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**ALLEN WATER DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Allen Water District
Allen County
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the Allen Water District, Allen County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Allen Water District, Allen County, Ohio as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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 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 audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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 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 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 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 and *Government Auditing Standards* 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 and *Government Auditing Standards*, 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 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 statements.
- 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, and schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions 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 an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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 statements. The 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 Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 25, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

July 25, 2024

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**Allen Water District
Allen County, Ohio**

**Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022
(Unaudited)**

This discussion and analysis, along with the accompanying financial reports, of Allen Water District (the District) is designed to provide our customers, creditors and other interested parties with a general overview of the District and its financial activities.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The total assets and deferred outflows of resources of the District exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources on December 31, 2023 by \$33,098,867 and on December 31, 2022 by \$30,309,813. The District's net position increased by \$2,789,054 (9.2%) in 2023 and increased by \$4,194,472 (16.1%) in 2022.

The District's operating revenues increased by \$151,778 (8.8%) in 2023 and by \$155,561 (9.9%) in 2022. Operating expenses increased by \$302,919 (14.8%) in 2023 and increased by \$216,655 (11.9%) in 2022.

During 2023, the District paid \$827,692 in principal on outstanding debt. The District also had \$2,314,829 in capital asset additions before depreciation and \$1,044,080 in depreciation expense during 2023.

During 2022, the District paid \$412,883 in principal on outstanding debt. The District also had \$7,691,367 in capital asset additions before depreciation and \$857,098 in depreciation expense during 2022.

OVERVIEW OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District is a single enterprise fund using proprietary fund accounting, similar to private sector business. The Basic Financial Statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting.

The **Statements of Net Position** include all of the District's Assets, Liabilities, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources. These statements provide information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) owned by the District, obligations owed by the District (liabilities), and deferred outflows/inflows of resources on December 31. The District's net position is the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources.

The **Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position** provide information on the District's operations over the past two years and the success of recovering all its costs through user fees, charges, special assessments and other income. Revenues are reported when earned and expenses are reported when incurred.

The **Statements of Cash Flows** provide information about the District's cash receipts and cash disbursements. It summarizes the net changes in cash resulting from operating, investing, noncapital financing and capital financing activities.

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of the basic financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the basic financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

Table 1 summarizes the Statements of Net Position of the District. Capital assets are reported less accumulated depreciation. "Net Investment in Capital Assets," represents capital assets less outstanding debt that was used to acquire those assets.

**(Table 1)
Net Position**

	2023	2022	Difference	2021	Difference
Current and Other Assets	\$ 6,893,617	\$ 4,658,144	\$ 2,235,473	\$ 5,893,385	\$ (1,235,241)
Capital Assets, Net	34,982,095	33,711,346	1,270,749	26,877,077	6,834,269
Total Assets	41,875,712	38,369,490	3,506,222	32,770,462	5,599,028
Pensions	114,834	32,218	82,616	26,415	5,803
OPEB	27,287	807	26,480	12,298	(11,491)
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	142,121	33,025	109,096	38,713	(5,688)
Long Term Liabilities	6,695,401	6,012,919	682,482	2,823,740	3,189,179
Current and Other Liabilities	1,778,394	1,518,360	260,034	3,326,935	(1,808,575)
Total Liabilities	8,473,795	7,531,279	942,516	6,150,675	1,380,604
Pensions	-	85,945	(85,945)	50,948	34,997
OPEB	2,961	25,532	(22,571)	40,367	(14,835)
Unearned Special Assessments	442,210	449,946	(7,736)	451,844	(1,898)
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	445,171	561,423	(116,252)	543,159	18,264
Net Investment in Capital Assets	26,984,554	26,505,894	478,660	21,021,260	5,484,634
Unrestricted	6,114,313	3,803,919	2,310,394	5,094,081	(1,290,162)
Total Net Position	\$ 33,098,867	\$ 30,309,813	\$ 2,789,054	\$ 26,115,341	\$ 4,194,472

The net pension liability (NPL) is a liability reported by the District at December 31, 2023 and is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27." The net other postemployment liability (OPEB) is a liability reported by the District at December 31, 2023 and is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions." For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the District's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability and net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting the deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability* or *net OPEB liability*. GASB 68 and GASB 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements. GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability (asset) to equal the District's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension/OPEB benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service
2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

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GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the “employment exchange” – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the District is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer’s promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position. When a net OPEB asset is identified, it is separately identified within the other assets section of the statement of net position. In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the District’s statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan’s *change* in net pension liability and net OPEB liability (asset), respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

The District’s net position increased by \$2,789,054 (9.2%) in 2023 and increased by \$4,194,472 (16.1%) in 2022. The increase in 2023 is primarily due to increased cash from intergovernmental contributions and increased capital assets for the East Regional Water Tank project and the Rudolph Tank project in 2023 which were partially offset by depreciation expense of \$1,044,080. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in intergovernmental receivables due to less grant monies due to the District for the East Regional project in 2023. Current and other liabilities increased primarily due to an increase in contracts payable due to timing on ongoing construction projects as well as an increase in the current portion of loans payable. Long-term liabilities increased primarily due to OWDA loan draws for the Indianbrook project which was partially offset by payments for retirement of debt during 2023. There was also an increase in net pension liabilities due to actuarial calculations for the Public Employees Retirement System.

