RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3

Beattie, Kansas

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WITH

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 31, 2023

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Beattie, Kansas
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Rural Water District Board
Rural Water District No. 3
Beattie, Kansas

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. 3 (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 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 and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the accompanying financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2023, or changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the accompanying 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, 2023, and the aggregate receipts and expenditures for they year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* (KMAAG) described in Note 1.

Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions
We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and 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 audits. 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 the Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As discussed in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the District on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of the 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.

Responsibilities 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; this includes determining 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.

In preparing the financial statement, management is required to evaluate whether 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 twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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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 is 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 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 statement.

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 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 fund summary statement of regulatory basis receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash balances (basic financial statement) as a whole. The summary of regulatory basis expenditures-actual and budget, individual fund schedules of regulatory basis receipts and expenditures-actual and budget, schedule of regulatory basis receipts and expenditures-agency funds (Schedules 1 as listed in the table of contents) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required part of the basic financial statement; however, are required to be presented under the provisions of the KMAAG. 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 accompanying supplementary 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.

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RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3
Beattie, Kansas
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND UNENCUMBERED CASH **STATEMENT 1**
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Beginning Unencumbered Cash Balance	Prior Year Canceled Encumbrances	Cash Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Unencumbered Cash Balance	Add Outstanding Encumbrances and Accounts Payable	Ending Cash Balance
GOVERNMENTAL TYPE FUNDS							
Enterprise Fund	$ 582,321	$ -	$ 433,090	$ 361,833	$ 653,578	$ -	$ 653,578
Capital Project Fund	30,270	-	-	-	30,270	-	30,270
Total Reporting Entity	$ 612,591	$ -	$ 433,090	$ 361,833	$ 683,848	$ -	$ 683,848

Composition of Cash	
Checking Account	$ 28,755
Certificates of Deposit	624,751
Total Bank Deposits	$ 653,506
KDHE Reserve Account	$ 30,270
Petty Cash	72
Total Cash Balances	$ 683,848

See Independent Auditor's Report.
The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3
Beattie, Kansas
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2023

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Municipal Financial Reporting Entity

Rural Water District No. 3, Beattie, Kansas (the District) is a quasi-municipal corporation governed by an elected seven-member Board of Directors organized to acquire water and water rights and to build and acquire pipelines for the purpose of furnishing water to owners and occupants of land located within the District.

The financial statement of the District consists of all the funds of the District and related municipal entities that are considered to be controlled by or dependent on the District. Control or dependence is determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, funding, and appointment of the respective governing board. The District has no related municipal entities at this time.

Basis of Accounting

Regulatory Basis of Accounting and Departure from Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America. The *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* (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 on a regulatory basis for each fund, and 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. The KMAAG regulatory basis 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 generally accepted accounting principles and allowing the District to use the regulatory basis of accounting.

Regulatory Basis Fund Types

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The following types of governmental funds comprise the financial activities of the District:

Capital Project Fund - used to account for the debt proceeds and other financial resources to be used for acquisition or construction or major capital facilities or equipment.

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

Income Taxes

The District is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a quasi-municipal corporation, under K.S.A. 88a-616, and is exempt from Federal and state income taxes. Accordingly, this financial statement does not include a provision for income taxes.

Use of Estimates

Estimates and assumptions are used by management in preparing the financial statement and accompanying notes. The actual results may differ from such estimates and assumptions.

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Reimbursed Expenses

The District records reimbursable expenditures in the fund that makes the disbursement and records reimbursements as a receipt to the fund that receives the reimbursement.

Inventories and Prepaid Expenses

Inventories and prepaid expenses which benefit future periods are recorded as expenditures.

Memberships

The District recognizes the cost of purchasing a benefit unit as revenue rather than an addition to District equity.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Encumbrances

The State of Kansas requires the District to recognize an outstanding commitment related to an unperformed contract for good or services when the good or services have not been received by the end of the fiscal year. The evidence of this type of commitment is generally in the form of an open purchase order to unexecuted contract.

