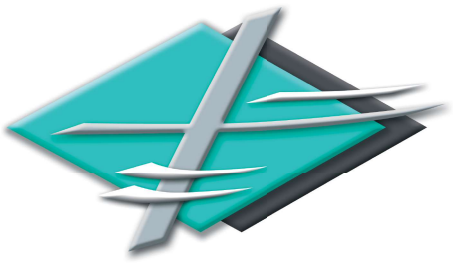
McPHERSON AREA
SOLID WASTE UTILITY

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2025 & 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility
McPherson, Kansas 67460

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility, Kansas (the "Utility") as of and for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Utility's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Utility as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Utility and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Utility's 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 the Utility'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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 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 GAAS 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 GAAS, 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 Utility's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Utility'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.

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 is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming and opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Utility's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Operating Expenses is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Operating Expenses 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 statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Operating Expenses is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Loyd Group, LLC

Loyd Group, LLC
Galva, KS
May 8, 2026

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility (MASWU) was created through an interlocal cooperation agreement which includes eight cities and one county within McPherson County, Kansas as its members. The MASWU operates as an enterprise fund to assist its members in planning technical and financial matters for comprehensive solid waste management and accomplish the desired objectives of an effective county-wide solid waste management program, including the operation of a cooperative solid waste processing and disposal system, for the benefit of the members. This discussion and analysis of the financial performance of MASWU provides an overview of MASWU's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto.

The following table summarizes the financial condition and operations of the MASWU as of and for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023.

Condensed Balance Sheet

	December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Assets			
Current assets	$ 11,117,731	$ 11,290,492	$ 11,387,512
Capital assets	8,221,529	7,529,199	7,294,939
Total Assets	19,339,260	18,819,691	18,682,451
Deferred Outflow of Resources			
Deferred charges on debt refunding	83,312	93,726	104,140
Total Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources	$ 19,422,572	$ 18,913,417	$ 18,786,591
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	$ 4,458,183	$ 3,671,537	$ 3,562,968
Long-term debt	1,656,381	1,870,929	2,085,477
Other liabilities	607,344	410,956	380,276
Total Liabilities	6,721,908	5,953,422	6,028,721
Deferred Inflow of Resources			
Unavailable revenue	2,391,489	2,211,419	2,181,282
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets, net of related debt	6,365,148	5,458,270	5,019,462
Restricted	4,167,478	3,452,872	3,290,607
Unrestricted	(223,451)	1,837,434	2,266,519
Total Net Position	10,309,175	10,748,576	10,576,588
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources, and Net Position	$ 19,422,572	$ 18,913,417	$ 18,786,591

Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

	December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Operating revenues:			
Collections	$ 6,909,123	$ 5,914,831	$ 5,428,746
Intergovernmental revenue - tax assessments	2,000,000	2,116,226	2,065,176
Other	109,972	109,111	109,027
Total operating revenue	9,019,095	8,140,168	7,602,949
Operating expenses:			
Operating expenses	7,441,272	6,169,061	6,688,132
Depreciation and amortization	1,793,476	1,844,396	1,656,681
Total operating expenses	9,234,748	8,013,457	8,344,813
Income from operations	(215,653)	126,711	(741,864)
Nonoperating income (expenses)	(2,578)	45,277	20,877
Change in net position	(218,231)	171,988	(720,987)
Net position, beginnning	10,748,576	10,576,588	11,297,575
Change in accounting principal	(221,170)	-	-
Net position, ending	$ 10,309,175	$ 10,748,576	$ 10,576,588

Financial Highlights
2025 Compared to 2024

- Net Position: The Utility's net position decreased by $439,401 or 4.09%. Net Income from Operations was $(215,653), a decrease of $342,364 from 2024.
- Debt: The debt to equity ratio in 2025 is .2:1. Debt to equity is calculated by dividing the total Long-Term Debt (Long-Term Debt including current portion plus other liabilities) by Total Equity.
- Revenues: The Utility's operating revenues increased by $878,927 or 10.8%.
- Expenses: Operating expenses increased by $1,221,291 or by 15.24%. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method using estimated useful lives.
- Significant purchases consisted of a refuse truck delivered (approved purchase in 2023), a zero-turn mower, an ATV, a drum lift, a utility trailer, a used semi-tractor trailer and multiple litter fences for the landfill.

