

**RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 7  
BUTLER COUNTY, KANSAS**

Independent Auditors' Report  
and Financial Statement with  
Supplementary Information

For the Year Ended  
December 31, 2014

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Butler County, Kansas

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Board of Directors  
Rural Water District No. 7  
Butler County, Kansas

We have audited the accompanying fund summary statement of regulatory basis receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash balances of Rural Water District No. 7, Butler County, Kansas, a municipality, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statement.

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

***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide. Those standards require we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by Rural Water District No. 7, Butler County, Kansas to meet the requirements of the State of Kansas 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.

***Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the “Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles” paragraph, the 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 Rural Water District No. 7, Butler County, Kansas as of December 31, 2014, or changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

***Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the aggregate cash and unencumbered cash balance of Rural Water District No. 7, Butler County, Kansas as of December 31, 2014, 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.

***Report on 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 individual fund schedule of regulatory basis receipts and expenditures-actual (Schedule 1 as listed in the table of contents) is presented for analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statement, however 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 basic financial statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statement or to the basic financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statement as a whole, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The 2013 Actual column presented in the individual fund schedules of regulatory basis receipts and expenditures – actual and budget (Schedule 1 as listed in the table of contents) is also presented for comparative analysis and is not a required part of the 2014 basic financial statement upon which we rendered an unmodified opinion dated September 12, 2014. The 2013 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 <http://da.ks.gov/ar/muniserv/>. Such 2013 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 2013 basic financial statement. The 2013 comparative information was subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2013 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 2013 basic financial statement or to the 2013 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 2013 comparative information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 2013 basic financial statement as a whole, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.



JARRED, GILMORE & PHILLIPS, PA  
Certified Public Accountants

November 4, 2015  
Chanute, Kansas

**Statement 1**

**RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 7**

Butler County, Kansas

**Summary Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Unencumbered Cash  
Regulatory Basis**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Funds	Beginning Unencumbered Cash Balance		Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Unencumbered Cash Balance		Add Encumbrances and Accounts Payable	Ending Cash December 31, 2014
	Cash Balance	Unencumbered			Cash Balance	Unencumbered		
Business Funds:								
Water Utility	\$ 90,316.80	\$ 315,878.87	\$ 299,425.05	\$ 106,770.62	\$ 14,683.10	\$ 121,453.72		
Total Reporting Entity	\$ 90,316.80	\$ 315,878.87	\$ 299,425.05	\$ 106,770.62	\$ 14,683.10	\$ 121,453.72		

Composition of Cash:

Cash on Hand.....	\$ 34.10
Bank of Whitewater - Checking .....	121,393.30
Bank of Whitewater - Savings .....	26.32
Total Cash and Investments .....	\$ 121,453.72

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

**RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 7**  
Butler County, Kansas

Notes to Financial Statement  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

**1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Financial Reporting Entity

Rural Water District No. 7, Butler County, Kansas (the District) was organized under Kansas law and provides water to rural Butler County in Kansas. Rural Water District No. 7, Butler County, Kansas, is a municipal corporation governed by an elected six-member board.

*Related Municipal Entities:* A related municipal entity is determined by the following criteria. Whether the District exercises oversight responsibility on financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters, scope of the public service, and significant operational or financial relationships with the District. Related municipal entities are not required to be included in the District's audit by the Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide (KMAAG).

The District has determined that no outside agency meets the above criteria and, therefore, no outside agency has been included as a related municipal entity in the financial statement.

Regulatory Basis Fund Types

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 following types of funds comprise the financial activities of the Rural Water District No. 7, Butler County, Kansas for the year of 2014:

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.)

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 revenues 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.

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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 municipality to use the regulatory basis of accounting.

Property and Equipment

The accounting and reporting treatment used for property and equipment under the cash basis laws of Kansas require that property and equipment be recorded as an expenditure during the year of purchase.

Use of Estimates

Estimates and assumptions are used by management in preparing the financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reporting amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported revenues and expenses.

Reimbursed Expenses

K.S.A. 79-2934 provides that reimbursed expenditures, should be recorded as reductions in expenditures rather than as revenues. In the financial statements presented in this report, reimbursements and refunds are recorded as revenues. The reimbursements are recorded as receipts when received by the District and are often difficult to identify the exact expenditure which they are reimbursing.

**2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Compliance with Kansas Statutes

Statement 1 is designed to show compliance with the cash basis laws of Kansas. As shown in Statement 1, the District was in apparent compliance with the cash basis laws of Kansas.

**3. 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 branch 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 deposit 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.



**3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

*Custodial credit risk – deposits.* Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. 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, 2014, the District's carrying amount of deposits was \$121,419.62 and the bank balance was \$121,419.62. The bank balance was held by one bank resulting in a concentration of credit risk. Of the bank balance, \$121,419.62 was covered by Federal depository insurance.

**4. BENEFIT UNIT DEPOSITS**

Customers of the District are required to pay a deposit for a benefit unit prior to connecting to the rural water line. In 2014, there were five new benefit units added, with the new deposits totaling \$17,500.00. These deposits are treated as income in the year received.