Note 2: Budgetary Information

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

Note 3: Compliance with Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

KDHE Loan Requirements #2773

The District has agreed to fix, establish, maintain, and collect such rates, fees and charges for the use and services furnished by the construction of a chlorination and pump station facility sufficient to pay the cost of the operation and maintenance of the system; pay the principal and interest on the loan as and when the payments become due; pay all existing revenue obligations; pay all other amounts due at any time under the loan agreement; maintain a debt service coverage ratio of 125%; maintain the loan reserve account at the loan reserve requirement; prepare and file an annual budget with the Secretary setting forth its estimated system revenues and operating expenses; and carry and maintain such reasonable amount of all risk insurance on all properties and all operations of the facility, including general liability insurance in amounts not less than the maximum liability of a governmental entity for claims arising out of a single occurrence, as provided by the Kansas Tort Claims Act or other similar future law. The construction was completed in the winter of 2014, with the first payment being made in August 2014. The District is in compliance with this loan covenant.

Kansas Statutes

There were no compliance issues identified as of December 31, 2023.

Note 4: Deposits and Investments

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.

Concentration of credit risk. State 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. C*ustodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. State 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.

At December 31, 2023, the District's carrying amount of deposits was $653,506 and the bank balance was $662,977. The bank balance was held by two banks resulting in a concentration of credit risk. Of the bank balance, $500,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remaining balance was covered by pledged securities.

Debt reserve - On December 31, 2023, reserve accounts established with the State of Kansas had a balance of $30,270.

Custodial credit risk - investments. For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the issuer or counterparty, the District 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.

Note 5: Other Long-Term Obligations from Operations

Effective January 15, 2020, the District entered into a Water Tank Maintenance Contract with Viking Industrial Painting for the inspecting, interior cleaning, disinfecting, painting, and other repairing and maintaining of its 38,000 gallon Southeast Standpipe. The agreement calls for payments of $25,050 over the first 3 years; $5,544 over the next 3 years; and $6,098 for the 7th year. The annual fee is adjustable each 3rd anniversary year to reflect the current cost of service, subject to a maximum limit of 5% per annum. The agreement can be terminated by the District upon written notice 90 days prior to the effective date of termination.

Effective January 15, 2020, the District entered into a Water Tank Maintenance Contract with Viking Industrial Painting for the inspecting, interior cleaning, disinfecting, painting, and other repairing and maintaining of its 59,000 gallon Southwest Standpipe. The agreement calls for payments of $28,600 over the first 3 years; $5,544 over the next 3 years; and $6,098 for the 7th year. The annual fee is adjustable each 3rd anniversary year to reflect the current cost of service, subject to a maximum limit of 5% per annum. The agreement can be terminated by the District upon written notice 90 days prior to the effective date of termination.

Fringe Benefits. The District provides a health insurance plan for all full-time employees after 3 months of service. The District pays the total premium per employee. As of December 31, 2023, the District paid $17,243 towards this benefit.

Note 5: Other Long-Term Obligations from Operations (Continued)

Compensated Absences. The District has the following policies regarding paid leave for full-time employees:

- Sick Leave. The District provides personal leave earned at the rate of 5 days per year up to a maximum of 20 days.
- Funeral Leave. The District provides up to 3 days of paid leave for the death of an immediate family member (i.e., spouse, child, parent, spouse's parent, brother, sister, spouse of brother and/or sister and child, grandparent, and spouse's grandparent).
- Vacation. The District provides days of paid vacation based on the following years of service:

Years of Service	Days of Vacation
1	5
2 - 4	10
5+	15

Liability for compensated absences is not reflected in the financial statement.

Note 6: Litigation Contingencies

The District is not involved in any threatened or pending litigation as of December 31, 2023.

Note 7: Defined Benefit Pension Plan

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan description: The District participates in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan as provided by K.S.A. 74-4901, etc. seq. Kansas Law establishes and amends benefit provisions. KPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. KPERS' financial statements are included in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the KPERS website at www.kpers.org or by writing to KPERS (611 South Kansas, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66603) or by calling 1-888-275-5737.