Financial Highlights
2024 Compared to 2023

- Net Position: The Utility's net position increased by $171,988 or 1.63%. Net Income from Operations was $126,711, an increase of $868,575 from 2023.

- Debt: The debt to equity ratio in 2024 is .2:1. Debt to equity is calculated by dividing the total Long-Term Debt (Long-Term Debt including current portion plus other liabilities) by Total Equity.

- Revenues: The Utility's operating revenues increased by $537,219 or 7.07%.

- Expenses: Operating expenses decreased by $331,356 or by -3.97%. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method using estimated useful lives.

- Significant purchases consisted of a compactor, dozer and loader for the landfill. Also purchase of a backhoe, rear load truck and multiple containers at the transfer station.

Financial Highlights
2023 Compared to 2022

- Net Position: The Utility's net position decreased by $720,687 or 6.38%. Net Income from Operations was ($741,864), a decrease of $933,788 from 2022.

- Debt: The debt to equity ratio in 2023 is .2:1. Debt to equity is calculated by dividing the total Long-Term Debt (Long-Term Debt including current portion plus other liabilities) by Total Equity.

- Revenues: The Utility's operating revenues decreased by $125,045 or -1.62%.

- Expenses: Operating expenses increased by $808,743 or by 10.73%. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method using estimated useful lives.

- Significant purchases consisted of completion of a Tractor/Scraper for the landfill.

Economic Impacts for the Utility

The Utility has completed automation of most of the collection routes. Automation allows the Utility to save labor costs, workman compensation expense and improve the turnover of employees. The Utility will continue to analyze collection routes to determine how to best improve serviceability, safety and minimize expenses.

The Utility opened a Subtitle D Landfill in 2014 to handle solid waste from McPherson County.

The first cell is nearly full, and the Utility has constructed another cell in which waste is being placed in. The planning for a future cell has already begun. In 2023 the decision was made to convert from bale fill landfill to a traditional compacted landfill. This transition took place in 2024. The Utility continues to monitor its operations and regulations to best serve the community and operate in an effective and efficient manner.

Contacting McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility (MASWU)

The financial report is intended to provide our members, customers, and creditors, a general overview of the financial matters of the Utility and provide accountability for the revenue it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact MASWU, 1431 17th Avenue, McPherson, KS 67460.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

ASSETS

	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 6,310,387	$ 6,306,793
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	825,836	997,023
Accrued interest receivable	8,816	13,290
Intergovernmental receivable	2,391,489	2,211,419
Inventories	128,121	125,202
Prepaid insurance	103,528	62,746
Prepaid expenses	67,669	94,345
Investments - certificates of deposit	1,281,885	1,479,674
Total Current Assets	11,117,731	11,290,492
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Capital assets, net	8,221,529	7,529,199
Total Assets	19,339,260	18,819,691
DEFERRED OUTLFOW OF RESOURCES		
Deferred charges on debt refunding	83,312	93,726
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	$ 19,422,572	$ 18,913,417

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

McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION (CONT.)

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ 119,348	$ 103,480
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	389,182	302,102
Accrued interest payable	21,561	24,039
Current portion of accrued landfill closure and post-closure care costs	3,728,092	3,041,916
Current portion of long-term debt	200,000	200,000
Total Current Liabilities	4,458,183	3,671,537
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	167,958	-
Long-term debt, less current portion	1,656,381	1,870,929
Accrued landfill closure and post-closure care costs, less current portion	439,386	410,956
Total Long-Term Liabilities	2,263,725	2,281,885
Total Liabilities	6,721,908	5,953,422
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES		
Unavailable revenue	2,391,489	2,211,419
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,365,148	5,458,270
Restricted for landfill closure and post-closure payable	4,167,478	3,452,872
Unrestricted	(223,451)	1,837,434
Total Net Position	10,309,175	10,748,576
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	$ 19,422,572	$ 18,913,417

