilities	<u>292,875</u>	<u>279,106</u>	<u>4,295</u>	1.56%
Total Liabilities	<u>3,169,884</u>	<u>3,256,354</u>	<u>(88,770)</u>	-2.65%
Net investment in capital assets	3,105,441	3,239,869	(107,446)	-3.21%
Restricted net positions	246,709	242,711	4,158	1.74%
Unrestricted (deficit) net position	<u>672,569</u>	<u>615,203</u>	<u>(51,193)</u>	-7.68%
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 4,024,719</u>	<u>\$ 4,097,783</u>	<u>\$ (154,481)</u>	-3.63%

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

A summary of the Association’s statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position for the year ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 is presented below:

**WEST LAUREL WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED—CONTINUED
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)**

Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Net dollar</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Net percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
Operating revenue	\$ 2,705,636	\$ 2,649,217	\$ (63,326)	-2.33%
Nonoperating revenue	<u>7,037</u>	<u>10,642</u>	<u>(30,798)</u>	-74.32%
Total revenue	2,712,673	2,659,859	(94,124)	-3.42%
Depreciation expense	285,849	284,602	(8,602)	-2.93%
Other operating expense	2,375,184	2,400,797	148,468	6.59%
Nonoperating expense	<u>124,704</u>	<u>128,941</u>	<u>(4,287)</u>	-3.22%
Total expense	<u>2,785,737</u>	<u>2,814,340</u>	<u>135,579</u>	5.06%
Changes in net position	(73,064)	(154,481)	(229,703)	-305.37%
Net position, beginning	<u>4,097,783</u>	<u>4,252,264</u>	<u>75,222</u>	1.80%
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 4,024,719</u>	<u>\$ 4,097,783</u>	<u>\$ (154,481)</u>	-3.63%

CAPITAL ASSETS

On December 31, 2021, the Association’s investment in capital assets, net of depreciation, totaled \$5,982,450, which is a decrease of \$226,197, or 3.64%, over the capital asset balance of \$6,208,647 at December 31, 2020. This attributable to capital projects.

LONG-TERM DEBT

As of December 31, 2021, the Association had long-term debt of \$2,877,009 compared to \$2,968,778 at December 31, 2020, including current portion. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Association paid \$91,769 of principal payments on the long-term debt compared to \$101,535 in 2020.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The Association’s financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors) with a general overview of the Association’s finances and to demonstrate the Association’s accountability. Questions concerning this report or request for additional information should be addressed to the Office Manager, Dewayne Lewis, at West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated, London, Kentucky, 40741, or by calling (606) 878-9420.

WEST LAUREL WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 518,716	\$ 375,181
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts	291,989	372,861
Unbilled accounts receivable	153,669	153,669
Interest receivable	195	193
Prepaid expense	<u>875</u>	<u>875</u>
Total current assets	<u>965,444</u>	<u>902,779</u>
Noncurrent assets		
Restricted assets		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>246,709</u>	<u>242,711</u>
Capital assets		
Nondepreciable capital assets		
Construction in progress	-	-
Land and land structures	<u>67,727</u>	<u>67,727</u>
Total nondepreciable capital assets	<u>67,727</u>	<u>67,727</u>
Depreciable capital assets		
Source of supply and pumping	16,899	16,899
Intangible	7,677	7,677
Pumping plant	651,262	651,262
Transmission and distribution	11,013,083	10,953,431
General plant	45,453	45,453
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,819,651)</u>	<u>(5,533,802)</u>
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>5,914,723</u>	<u>6,140,920</u>
Total capital assets (net of depreciation)	<u>5,982,450</u>	<u>6,208,647</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>6,229,159</u>	<u>6,451,358</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,194,603</u>	<u>\$ 7,354,137</u>

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

WEST LAUREL WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2021 and 2020

LIABILITIES	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 198,447	\$ 191,670
Accrued expenses	25,394	27,154
Accrued interest	58,654	60,282
Current portion of long-term debt	<u>94,701</u>	<u>90,592</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>377,196</u>	<u>369,698</u>
Noncurrent liabilities		
Customer deposits	10,380	8,470
Long-term debt	<u>2,782,308</u>	<u>2,878,186</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>2,792,688</u>	<u>2,886,656</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>3,169,884</u>	 <u>3,256,354</u>
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets net of related debt	3,105,441	3,239,869
Restricted for:		
Debt service	229,000	223,720
Other purposes	17,709	18,991
Unrestricted	<u>672,569</u>	<u>615,203</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,024,719</u>	<u>\$ 4,097,783</u>

