Rural Water District No. 1
Pottawatomie County, Kansas

Financial Statement
As of December 31, 2024
and For the Year Then Ended

With Report by Independent Auditors

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Independent Auditor's Report

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying fund summary statement of regulatory basis receipts, expenditures and unencumbered cash balances of Rural Water District, No. 1, Pottawatomie County, Kansas (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statement.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph below, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2024, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the aggregate cash and unencumbered cash balance of the District as of December 31, 2024, and the aggregate receipts and expenditures for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide described in Note 1.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* (KMAAG). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse and unmodified audit opinions.

Matter Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the District to meet the requirements of the State of Kansas on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of KMAAG, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

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Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with KMAAG as described in Note 1 to meet the financial reporting requirements of the State of Kansas; this includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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, including omissions, 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 statement.

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 statement, 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 statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the summary statement of receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash - regulatory basis (basic financial statement) as a whole. Schedule 1 – Regulatory Basis Receipts and Expenditures – Actual is presented for additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statement. 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 basic financial statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statement or to the basic financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statement as a whole, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

We previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the basic financial statement of the District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 (not presented herein), and have issued our report thereon dated March 13, 2024, which contained an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statement on the regulatory basis of accounting. The 2023 basic financial statement and their accompanying report are not presented herein, but are available in electronic form from the web site of the Kansas Department of Administration at the following link https://admin.ks.gov/offices/oar/municipal-services. The 2023 actual column (2023 comparative information) presented in the individual fund schedule of regulatory basis receipts and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2024 (Schedule 1 as listed in the table of contents) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statement. Such 2023 comparative information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 basic financial statement. The 2023 comparative information was subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2023 basic financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 basic financial statement or to the 2023 basic financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the 2023 comparative information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statement as a whole for the year ended December 31, 2023, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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Fund	Beginning Unencumbered Cash Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Unencumbered Cash Balance	Add Outstanding Encumbrances and Accounts Payable	Ending Cash Balance
Business Type Fund						
Water Utility Fund	$ 6,164,668	$ 3,317,852	$ 2,661,793	$ 6,820,727	$ 41,807	$ 6,862,534

Composition of Ending Cash Balance	
Cash on hand	$ 3,050
Checking accounts	3,067,774
CDARS	2,374,851
Certificates of deposit	1,416,859
	$ 6,862,534

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Municipal Financial Reporting Entity

Rural Water District No. 1, Pottawatomie County, Kansas (the District) was incorporated and organized on September 11, 1972 under K.S.A. 82a-613 et. seq. to provide water to areas of Pottawatomie County adjacent to Wamego, Kansas. The District is a Kansas municipality and is exempt from federal and state income taxes.

The District is a quasi-municipal corporation governed by an elected nine-member council and provides water to over 3,000 members of rural Pottawatomie County, Kansas. All water sales are made to residents in the District. Accordingly, the District's operations are dependent upon the economic conditions of the area.

Regulatory Basis Fund Type

Business Fund - funds financed in whole or in part by fees charged to users of the goods or services (i.e., water fund, electric fund, etc.).

Regulatory Basis of Accounting and Departure from Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America

The KMAAG regulatory basis of accounting involves the recognition of cash, cash equivalents, marketable investments, and certain accounts payable and encumbrance obligations to arrive at a net unencumbered cash and investments balance for each fund. The regulatory basis also involves the reporting of changes in unencumbered cash and investments of a fund resulting from the difference in regulatory basis receipts and regulatory basis expenditures for the fiscal year. All recognized assets and liabilities are measured and reported at cost unless they have been permanently impaired and have no future cash value or represent no future obligation against cash. This basis of accounting does not recognize capital assets, long-term debt, accrued receivables and payables, or any other assets, liabilities or deferred inflows or outflows, other than those mentioned above.

The District has approved a resolution that is in compliance with K.S.A. 75-1120a(c), waiving the requirement for application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) and allowing the District to instead use the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed and published in the Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide (KMAAG).

Budgetary Information

Kansas statutes provide an exemption for the District to legally adopt a budget for the fund type used by the District. The budget established by the District is for management use only. Expenditures are controlled through internal spending limits monitored by the board of directors.