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McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2025	**2024**
OPERATING REVENUE		
Solid waste collections	$ 6,211,600	$ 5,188,072
Recycling collections	697,523	726,759
Intergovernmental revenue - tax assessments	2,000,000	2,116,226
Capital improvement fees	109,972	109,111
Total Operating Revenue	9,019,095	8,140,168
OPERATING EXPENSE	9,234,748	8,013,457
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	(215,653)	126,711
NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)		
Interest revenues	87,189	91,863
Interest expense	(66,136)	(71,960)
Other revenues	7,060	7,652
Other expense	(31,348)	(8,348)
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	657	26,070
Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expense)	(2,578)	45,277
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(218,231)	171,988
TOTAL NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	10,748,576	10,576,588
Change in accounting principal, GASB 101	(221,170)	-
TOTAL NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	$ 10,309,175	$ 10,748,576

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

McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2025	**2024**
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers	$ 7,192,764	$ 5,749,047
Tax assessments receipts from customers	2,000,000	2,116,226
Payments to suppliers	(2,387,040)	(2,206,349)
Payments to employees	(4,309,397)	(3,877,570)
Other receipts (payments)	(23,631)	25,374
Net cash flows from operating activities	2,472,696	1,806,728
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Principal paid on long-term debt	(200,000)	(190,001)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	700	34,390
Purchase of capital assets	(2,486,506)	(2,113,046)
Interest paid on debt	(72,748)	(78,447)
Net cash flows from capital and related financing activities	(2,758,554)	(2,347,104)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Net (purchases) or redemptions of certificates of deposits	197,789	(4,394)
Interest income received	91,663	85,937
Net cash flows from investing activities	289,452	81,543
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	3,594	(458,833)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	6,306,793	6,765,626
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	$ 6,310,387	$ 6,306,793
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Income from operations	$ (215,653)	$ 126,711
Adjustments to reconcile income from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,793,476	1,844,396
Other nonoperating revenue (expense)	(24,288)	(696)
(Gain) loss on disposal of capital assets	657	26,070
Changes in:		
Accounts receivable	171,187	(275,453)
Intergovernmental receivable	(180,070)	(30,137)
Inventories	(2,919)	(37,647)
Prepaid assets	(14,106)	(8,256)
Accounts payable	15,868	(74,712)
Accrued expenses	33,868	44,050
Accrued landfill closure/post-closure care costs	714,606	162,265
Unavailable revenue	180,070	30,137
Net cash from operating activities	$ 2,472,696	$ 1,806,728

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility (MASWU) was created August 16, 1991, through an interlocal cooperation agreement between the cities within McPherson County, Kansas and the McPherson County, Kansas government. The purpose of the MASWU is to assist its members in planning technical and financial matters for comprehensive solid waste management and accomplish the desired objectives of an effective county-wide solid waste management program, including the operation of a cooperative solid waste processing and disposal system, for the benefit of the members. The Utility is managed by a three member Board of Directors. One Board member is appointed by McPherson County, one by the City of McPherson, and one by the other cities within the County.

The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies applicable to the MASWU.

(a) Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

In governmental accounting, a fund is defined as an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances and changes therein, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

The MASWU is an enterprise fund which is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises--where the stated intent is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public, on a continuing basis, be financed or recovered primarily through user charges--or where periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income is deemed appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

(b) Basis of Accounting and Budgeting

The MASWU's financial statements have been presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the MASWU are included on the Statement of Net Position. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when an obligation has been incurred regardless of the timing of cash flows. In reporting its financial activity, the MASWU applies all applicable Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

Applicable Kansas statutes require that budgets be legally adopted for all funds unless exempted by a specific statute. Although the MASWU is required to adopt an annual budget, there is no reporting requirement. Therefore, budgetary information has not been included in this report.