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

WEST LAUREL WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Operating revenues		
Water sales	\$ 2,568,935	\$ 2,571,391
Tap-on fees	39,060	39,360
Other	97,641	38,466
	<u>2,705,636</u>	<u>2,649,217</u>
Total operating revenues		
Operating expenses		
Purchased water and power	1,306,754	1,270,080
Water treatment	47,442	38,538
Transmission and distribution	512,645	623,978
Administration of customer accounts	340,612	288,830
Administration and general	167,731	179,371
Depreciation	285,849	284,602
	<u>2,661,033</u>	<u>2,685,399</u>
Total operating expenses		
Operating income (loss)	<u>44,603</u>	<u>(36,182)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)		
Interest income	3,175	4,122
Grant income	3,862	6,520
Miscellaneous	(7,367)	(7,489)
Interest expense		
Interest on long-term debt	(117,337)	(121,452)
Interest on customer deposits	-	-
	<u>(117,667)</u>	<u>(118,299)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)		
Change in net position	(73,064)	(154,481)
Net position, January 1	<u>4,097,783</u>	<u>4,252,264</u>
Net position, December 31	<u>\$ 4,024,719</u>	<u>\$ 4,097,783</u>

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

WEST LAUREL WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	\$ 2,786,506	\$ 2,606,398
Payment for goods and service	<u>(2,368,257)</u>	<u>(2,385,900)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>418,249</u>	<u>220,498</u>
Cash flows from capital and related activities		
Additions to capital assets	(59,653)	(75,622)
Principal payments on debt	(91,769)	(101,535)
Grant proceeds	3,862	6,520
Interest paid on debt	(117,339)	(121,212)
Miscellaneous nonoperating expense	<u>(5,817)</u>	<u>(5,738)</u>
Cash provided (used) in capital and related activities	<u>(270,716)</u>	<u>(297,587)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received on investments	3,175	4,122
Transfer in/(out)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash provided (used) in investing activities	<u>3,175</u>	<u>4,122</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	147,533	(77,089)
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	<u>617,892</u>	<u>694,981</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	<u>\$ 765,425</u>	<u>\$ 617,892</u>
Reconciliation of change in net position to net cash used in operating activities		
Adjustments to reconcile change in net position to net cash used in operating activities:		
Operating income	\$ 44,603	\$ (36,182)
Depreciation	285,849	284,602
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable	80,872	(43,059)
(Increase) Decrease in interest receivable	(2)	240
(Decrease) Increase in accounts payable	6,777	17,306
(Decrease) Increase in accrued expenses	(1,760)	(199)
(Decrease) Increase in customer deposits	<u>1,910</u>	<u>(2,210)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>418,249</u>	<u>220,498</u>
Supplemental disclosures		
Interest paid	<u>117,337</u>	<u>121,452</u>
Reconciliation of cash at end of year		
Cash and cash equivalents	518,716	375,181
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>246,709</u>	<u>242,711</u>
Total cash at end of year	<u>\$ 765,425</u>	<u>\$ 617,892</u>

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

WEST LAUREL WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated, of Laurel County, Kentucky (the Association) was created in 1969 under Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes and is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Association is governed by a three-person board of Commissioners, which is appointed by the Laurel County Fiscal Court. The Association is regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated is a rural water utility system whose purpose is to establish, develop, and operate a water supply and distribution system for its members and customers in the eastern portion of Laurel County, Kentucky. The Association's primary source of revenue is from water sales to its customers, including public bodies and local businesses in its service area.

Basis of Accounting, Financial Presentation and Measurement Focus

Not-for-profit organizations ordinarily present their financial statements in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-205. ASC 958-205 requires reporting amounts for a not-for-profit organization's total assets, liabilities, and net assets in a statement of financial position; reporting the change in an organization's net position in a statement of activities; and reporting the change in its cash and cash equivalents in a statement of cash flows. ASC 958-205 also requires net position be displayed in three classes – permanently restricted, temporarily restricted, and unrestricted.

The Association's financial position, results of operations and cash flows are presented, along with relevant disclosures, in a format ordinarily used by entities similar to the Association in their organization and purpose. While this format differs in some respects from the guidance of ASC 958-205, management believes the presentation used enhances the relevance, understandability, and comparability of financial statements to those issued by similar organizations. The Association's financial statements provide the basic information required by ASC 958-205, focus on the entity as a whole, and meet the common needs of external users of the Association's financial statements.

The basic financial statements of the Association have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, which along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units. In addition, the Association applies all applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, except those that conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements to its business-type activities.

WEST LAUREL WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED - CONTINUED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

The statement of net position and statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position display information about the Association as a whole. These statements include all funds of the Association. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. The Association does not have any governmental activities.