Note 2: Deposits and Investments

Deposits and investments include operating checking accounts and certificates of deposit. Kansas statutes permit investment in savings accounts, certificates of deposit, and, in certain cases, obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

K.S.A. 9-1401 establishes the depositories which may be used by the District. The statute requires banks eligible to hold the District's funds have a main or branch bank in the county in which the District is located, or in an adjoining county if such institution has been designated as an official depository, and the banks provide an acceptable rate of return on funds. In addition, K.S.A. 9-1402 requires the banks to pledge securities for deposits in excess of FDIC coverage. The District has no other policies that would further limit interest rate risk.

K.S.A. 12-1675 limits the District's investment of idle funds to time deposits, open accounts, and certificates of deposits with allowable financial institutions; U.S. government securities; temporary notes; no-fund warrants; repurchase agreements; and the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Note 2: Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Concentration of credit risk

Kansas statutes place no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer as long as the investments are adequately secured under K.S.A. 9-1402 and 9-1405.

Custodial credit risk - deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. Kansas statutes require the District's deposits in financial institutions to be entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held under a joint custody receipt issued by a bank within the State of Kansas, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, or the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, except during designated "peak periods" when required coverage is 50%. The District does not have any "peak periods" designated.

On December 31, 2024, the District's carrying amount of deposits was $6,859,484 and the bank balance was $6,870,809. The difference was outstanding checks and deposits in transit. The bank balance was held by two institutions resulting in a concentration of credit risk. Of the bank balance, $3,415,312 was covered by federal depository insurance, $2,095,877 was secured by pledged securities, and the remaining balance of $1,359,620 was secured by an irrevocable letter of credit.

Note 3: Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employees' health and life; and natural disasters. The District manages these risks of loss through the purchase of various insurance policies. The District did not experience losses related to these risks during the year ended December 31, 2024

Note 4: Benefit Units

Members of the District are required to pay a fee for each benefit unit prior to connecting to the District’s lines. Current cost of a new benefit unit is $4,000.

Note 5: Compensated Absences

The District maintains a policy of providing vacation time to its full-time employees granted in varying amounts depending on length of service. Employees are required to use the vacation in the year following or the vacation balance will be forfeited. Upon separation of the District, employees are not paid for any unused accumulated vacation.

The District allows employees to earn sick leave at a rate of one day per month following the commencement of their employment. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 90 days. Upon separation from the District, with exception of a retiring employee, the employee is not paid for any unused, accumulated sick leave.

Note 6: Building Sale

In September 2024, the District closed on the sale of its old office building. After commissions and fees, the District received $175,702. The proceeds from this sale are part of cash receipts on the financial statement.

Note 7: Subsequent Events

The District has evaluated subsequent events through June 23, 2025, which is the date at which the financial statement was available to be issued.

REGULATORY-REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

	2024	2023
Receipts		
Water sales	$ 2,609,426	$ 2,692,891
Interest income	215,865	64,126
Other charges	12,075	11,433
Member contributions	208,000	312,000
Miscellaneous income	199,368	33,006
Members aid in construction	73,118	98,960
Total Receipts	3,317,852	3,212,416
Expenditures		
Salaries	450,113	395,170
Payroll taxes	38,212	34,064
Repairs and facility maintenance	260,228	140,154
Utilities	148,846	140,263
Water purchases	600,941	605,191
Insurance	90,450	69,223
Employee benefits	50,989	76,115
Vehicle expense	32,503	72,380
Miscellaneous	23,247	20,406
Water protection and sampling fees	14,995	18,053
Equipment and supplies	144,376	112,161
Director's expense	7,300	12,800
Travel and education	1,195	1,000
Engineering fees	-	12,598
Dues and subscriptions	-	1,428
Professional services	22,388	18,135
Capital outlay	682,473	1,013,314
Office	93,537	46,623
Total Expenditures	2,661,793	2,789,078
Receipts Over Expenditures	656,059	423,338
Unencumbered Cash Balance – Beginning	6,164,668	5,741,330
Unencumbered Cash Balance – Ending	$ 6,820,727	$ 6,164,668