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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Fayette Soil & Water Conservation District
Fayette County
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Supervisors (the Board) and the management of the Fayette Soil & Water Conservation District (the District) on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the District's cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the District. The District is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the District. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report.

Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

Cash and investments

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2017 beginning fund balances recorded in the District's General Ledger to the December 31, 2016 balances in the prior year Agreed Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2018 beginning fund balances recorded in the District's General Ledger to the December 31, 2017 balances in the District's General Ledger. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the District Fund and Special Projects Fund bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2018 and 2017 fund cash balances reported in the District's General Ledger for the District Fund and Special Projects Fund. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2018 bank account depository balances for the District Fund and Special Projects Fund with the District's financial institution. We found no exceptions.
5. We compared the December 31, 2018 Special Fund depository balance from the *Cash Basis Annual Financial Report* to the amount reported in the Fayette County Fund History Report. We found no exceptions.

Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

We applied the following procedures for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

1. We traced the total of the receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) and the total of the receipts from the County Auditor's Detailed Account History Report to the total amounts recorded in the respective receipt classification in the Special Fund in the General Ledger Report. The amounts agreed.
2. We haphazardly selected five other confirmable receipts from the year ended December 31, 2018 and five other confirmable receipts from the year ended December 31, 2017 in the General Ledger Report from funds other than the *Special Fund* such as grants, municipal and district funds.
 - a. We agreed to supporting documentation the amounts paid from the municipalities and districts to the District. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.

All Other Cash Receipts

We haphazardly selected 10 other cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2018 and 10 other cash receipts from the year ended 2017 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

1. Agreed the receipt amount to the amount recorded in the General Ledger Report. The amounts agreed.
2. Confirmed the amount charged complied with rates in force during the period, if applicable. We found no exceptions.
3. Inspected the General Ledger Report to determine the receipt was posted to the proper funds, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2018 and one payroll check for five employees from 2017 from the Pay Register Report and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Pay Register Report to supporting documentation (legislatively-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the Pay Register Report to determine whether salaries and benefits were paid only from the *Special Fund*, as required by the SWCD Administrative Handbook Chapter 5. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Pay Register Report to determine whether the check was classified as *salaries* and was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. From the General Ledger Report, we re-footed checks recorded as *District Fund* disbursements for *contract services* and *supplies* for 2018. We found no exceptions.

2. We haphazardly selected five disbursements from the *Special Fund* and five disbursements from the *District Fund* and other funds from the General Ledger Report for the year ended December 31, 2018 and five from the *Special Fund* and five from the *District Fund* and other funds for the year ended 2017 and determined whether:
 - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
 - b. For *District Fund* and other funds disbursements, we determined whether:
 - i. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the similar data recorded in the General Ledger Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
 - ii. The payment was posted to a fund consistent with the purpose for which the fund's cash can be used. We found no exceptions.
 - c. For *Special Fund* disbursements, we determined whether:
 - i. The payee name and amount recorded on the invoice submitted to the County Auditor agreed to the payee name and amount recorded in the General Ledger Report and County Ledgers. We found no exceptions.
 - ii. The names and amounts on the voucher agreed to supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
 - iii. The invoice was signed by the fiscal officer and approved by a majority of the Board of Supervisors. We found no exceptions.

Special Fund Budgetary Compliance

1. We inspected the District's Special Fund Budget Request submitted to the County Commissioners for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. The request included the Special Fund's *Needs, Income* and *Balances* anticipated for carry over from the current year, as required by the SWCD Administrative Handbook, Chapter 5. We also compared the budget amounts to the Special Fund Budgetary Activity footnote of the Cash Basis Annual Financial Report. The amounts agreed.
2. We compared the total estimated receipts reported on the Special Fund Budgetary Activity footnote of the Cash Basis Annual Financial Report to the *Amended Official Certificate of Estimate Resources*, required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), and to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report for the Special Fund for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. The amounts agreed.
3. We inspected the appropriation measures adopted for 2018 and 2017 to determine whether the Supervisors appropriated separate amounts within the Special Fund for "each office, department, and division, and within each, the amount appropriated for personal services," as is required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38(C). We found no exceptions.
4. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for the Special Fund for 2018 and 2017, and to the appropriations reported on the Special Fund Budgetary Activity footnote of the Cash Basis Annual Financial Report. The amounts agreed.

5. Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.36(A)(5) and 5705.28(B)(2)(C) prohibit appropriations from exceeding estimated resources. We compared total appropriations to total estimated resources for the Special Fund for the year ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. Appropriations did not exceed estimated resources for the Special Fund.
6. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus year-end certified commitments (i.e. encumbrances)) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total disbursements plus outstanding year-end encumbrances to total appropriations for the year ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 for the "Special" Fund, as recorded in the Annual Cash Basis Financial Report. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations for the Special Fund.
7. We inspected the Annual Cash Basis Financial Report for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 for negative cash fund balances. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10 (I) provides that money paid into a fund must be used for the purposes for which such fund is established. As a result, a negative fund cash balance indicates that money from one fund was used to cover the expenses of another. No funds had negative cash fund balances.
8. We inquired of management and inspected the Appropriation Reports to determine whether the District elected to establish a contingency, not designated for any particular purpose (contingency reserve balance - spending reserve) permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.29(A)(1). The District did not establish these reserves.

Compliance – Contracts & Expenditures

We inquired of management and inspected the General Ledger Report for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 to determine if the District purchased equipment and services allowed by ORC 940.08 or purchased goods or services allowed by ORC 940.06 whose cost, other than personal service compensation or office space rent, exceeded \$50,000. Amounts over \$50,000 were contracted after receiving sealed bids after advertising for not less than two or more than four weeks.

Other Compliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires Districts to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies, regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the District filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy, within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants attestation standards and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the District's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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This report is to provide assistance in the evaluation of the District's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

May 1, 2019

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FAYETTE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED
MAY 16, 2019