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets, errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District manages these risks of loss through the purchase of various insurance policies.

**6. CONCENTRATION OF RISK**

The District's customers are located in central Kansas. Risk of accounting loss exists from the possibility that numerous customers would no longer purchase water from the District. Impact of potential risk cannot be determined. The District is subject to the credit risk inherent in the rural water district business.

**7. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

Currently, the District purchases its water from the City of El Dorado, Kansas. To continue serving its patrons, the District is dependent upon the city to provide adequate, reasonably priced water. All water sales are made to residents in the area of the District. Accordingly, the District's operations are dependent upon the ability to purchase water from the City of El Dorado, Kansas. Under the terms of a twenty-year agreement between the entities, the District must annually pay for a minimum of 22,400,000 gallons of water. During 2014, the District purchased water in the amount of \$89,543.40 from the City of El Dorado, Kansas.

**8. OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS FROM OPERATIONS**

There is no written, formal policy for vacation and sick leave. However, the bookkeeper is awarded three weeks of vacation each year.

**8. OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS FROM OPERATIONS** (Continued)

The District determines a liability for compensated absences when the following conditions are met:

1. The District's obligation relating to employees' rights to receive compensation for future absences is attributable to employees' services already rendered.
2. The obligation related to rights that vest or accumulate.
3. Payment of the compensation is probable.
4. The amount can be reasonably estimated and is material to the financial statements.

In accordance with the above criteria, the District has estimated a liability for vacation pay in the amount of \$.00. The District has not estimated a liability for sick pay, which has been earned, but not taken by District employees, as the amounts cannot be reasonably estimated because the obligation to these rights does not vest.

**9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

All board members of the District are benefit unit owners and customers.

**10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The District evaluated events and transactions occurring subsequent to year end and there were no subsequent events requiring recognition in the financial statements. Additionally, there were no nonrecognized subsequent events requiring disclosure.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 7**

Butler County, Kansas

Water Utility Fund

Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual

Regulatory Basis

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended December 31, 2013)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Receipts		
Water Sales	\$ 254,667.77	\$ 257,225.14
Late Charges	6,827.00	5,933.00
Interest on Idle Funds	0.04	0.04
Reimbursements	9,126.63	32,755.59
Benefit Units	3,500.00	17,500.00
Miscellaneous	2,277.38	2,465.10
Total Receipts	276,398.82	315,878.87
Expenditures		
Personal Services		
Salaries and Payroll Tax - Bookkeeper	31,585.43	31,879.00
Contractual		-
Mileage	11,781.89	10,589.86
Contract Labor	26,365.00	27,080.00
Office Rent	2,700.00	2,700.00
Office - Utilities & Telephone	3,005.52	3,176.73
Lab Tests	679.00	771.00
Other Taxes	1,461.02	1,961.16
Legal and Professional	3,940.00	3,825.00
Power	7,220.98	7,995.74
Repairs and Maintenance	67,753.93	77,082.05
Insurance	4,154.00	5,444.00
Dues, Subscriptions, and Meetings	1,220.40	1,122.10
Commodities		-
Water Purchased	80,605.99	87,625.95
Office - Postage and Supplies	3,688.60	9,658.58
Supplies	4,867.72	2,762.12
Miscellaneous	1,727.66	3,835.16
Capital Outlay	19,131.20	21,916.60
Total Expenditures	271,888.34	299,425.05
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	4,510.48	16,453.82
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	85,806.32	90,316.80
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	\$ 90,316.80	\$ 106,770.62



Board of Directors  
Rural Water District No. 7  
Butler County, Kansas

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement of Rural Water District No. 7, Butler County, Kansas as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Rural Water District No. 7, Butler County, Kansas' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Rural Water District No. 7, Butler County, Kansas' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Rural Water District No. 7, Butler County, Kansas' internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and other deficiencies that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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

#### Preparation of Financial Statement

Accounting standards states the client must be able to accept responsibility and be able to identify a material misstatement when reviewing the financial statement, including footnotes and supplemental information. This would also include knowing if a required footnote disclosure was missing or not correctly stated. Presently, the District staff does not have the ability to process and prepare the required financial statement, including footnotes. The potential effects of this material weakness could be unrecognized errors on the financial statement. While we recognize that this condition is not unusual for a district your size, it is important that you be aware of this condition for financial reporting purposes. Management and the Board should continually be aware of the financial reporting of the District and changes in reporting requirements.

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Segregation of Duties

An internal control structure is, quite simply, the procedures and policies in effect which ensure that the District's financial activity is properly recorded, processed, summarized, and reported in the financial statements. A weakness in the control structure occurs when one person is responsible for all of the accounting activities such as performing billings, receipting cash, making deposits, reconciling the bank accounts, and having access to all books and records of the District. Due to small staff size, it is not possible for reviews of daily work to take place, potentially resulting in errors in financial records and reports

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management Board of Directors, and others within Rural Water District No. 7, Butler County, Kansas, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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