Contributions: K.S.A. 74-4919 and K.S.A. 74-49,210 establish the KPERS member-employee contribution rates. KPERS has multiple benefit structures and contribution rates depending on whether the employee is a KPERS 1, KPERS 2 or KPERS 3 member. KPERS 1 members are active and contributing members hired before July 1, 2009. KPERS 2 members were first employed in a covered position on or after July 1, 2009, and KPERS 3 members were first employed in a covered position on or after January 1, 2016. Effective January 1, 2015, Kansas law established the KPERS member-employee contribution rate of 6% of covered salary for KPERS I, KPERS 2 and KPERS 3 members. Member contributions are withheld by their employer and paid to KPERS according to the provisions of Section 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code.

State law provides that the employer contribution rates for KPERS 1, KPERS 2, KPERS 3 be determined based on the results of each annual actuarial valuation. Kansas law sets a limitation on annual increases in the employer contribution rates. The actuarially determined employer contribution rate (not including the 1% contribution rate for the Death and Disability Program) and the statutory contribution rate was 8.43% for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Contributions to the pension plan from the District were $7,510 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 7: Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

Net Pension Liability

At December 31, 2023, the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability reported by KPERS was $72,000. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the ratio of the District's contributions to KPERS, relative to the total employer and non-employer contributions of the Local subgroup within KPERS. Since the KMAAG regulatory basis of accounting does not recognize long-term debt, this liability is not reported in this financial statement.

The complete actuarial valuation report including all actuarial assumptions and methods, and the report on the allocation of the KPERS collective net pension liability to all participating employers are publicly available at www.kpers.org or can be obtained as described above.

Note 8: Related Parties

There were no significant related party transactions in the District during 2023.

Note 9: Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance. Settlements of claims did not exceed coverage in the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 10: Subsequent Events

The District has evaluated subsequent events through February 14, 2024, which is the date the financial statement was available to be issued.

RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3
Beattie, Kansas
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Note 11: Long-Term Debt

Issue	Interest Rates	Date of Issue	Amount of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Balance Beginning of Year	Additions	Reductions/ Payments	Balance End of Year	Interest Paid
KDHE Loans									
KS Public Water Supply Loan, Project No. 2773	2.25%	10/29/2012	$ 302,695	2/1/2034	$ 67,835	$ -	$ 5,231	$ 62,604	$ 1,497

Current maturities of long-term debt and interest for the next five years and in five-year increments through maturity are as follows:

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029 - 2033	2034 - 2038	Total
KDHE Loan, Project No. 2773								
Principal	$ 5,349	$ 5,470	$ 5,594	$ 5,720	$ 5,850	$ 31,295	$ 3,326	$ 62,604
Interest	1,379	1,257	1,135	1,008	878	2,343	38	8,038
Total Principal and Interest	$ 6,728	$ 6,727	$ 6,729	$ 6,728	$ 6,728	$ 33,638	$ 3,364	$ 70,642

REGULATORY-REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3
Beattie, Kansas
ENTERPRISE FUND
SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

SCHEDULE 1

CASH RECEIPTS		
Water sales	$	399,663
Supplies		9,523
Interest income		9,938
Assignment/benefit units		10,760
Other income:		
Capital credits		1,785
Rents		120
Reimbursements:		
Insurance proceeds		1,009
REA		292
Total Cash Receipts	$	433,090
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries	$	79,635
Employee benefits		30,893
Board expenses		11,811
Transportation		12,222
Insurance		1,497
Office supplies and postage		8,070
Utilities		46,148
Taxes - other		4,801
Insurance		18,668
Maintenance and repairs		135,487
Professional services		6,971
Training		399
Debt principal payments		5,231
Total Expenditures	$	361,833
Cash receipts over (under) expenditures	$	71,257
Unencumbered Cash - Beginning		582,321
Unencumbered Cash - Ending	$	653,578

RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3
Beattie, Kansas
CAPITAL PROJECTS
SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

SCHEDULE 1

CASH RECEIPTS	
Transfers in	$ -
EXPENDITURES	
Debt service	$ -
Cash receipts over (under) expenditures	$ -
Unencumbered Cash - Beginning	30,270
Unencumbered Cash - Ending	$ 30,270