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Operating income reported by the Association includes revenues and expenses related to the continuing operation of water service for its customers. Principal operating revenues are charges to customers for services. Principal operating expenses are the costs of providing the services and include administrative expenses and depreciation of capital assets. Other revenues and expenses are classified as non-operating in the financial statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Association considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted cash and investments), with maturities of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents. This includes bank certificates of deposit and demand checking accounts.

Investments

The Association's investments include certificates of deposits with maturity dates of three months or more. Certificates of deposits in excess of FDIC insurance are collateralized by securities held by the pledging bank.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable arise as services are rendered for which collections have not been realized and are carried net of a provision for doubtful accounts. The provision for doubtful accounts is estimated using a percentage of accounts more than 90 days past due. At December 31, 2021, and 2020, the provision for doubtful accounts was \$2,698 and \$2,698, respectively.

Unbilled Receivables

The Association estimated unbilled revenues from water sales, on a pro rata basis, at the end of each fiscal year. The estimated amounts are based on amounts billed during the following month after the close of the fiscal year.

WEST LAUREL WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED - CONTINUED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

Prepaid Assets

Payments made that will benefit periods beyond the end of the fiscal year are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is

recorded at the time of the purchase, and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

Capital Assets

Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings, furniture and office equipment, building improvements, machinery, and equipment that have a useful life of more than one reporting period based on the Association's capitalization policy. The cost of additions to the utility plant and major replacements of retired property are capitalized, and the cost of repairs, maintenance, and minor replacements are recorded as expense. By Association policy, capital assets are defined as assets with a cost of \$1,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Cost includes direct labor, outside services, materials and transportation employee fringe benefits, and overhead. Interest incurred during construction is capitalized.

The cost and accumulated depreciation of property sold or retired is deducted from capital assets, and any profit or loss resulting from disposal is credited or recorded in the non-operating section of the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. Depreciation has been provided over estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method. The range of useful lives of assets is as follows:

<u>Assets Classification</u>	<u>Range of Lives</u>
Intangible	40 years
Transmission and distribution mains	50 years
Structures and improvements	50 years
Pumping and water treatment equipment	25 years
Meters, hydrants and services	20 years
Other equipment	5-10 years

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable represent expenses incurred in the current year to be paid in the subsequent year. The majority of the Association's accounts payable are to vendors or for the purchase of water.

WEST LAUREL WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED - CONTINUED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt is reported as a liability. Loan discount is amortized over the term of the respective loans outstanding using the straight-line method.

Customer Deposits

The Association collects and holds in escrow a \$60 deposit from customers to insure collection of its water charges. Interest at an annual rate of 1% is paid on these deposits.

Income Taxes

The Association has received notification from the Internal Revenue Service that it qualifies as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and is exempt from federal income taxes on related income pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and similar provisions of state law.

During 2009, the Association adopted Accounting Standards Codification (ACS) 740-10 as it related to uncertain tax positions. Any interest and penalties recognized associated with a tax position are classified as current on the Association's financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Net Position

Net position comprises the various net earnings from operating income, non-operating revenues and expenses, and capital contributions. Net position is classified in the following three components:

Net Investment in capital assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets and any unamortized debt cost or premium.

Restricted – This component of net position consists of constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

WEST LAUREL WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED - CONTINUED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

Unrestricted net position – This component of net position consists of net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

NOTE 2 – RESTRICTED CASH

The Association includes all funds required for other debt service, and funds related to specific projects or customer accounts to be restricted. At December 31, 2021, and 2020, restricted cash amounted to \$246,709 and \$242,711, respectively. This includes restrictions for customer deposits of \$17,709 and \$18,991 and restrictions for debt service of \$229,000 and \$223,720, respectively.

NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS – INTEREST RATE RISK

According to KRS 91A.060, the Association is permitted to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies, repurchase agreements, obligations of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its agencies, insured savings and loans, or interest-bearing deposits of insured national or state banks. The Association classifies only certificates of deposit as investments and does not consider interest rate risk to be significant.

NOTE 4 – CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK - DEPOSITS

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Association's deposits may not be returned to it. As of December 31, 2020, and 2019, bank balances totaled \$62,853 and \$694,981, respectively. In accordance with Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 91A.060, deposits are to be collateralized to the extent uninsured by FDIC. According to KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution shall either pledge or provide as collateral securities or other obligations having an aggregate current face value or current quoted market value at least equal to the deposits. The Association's deposits were fully insured or collateralized with securities held by an agent of the Association in the Association's name at December 31, 2020, and 2019.

NOTE 5 – CUSTOMER AND OTHER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

At December 31, 2021, customer and other accounts receivable are as follows:

Due from consumers sale of water	\$ 294,687
Allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>(2,698)</u>
	<u>\$ 291,989</u>

This does not include unbilled receivables of \$153,669.