(c) Revenue Recognition

Operating revenues include revenues from the pickup and delivery of refuse from the customer to the destination landfill. Operating revenues also include tax assessments collected by McPherson County on behalf of the Utility (see significant policy “g”). Non-operating revenues are those related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing and investing activities, as well as those that do not meet the definition of operating revenues.

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying Statements of Cash Flows include cash in bank and cash on hand and all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

(e) Accounts Receivable and Revenue

All receivables are recorded net of estimated uncollectible amounts. Charges for solid waste removal are billed monthly, quarterly, or annually depending on the type of customer. The Utility's accounts receivable are considered delinquent after 30 days and a 1.5% late fee on the current month's charges is added for each month the account is delinquent.

(f) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

An allowance for doubtful accounts is computed based on historical experience with exceptions attributed to certain unique situations. The allowance for doubtful accounts at December 31, 2025 and 2024 was $1,279 and $1,877, respectively.

(g) Intergovernmental Receivable

Special assessments are charged to each McPherson County residential and commercial property owner on November 1 and are due December 20, for the upcoming year, totaling $2,391,489 and $2,211,419 as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The billing and collection is done by the County through property tax statements. After collecting the funds, McPherson County remits the amount collected to the MASWU. Since the assessment is made two months in advance of the next year, unavailable revenue is recorded equal to the amount billed. Uncollectible assessments are charged to operations when that determination is made.

(h) Inventories

Inventories are stated at average cost and consist primarily of materials and supplies for the maintenance of equipment.

(i) Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid expenses consist of cost of insurance and service agreements which are expensed monthly. The unexpired portion is shown as an asset. Insurance and service agreements are amortized over the life of the contract.

(j) Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets acquired and placed in service are capitalized and stated at cost. Depreciation of exhaustible capital assets used by the MASWU is charged as an expense against operations. Accumulated depreciation is netted against the capital asset balance and reported on the MASWU's Statements of Net Position. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives shown below using the straight-line method:

Buildings and improvements	10 - 25 years
Machinery and equipment	2 - 10 years
Office equipment	2 - 7 years

(k) Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the depreciation of capital assets, landfill closure and post-closure care costs, and reserves for employee benefit obligations, environmental liabilities, and other contingencies.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

(l) Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statements of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflow of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflow of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The Utility only has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. It is the deferred charge on refunding which results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter life of the refunded or refunding debt.

In addition to liabilities, the Statements of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflow of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflow of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Utility has only one type of item that qualifies for reporting in this category. The Utility reports unavailable revenue from the special assessments receivable from McPherson County. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

(m) Vacation and Sick Leave

Vacation - Vacation leave shall be accrued from the employee's date of employment as stipulated hereinafter. Vacation leave, if not taken, shall accrue from year to year up to the maximum provided depending upon the employee's years of service. No vacation leave shall be taken until a new employee has completed their first year of employment.

Each permanent full-time employee will accrue vacation leave as follows:

Years of Service	Per Year
Initial year of eligibility	0 days
After 1 year	5 days
After 2 years	10 days
After 5 years	15 days
After 10 years	18 days
After 15 years	20 days

An employee shall be paid for all accumulated unused vacation leave upon termination. The liabilities for accumulated vacation at December 31, 2025 and 2024 of $234,353 and $215,779, respectively, have been accrued in the accompanying financial statements as accrued payroll.

Sick leave - All employees who regularly work 20 hours a week or more shall be entitled to sick leave with pay for absences resulting from personal illness, injuries, accidents or other physical incapacities, occurring either on or off the job. Full-time employees shall earn one working day of sick leave for each full month of service for a total of 12 days per year with a maximum accrual of 36 days. An employee beginning work on or before the 15th of the month shall get credit for a full month. No employee can use sick leave until completing 90 days of employment. On termination of employment an employee shall not be paid for accumulative sick leave. The estimated liability for sick leave at December 31, 2025 and 2024 of $216,534 and $221,170, respectively, have been accrued in the accompanying financial statements as accrued payroll. The estimate includes accumulated sick leave more likely than not to be used and remaining estimated amounts to be paid out.

