RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 4

MARION COUNTY, KANSAS

Financial Statement

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Rural Water District No. 4
Marion County, Kansas

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. 4, Marion County, Kansas, (Water District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related disclosures 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 Water 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 Water District as of December 31, 2023, 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 and Unmodified Opinions

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*. 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 Water 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 discussed in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Water District on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide*, 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 this financial statement in accordance with the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* as described in Note 1; 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.

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 Water 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.

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 judgement 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 Water 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 Water 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 2023 fund summary statement of regulatory basis receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash balances (basic financial statement) as a whole. The individual fund schedule of regulatory basis receipts and expenditures (Schedule 1 as listed in the table of contents) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 2023 basic financial statement, but is required to be presented under the provisions of the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide*. 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 2023 basic financial statement. The 2023 information has been 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 accompanying supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the 2023 basic financial statement as a whole, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

We also previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the basic financial statement of the Water District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022 (not presented herein), and have issued our report thereon dated February 13, 2023, which contained an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statement. The 2022 basic financial statement and our 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/accounts-reports/local-government/municipal-services. The 2022 actual column (2022 comparative information) presented in the individual fund schedule of regulatory basis receipts and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2023 (Schedule 1 as listed in the table of contents) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 2023 basic financial statement. Such 2022 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 2022 basic financial statement. The 2022 comparative information was subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2022 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 2022 basic financial statement or to the 2022 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 2022 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, 2022, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Knudsen, Monroe & Company, LLC

Certified Public Accountants
Newton, Kansas
February 13, 2024

Rural Water District No. 4, Marion County, Kansas

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND UNENCUMBERED CASH
Regulatory Basis

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Fund	Beginning Unencumbered Cash Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Unencumbered Cash Balance	Add Encumbrances and Accounts Payable	Ending Cash Balance
Business Fund						
Water Utility	$ 1,437,094	651,584	520,037	1,568,641	22,215	1,590,856

Composition of Cash	
Central National Bank	
Checking	$ 92
Money Market	1,040
Certificates of Deposit	1,116,687
Emprise Bank	
Checking	40,284
Money Market	5,041
Union State Bank	
Certificates of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS)	427,712
Total Reporting Entity	$ 1,590,856

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

Rural Water District No. 4, Marion County, Kansas

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2023

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Municipal Financial Reporting Entity

Rural Water District No. 4, Marion County, Kansas was incorporated and organized on February 27, 1977, by order of the Board of County Commissioners, Marion County, Kansas under provisions of K.S.A. 82a-613. The Water District is a Kansas municipality and is exempt from federal and state income taxes. The Water District was organized to provide water for rural Marion and McPherson County residents. The Water District had 884 and 872 benefit units at the end of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Regulatory Basis Fund Type

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

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 Water 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 Water District to use the regulatory basis of accounting.

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

K.S.A. 9-1401 establishes the depositories which may be used by the Water District. The statute requires banks eligible to hold the Water District's funds have a main or branch bank in the county in which the Water 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 Water District has no other policies that would further limit interest rate risk.

K.S.A. 12-1675 limits the Water District'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 Water 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 Water District may invest in any one issuer as long as the investments are adequately secured under K.S.A. 9-1402 and 9-1405.

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Water District's deposits may not be returned to it. State statutes require the Water 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. All deposits were legally secured at December 31, 2023.

At December 31, 2023, the Water District's carrying amount of deposits was $1,590,856 and the bank balance was $1,606,252. The bank balance was held by three banks resulting in a concentration of credit risk. Of the bank balance, $738,433 was covered by federal depository insurance and $867,819 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions' agents in the Water District's name.

3. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Compliance with Kansas Statutes

Management is not aware of any statutory violation incurred in the year ended December 31, 2023.

4. BENEFIT UNITS

Members of the Water District are required to pay a connection fee for a benefit unit prior to connecting to the Water District's lines. Receipts from new benefit units added during the year totaled $34,100.

5. OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS FROM OPERATIONS

Death and Disability Other Post-Employment Benefits

As provided by K.S.A. 74-4927, disabled members in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) receive long-term disability benefits and life insurance benefits. The plan is administered through a trust held by KPERS that is funded to pay annual benefit payments. The employer contribution rate was set at 1% for the period ended December 31, 2023.

Compensated Absences

The Water District's personnel policies grant compensated absences in the form of paid leave each year. Eligible part-time employees begin with ten days of paid leave. Eligible full-time employees begin with twelve days of paid leave. The number of days earned per employee is determined by the board at the annual meeting. The Water District allows for paid leave days to be carried over from year to year, with a limit on the number of days that can be accrued equal to the employee's annual balance. Unused paid leave is paid to employees upon termination. Unused paid leave has not been recorded as a liability in the accompanying financial statement.

6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The Water 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, et. 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 Annual Comprehensive 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, 2015. Effective January 1, 2015, Kansas law established the KPERS member-employee contribution rate at 6% of covered salary for KPERS 1, 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 and 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 Water District were $10,819 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Net Pension Liability

At December 31, 2023, the Water District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability reported by KPERS was $113,560. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The Water District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the ratio of the Water 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 on the website at www.kpers.org or can be obtained as described above.

7. CONCENTRATIONS OF RISK

Major Supplier

The Water District purchases 100 percent of its water from the City of Moundridge, Kansas.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Water 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. The Water District has purchased commercial insurance for these potential risks. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from 2022 to 2023 and there were no settlements that exceeded insurance coverage in the past three years.

During the ordinary course of its operations, the Water District is exposed to various claims, legal actions and complaints. It is the opinion of the Water District's management that any current matters are not anticipated to have a material financial impact on the Water District.

9. RELATED PARTIES

All the members of the Board of Directors are Water District customers with water purchases made on the same terms as all other Water District customers. Several board members provide consulting services throughout the year. Two board members provides services to the Water District, on an as needed basis. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, amounts paid to board members were $63,412 and $58,978, respectively.

10. DATE OF MANAGEMENT'S REVIEW

Management has performed an analysis of the activities and transactions subsequent to December 31, 2023, to determine the need for any adjustments to and/or disclosures within the audited financial statement. Management has performed their analysis through February 13, 2024, which is the date at which the financial statement was available to be issued.

RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 4

MARION COUNTY

REGULATORY – REQUIRED

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Rural Water District No. 4, Marion County, Kansas

Business Fund

SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
Regulatory Basis

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended December 31, 2022)

	2022	2023
WATER UTILITY		
RECEIPTS		
Water sales	$ 485,607	515,791
Rental income	3,360	610
Interest income	8,303	50,918
Convenience fees	1,989	2,270
Reimbursement fees	62,721	46,494
Other Income	-	1,401
Benefit unit deposits	32,300	34,100
Total Receipts	594,280	651,584
EXPENDITURES		
Water purchases	93,819	103,934
Salaries	134,660	141,692
Payroll taxes	10,976	10,979
Employee benefits	11,077	12,103
Utilities	24,179	25,145
Office supplies	14,416	12,159
Meeting expense	5,688	4,054
Insurance	20,416	17,816
Repairs	148,951	151,571
Mileage	17,939	20,318
Professional fees	6,198	6,573
Water fees	5,778	5,684
Other	5,541	8,009
Total expenditures	499,638	520,037
Receipts over (under) expenditures	94,642	131,547
UNENCUMBERED CASH, beginning	1,342,452	1,437,094
UNENCUMBERED CASH, ending	$ 1,437,094	1,568,641