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NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT

The Association’s long-term debt consists of notes payable to Rural Development (RD) which were obtained for various acquisitions of plant and equipment. The notes mature annually in varying series over the period 2018 to 2058. A summary of the notes is presented below:

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Date of Issue	Note Issue	Original Amount	Maturity Dates	Interest Rates	12/31/20			12/31/21	
					Outstanding Balance	Additions	Retirements	Outstanding Balance	Due Within One Year
9/26/1988	91-04	500,000	2028	5.00%	\$ 190,497	\$ -	\$ 20,120	\$ 170,377	\$ 21,019
9/26/1988	91-05	153,000	2028	5.00%	58,250	-	6,159	52,091	6,430
10/11/1995	91-06	516,000	2035	5.00%	321,481	-	14,738	306,743	15,569
7/23/2002	91-07	1,536,000	2042	4.75%	1,184,456	-	31,798	1,152,658	32,504
2/25/2018	91-09	1,260,000	2058	2.75%	1,214,094	-	18,954	1,195,140	19,179
Total RD Bonds Payable					\$ 2,968,778	\$ -	\$ 91,769	\$ 2,877,009	\$ 94,701

Future note principal and interest payment amounts are as follows:

YEAR	LOCAL		
	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2022	\$ 94,701	\$ 117,633	\$ 212,334
2023	99,005	113,330	212,334
2024	103,511	108,823	212,334
2025	108,231	104,103	212,334
2026	113,176	99,159	212,335
2027-31	512,880	418,925	931,805
2032-36	548,820	302,973	851,793
2037-41	526,104	188,842	714,946
2042-46	253,021	91,655	344,676
2047-51	198,786	62,021	260,808
2052-56	228,628	33,021	261,649
2056-2058	90,147	4,164	94,311
	\$ 2,877,009	\$ 1,644,650	\$ 4,521,659

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NOTE 8 – SERVICES PROVIDED BY WOOD CREEK WATER DISTRICT

West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated has no employed personnel with the exception of its board members. The Association obtains all maintenance, construction (including materials), and office services through contractual agreements with Wood Creek Water District. Wood Creek Water District bills, at cost, West Laurel Water District, Incorporated for services and materials on a monthly basis. West Laurel Water Association Incorporated also purchases water for resale from Wood Creek Water District.

At December 31, 2021, and 2020, the Association had accounts payable to Wood Creek Water District as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Wood Creek Water District</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 181,757	\$ 184,300
Accounts Payable - Wastewater	10,029	4,834
	<u>\$ 191,786</u>	<u>\$ 189,134</u>

Amounts paid to Wood Creek Water District for purchased water and for materials and services provided to West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated are as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated</u>		
Purchased water	\$ 1,290,890	\$ 1,254,926
Materials, labor, and other	962,541	902,516
	<u>\$ 2,253,431</u>	<u>\$ 2,157,442</u>

NOTE 9 – INCOME TAX

The Association has reviewed ASC 740-10 as it related to uncertain tax positions for the year ended December 31, 2021 and has evaluated its tax positions taken for all open years. Currently, the Association believes the 2017-2021 tax years are open and subject to examination by all relevant jurisdictions. However, the Association is not currently under audit nor has the Organization been contacted by any of these jurisdictions.

NOTE 10 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Association is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the Association carries commercial insurance. The insurance coverage is acquired through Wood Creek Water District which includes coverage for Wood Creek Water District, West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated, and East Laurel Water District. The Association pays for and is entitled to its respective share of coverage. There have been no significant reductions in coverage for the year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

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NOTE 11 – IMPACT OF COVID

In March 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared the outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as a pandemic. This prompted many national, regional, and local governments to implement preventative or protective measures, such as travel and business restrictions, temporary store closures, and wide-sweeping quarantines and stay-at-home orders. As a result, COVID-19 and the related restrictive measures have had a significant adverse impact upon many sectors of the economy. We believe the ultimate financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Association is likely to be determined by factors which are uncertain, unpredictable, and outside the control of the Board. The situation surrounding COVID-19 remains fluid, and if disruptions do arise, they could materially adversely affect future revenues.

NOTE 12 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management of the Association has evaluated subsequent events through April 30, 2022, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

No events have occurred subsequent to the date of the financial statements that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



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**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 Commissioners
West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated
London, Kentucky

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021, and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2022.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated's internal control over financial reporting 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 West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the West Laurel Water Association, Incorporated's internal control.

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





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Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Cloyd & Associates, PSC

Cloyd & Associates, PSC
Corbin, Kentucky
April 30, 2022