(n) Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of

A capital asset is considered impaired when its service to the Utility has declined significantly and unexpectedly. Governments are required to report the effects of capital asset impairments in their financial statements when they occur rather than as a part of the ongoing depreciation expense for the capital asset or upon disposal of the capital asset. The MASWU has not recorded any impairment of long-lived assets in 2025.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

(o) Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions* establishes standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of other postemployment benefits (OPEB) expense/expenditures and related liabilities (assets), note disclosures and, if applicable, required supplementary information in the financial reports of state and local employers. Management considers the postemployment benefits to be immaterial and no accrual has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

(p) Net Position

In the financial statements, equity is displayed in three components as follows:

- Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt - This consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, less the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

- Restricted - This consists of net assets that are legally restricted by outside parties or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is generally the MASWU's policy to use restricted resources first.

- Unrestricted - This consists of net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

2. COMPLIANCE WITH KANSAS STATUTES

The Utility appears to be in compliance with Kansas Statutes.

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

K.S.A. 9-1401 establishes the depositories which may be used by the MASWU. The statute requires banks eligible to hold the MASWU's funds have a main or branch bank in the county in which the MASWU is located or in an adjoining county if such institution has been designated 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 MASWU has no other policies that would further limit interest rate risk.

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

Concentration of Credit Risk. State statutes place no limit on the amount the MASWU may invest in any one issue as long as the investments are adequately secured under K.S.A. 9-1402 and 9-1405.

Custodial Risk – deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the MASWU's deposits may not be returned to it. State statutes require the MASWU's deposits in financial institutions to be entirely secured by federal depository insurance or by collateral held under a joint custody receipt issued by a bank with the State of Kansas, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, or the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka. All deposits were legally secured at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Custodial Credit Risk – investments. For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the issuer or counterparty, the MASWU will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require investments to be adequately secured. All investments were adequately secured at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONT.)

(a) Deposits

At December 31, 2025 and 2024, the carrying amount of the MASWU's deposits, including certificates of deposit, was $7,591,337 and $7,785,532, respectively, and the bank balance was $7,631,445 and $7,874,772, respectively. The bank balance was held by three banks resulting in a concentration of credit risk. Of the bank balance, $750,000 was secured by federal depository insurance and the remainder was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions agents in the MASWU's name and deposit surety bonds.

Reconciliation of Deposits to Cash and Cash Equivalents

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Book Balance	$ 7,591,337	$ 7,785,532
Cash on hand	935	935
Certificates of Deposit, with original maturity greater than three months	(1,281,885)	(1,479,674)
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents Per Financial Statements	$ 6,310,387	$ 6,306,793

(b) Investments

As of December 31, 2025, the Utility had the following investments.

		Investment Maturities (in Years)		
	Original	Less than		
Investment Type	Cost	1 year	1-2 years	Rating
Certificates of deposit with original maturities greater than three months	$ 1,281,885	$ 320,000	$ 961,885	N/A

At December 31, 2025, the Utility's investments consisted of certificates of deposit with original maturities greater than three months, with an original cost of $1,281,885. Original cost approximates fair market value. An investment rating, for certificates of deposit, is not applicable as it pertains to GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures.*

(c) Designated Assets

Certain unrestricted cash and investment amounts that have been designated by Board policy for specific purposes are as follows:

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Capital Improvement	$ 100,000	$ 100,000
Landfill Closure	100,000	100,000
Contingency Reserve	5,099,743	4,734,170
Total	$ 5,299,743	$ 4,934,170

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of capital assets at December 31, 2025 and 2024:

	Balance December 31, 2024	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2025
Landfill	$ 5,577,359	$ -	$ -	$ 5,577,359
Land	193,902	-	-	193,902
Land improvements	764,317	-	-	764,317
Buildings	5,327,609	8,918	-	5,336,527
Equipment and furniture	79,785	4,719	-	84,504
Office equipment	157,054	10,797	(1,070)	166,781
Landfill equipment	3,597,945	156,783	(53,369)	3,701,359
Trucks	4,013,327	2,153,781	(1,405,733)	4,761,375
Shop equipment and tools	119,327	-	-	119,327
Containers	3,557,098	225,604	(6,491)	3,776,211
Recycling equipment	863,757	-	-	863,757
Other fixed assets	251,406	-	(791)	250,615
Transfer station equipment	319,584	19,099	-	338,683
Scales	168,740	-	-	168,740
	24,991,210	2,579,701	(1,467,454)	26,103,457
Accumulated depreciation	(17,462,011)	(1,793,466)	1,373,558	(17,881,919)
Total net	$ 7,529,199	$ 786,235	$ (93,896)	$ 8,221,529

	Balance December 31, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2024
Landfill	$ 5,577,359	$ -	$ -	$ 5,577,359
Land	193,902	-	-	193,902
Land improvements	750,562	13,755	-	764,317
Buildings	5,320,852	6,757	-	5,327,609
Equipment and furniture	54,827	24,958	-	79,785
Office equipment	157,054	-	-	157,054
Landfill equipment	2,267,829	1,659,715	(329,599)	3,597,945
Trucks	4,040,808	99,954	(127,435)	4,013,327
Shop equipment and tools	119,327	-	-	119,327
Containers	3,403,769	161,332	(8,003)	3,557,098
Recycling equipment	901,757	-	(38,000)	863,757
Other fixed assets	251,406	-	-	251,406
Transfer station equipment	262,079	127,054	(69,549)	319,584
Scales	168,740	-	-	168,740
	23,470,271	2,093,525	(572,586)	24,991,210
Accumulated depreciation	(16,175,332)	(1,844,396)	557,717	(17,462,011)
Total net	$ 7,294,939	$ 249,129	$ (14,869)	$ 7,529,199

4. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONT.)

	Accumulated Depreciation December 31, 2024	Additions	Deletions	Accumulated Depreciation December 31, 2025
Landfill	$ 3,158,472	$ 280,776	$ -	$ 3,439,248
Land improvements	346,139	47,830	-	393,969
Buildings	4,595,560	201,139	-	4,796,699
Equipment and furniture	55,133	7,974	-	63,107
Office equipment	141,769	8,100	(1,070)	148,799
Landfill equipment	1,589,736	376,431	(53,369)	1,912,798
Trucks	2,874,414	650,696	(1,311,881)	2,213,229
Shop equipment and tools	118,071	852	-	118,923
Containers	3,169,622	155,344	(6,447)	3,318,519
Recycling equipment	838,134	20,718	-	858,852
Other fixed assets	248,676	884	(791)	248,769
Transfer station equipment	207,802	39,315	-	247,117
Scales	118,483	3,407	-	121,890
Total	$ 17,462,011	$ 1,793,466	$ (1,373,558)	$ 17,881,919

	Accumulated Depreciation December 31, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Accumulated Depreciation December 31, 2024
Landfill	$ 2,712,516	$ 445,956	$ -	$ 3,158,472
Land improvements	299,182	46,957	-	346,139
Buildings	4,395,523	200,037	-	4,595,560
Equipment and furniture	50,197	4,936	-	55,133
Office equipment	132,168	9,601		141,769
Landfill equipment	1,526,791	386,048	(323,103)	1,589,736
Trucks	2,495,131	506,718	(127,435)	2,874,414
Shop equipment and tools	109,236	8,835	-	118,071
Containers	3,031,103	146,428	(7,909)	3,169,622
Recycling equipment	845,256	30,878	(38,000)	838,134
Other fixed assets	247,792	884	-	248,676
Transfer station equipment	215,363	53,709	(61,270)	207,802
Scales	115,076	3,407	-	118,483
Total	$ 16,175,334	$ 1,844,394	$ (557,717)	$ 17,462,011

Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 aggregated $1,793,476 and $1,844,396, respectively.

5. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt at December 31, 2025 and 2024 consists of the following:

	Original Amount Issued	Interest Rate	Maturity	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
Installment Loans					
McPherson County					
Note payable - 2016	$ 2,900,000	2.00% to 3.00%	August 1, 2033	$ 1,740,000	$ 1,940,000
Add unamortized bond premium				116,381	130,929
				1,856,381	2,070,929
Less current portion of long-term debt				(200,000)	(200,000)
				$ 1,656,381	$ 1,870,929

SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

	Outstanding December 31, 2024	Issued	Retired	Outstanding December 31, 2025
Installment Loans:				
McPherson County - 2016	$ 1,940,000	$ -	$ (200,000)	$ 1,740,000
Plus unamortized bond premium	130,929	-	(14,548)	116,381
Total	$ 2,070,929	$ -	$ (214,548)	$ 1,856,381

	Outstanding December 31, 2023	Issued	Retired	Outstanding December 31, 2024
Installment Loans:				
McPherson County - 2016	$ 2,130,000	$ -	$ (190,000)	$ 1,940,000
Plus unamortized bond premium	145,477	-	(14,548)	130,929
Total	$ 2,275,477	$ -	$ (204,548)	$ 2,070,929

Aggregate long-term debt is scheduled to mature in the years ending December 31, as follows:

For years ended December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 200,000	$ 52,200	$ 252,200
2027	210,000	46,200	256,200
2028	215,000	39,900	254,900
2029	210,000	33,450	243,450
2030	215,000	27,150	242,150
2031-2033	690,000	42,000	732,000
Total obligation	1,740,000	240,900	1,980,900
Plus unamortized premium on bond issue by McPherson County	116,381	-	116,381
	$ 1,856,381	$ 240,900	$ 2,097,281

6. CLAIMS AND JUDGMENTS

The MASWU is subject to various laws and regulations with respect to environmental matters such as air and water quality. The effect of any future changes in environmental laws and/or regulations cannot be estimated. However, compliance with such changes may necessitate substantial expenditures.

During the ordinary course of its operations, the MASWU may be a party to various claims, legal actions and complaints. It is the opinion of the Utility's management and legal counsel that these matters are not anticipated to have a material impact on the MASWU.

The MASWU is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions. The MASWU has purchased commercial insurance for these potential risks. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from 2024 to 2025 and there were no settlements that exceeded insurance coverage in the past two years.

7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

McPherson City Agreement

Effective January 1, 2002, the MASWU entered into an agreement with the City of McPherson, Kansas, to provide for the collection, transportation and disposal of solid waste generated within the city limits of McPherson. The MASWU charges the City $11.97 per month per residence for residential service and the City is responsible for billing and collecting these fees from each residential customer. The MASWU bills business and commercial customers directly and then pays the City 16% of its monthly collections for the right to fund the maintenance of the closed city landfill. This computed to $124,463 and $113,679 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

The agreement above expired on December 31, 2025, but renewed automatically and will continue to renew each year for one year terms unless written notice is given by one of the parties to terminate the agreement. As of the date of this report, neither party has given such notice.

At December 31, 2025, there were no contract commitments.

8. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The MASWU offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan is available to all employees who qualify under the plan terms and permits employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. The Utility contributes 6% of gross salary on behalf of eligible participants. The cost of these contributions made by the Utility during the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, were $147,133 and $149,279, respectively.

9. LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The MASWU is obligated under certain cancelable leases accounted for as operating leases. Operating leases do not give rise to property rights or lease obligations and, therefore, the results of the lease agreements are not reflected in the MASWU's capital assets. Rent and lease expense for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 was $65,340 and $73,198, respectively.

10. CASH FLOW STATEMENT DISCLOSURES

	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
Non-Cash Financing Activities:		
Amortization of defeased bond costs	$ (14,548)	$ (14,548)
Net book value of trade-in	93,895	34,390
Amortization of refunding loss included in interest expense	10,414	10,414

11. ACCRUED LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE CARE COSTS

The MASWU opened one active Subtitle D landfill cell in 2014. In addition, they are responsible for one closed landfill site. State and federal laws and regulations require the MASWU to place a final cover on its present landfill site when it has discontinued accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure. Although closure and post-closure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill has discontinued accepting waste, the MASWU reports a portion of these closure and post-closure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each year end.

	2025	2024
Accrued closure and post-closure care costs for Subtitle D landfill	$ 3,535,201	$ 2,867,405
Other accrued closure costs	177,739	160,340
Accrued post-closure care for closed landfills	454,538	425,127
Total accrued closure and post-closure care costs	$ 4,167,478	$ 3,452,872

Closure/post-closure care costs are calculated from an engineering evaluation. Accrued closure and post-closure care costs for subtitle D landfill at December 31, 2025 and 2024, totaled $3,535,201 and $2,867,405, respectively, and represent the cumulative cost based on the use of 65.89% and 60.23% of the estimated capacity of the operating landfill cell for 2025 and 2024 respectively. The MASWU will recognize the remaining estimated cost of closure and post-closure care of approximately $1,829,854 for the operating landfill cell as the remaining estimated capacity is filled. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all closure and post-closure care in 2025. Based on the current demographic information and engineering estimates of landfill consumption, the MASWU expects to close the cell in approximately 2028. Actual costs may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations. Expansion of the landfill property could also change these estimates.

The $454,538 and $425,127 reported as accrued landfill post-closure care costs at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, represents the remaining liability of the closed landfill. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all post-closure care in 2025. The MASWU closed the landfill October 9, 2001. Other closure costs reflect what it would cost to close the construction and demolition portion of the landfill, the household hazardous waste facility, transfer station and the composting facility. Actual costs may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology or changes in regulations.

The MASWU will be required by state and federal laws and regulations to provide financial assurance to finance closure and post-closure care. These regulations require that the MASWU demonstrate financial strength of local governments or members by financial test, or the substitution of a trust fund, letter of credit, surety bond, or insurance policy to meet its estimated closure and post-closure costs to be incurred. Although the MASWU assumed responsibility for the operating and other costs including closure and post-closure costs, McPherson County, as the “owner” of the landfill, must ultimately demonstrate compliance with the financial assurance regulations. The County submitted its financial test information to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and has received correspondence that the County has met the financial test requirements for the year ended December 31, 2024. The financial test requirement must be complied with on an annual basis and the County is currently preparing the financial test information for the year ended December 31, 2025. Any possible contributions by Utility members required to fund closure and post-closure requirements is not determinable at this time.

12. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPAL

The MASWU implemented GASB 101, Compensated Absences for the year ended December 31, 2025. The standard requires it to be retroactively applied. As a result of implementation, there was and adjustment to net position of ($221,170).

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated the effects on the financial statements of subsequent events occurring through the date of this report which is the date at which the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility

SCHEDULES OF OPERATING EXPENSES

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2025	**2024**
OPERATING EXPENSE		
Payroll expenses	$ 4,343,265	$ 3,921,620
Depreciation and amortization	1,793,476	1,844,396
Fuel and maintenance	1,097,971	911,706
Insurance	388,251	320,311
Accrued landfill closure and post-closure care costs adjustment	715,518	163,181
Fees for services	248,077	230,741
McPherson City commercial services	124,463	113,680
Utilities	76,981	70,616
Supplies and tools	43,218	48,983
Disposal fees	143,229	140,631
Rents and leases	65,340	73,198
Office expense	96,740	86,988
Recycling	22,873	23,613
Communication	15,661	16,764
Travel and entertainment	12,296	15,399
Household hazardous waste expense	43,205	29,985
Training and education	1,702	1,086
Bad debts and uncollected assessment expense	2,482	559
Total Operating Expense	$ 9,234,748	$ 8,013,457