The increase in 2022 is primarily due to increased capital assets for the East Regional project and the Rudolph Water Storage Tank project in 2022. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in intergovernmental receivables due to less grant monies due to the District for the East Regional project in 2022 and decreased special assessments receivable due to payments received in 2022. Current and other liabilities decreased primarily due to a decrease in contracts payable due to timing on ongoing construction projects. Long-term liabilities increased primarily due to additional USDA loan draws, a new OWDA loan, and two OPWC loans which were partially offset by payments for the retirement of debt during 2022.

Unrestricted net position increased by \$2,310,394 from 2022 to 2023 and decreased by \$1,290,162 from 2021 to 2022.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION

Table 2 below summarizes the changes in revenues and expenses and the resulting changes in net position.

(Table 2)
Changes in Net Position

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,873,223	\$ 1,721,445	\$ 151,778	\$ 1,565,884	\$ 155,561
Operating Expenses (Excluding Depreciation)	1,303,950	1,188,013	115,937	1,109,488	78,525
Depreciation	1,044,080	857,098	186,982	718,968	138,130
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,348,030</u>	<u>2,045,111</u>	<u>302,919</u>	<u>1,828,456</u>	<u>216,655</u>
Operating (Loss)	(474,807)	(323,666)	(151,141)	(262,572)	(61,094)
Non-Operating Revenues	138,550	128,890	9,660	139,481	(10,591)
Non-Operating Expenses	(163,308)	(136,398)	(26,910)	(155,322)	18,924
Capital Contributions	3,288,619	4,525,646	(1,237,027)	12,589,925	(8,064,279)
Changes in Net Position	<u>2,789,054</u>	<u>4,194,472</u>	<u>(1,405,418)</u>	<u>12,311,512</u>	<u>(8,117,040)</u>
Net Position at Beginning of Year	<u>30,309,813</u>	<u>26,115,341</u>	<u>4,194,472</u>	<u>13,803,829</u>	<u>12,311,512</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$ 33,098,867</u>	<u>\$ 30,309,813</u>	<u>\$ 2,789,054</u>	<u>\$ 26,115,341</u>	<u>\$ 4,194,472</u>

Operating revenues increased \$151,778 from 2022 to 2023 partially due to an increase in district fee revenues which partially due to an increase in 2023 in the fees charged to the water customers added from Allen County as well as an increased number of customers. There was also an increase in contract fees charged to water customers by the City and remitted back to the City. Operating expenses, exclusive of depreciation, increased \$115,937 primarily due to increases in pension expenses and contract fees expense which was partially offset by a decrease in audit fees. Pension expenses increased primarily due to changes in actuarial calculations. Interest income decreased due to less interest from decreasing special assessment receivable balances with higher interest rates. Interest expense increased due to several OWDA loans starting to be repaid in 2023 with higher interest amounts which was partially offset by decreasing balances of OWDA loans payable with lower interest payments. Capital contributions decreased primarily because of less intergovernmental contributions in 2023 which was partially offset by capital contributions from customers for the East Regional project during 2023.

Operating revenues increased \$155,561 from 2021 to 2022 primarily due to an increase in district fee revenues which is due to an increase in 2022 in the fees charged to the water customers added from Allen County in 2021. Operating expenses, exclusive of depreciation, increased \$78,525 primarily due to increases in pension/OPEB expenses, and audit fees. Pension and OPEB expenses increased primarily due to a less significant change in the net OPEB asset from the prior year due to changes in actuarial calculations. Audit fees increased as audits are only performed every other year. Interest income decreased due to less interest from decreasing special assessment receivable balances. Interest expense increased due to the USDA loans starting to be repaid in 2022 which was partially offset by decreasing balances of OWDA loans payable. Capital contributions decreased primarily because the large assignment of Allen County's water lines to the District occurred in 2021. This decrease was partially offset by capital contributions from governments for the East Regional project during 2022.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The District had \$45,310,404 invested in capital assets (before depreciation) at the end of 2023. This amount increased from 2022 by \$2,314,829 primarily due to costs for the Indianbrook Waterline project, additional costs for the water storage tank for the East Regional Water Line project and additional costs for the Rudolph Water Storage Tank project. The District had \$34,982,095 invested in net capital assets (after depreciation) at the end of 2023. This amount is an increase of \$1,270,749 from the previous year and is primarily due to additions which were partially offset by depreciation expense.

The District had \$42,995,575 invested in capital assets (before depreciation) at the end of 2022. This amount increased from

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2021 by \$7,691,367 primarily due to the addition of water lines and a water storage tank for the East Regional Water Line project and construction in progress for the Rudolph Water Storage Tank project. The District had \$33,711,346 invested in net capital assets (after depreciation) at the end of 2022. This amount is an increase of \$6,834,269 from the previous year and is primarily due to additions which were partially offset by depreciation expense.

(Table 3)

Capital Assets at December 31

	2023	2022	2021
Land Easements	\$ 7,186	\$ 7,186	\$ 7,186
Construction in Progress	1,793,945	1,591,240	4,549,760
Water Lines	39,530,648	39,407,741	30,735,838
Water Storage Tanks	3,967,201	1,977,984	-
Office Furniture & Equipment	11,424	11,424	11,424
Totals Before Accumulated Depreciation	45,310,404	42,995,575	35,304,208
Accumulated Depreciation	(10,328,309)	(9,284,229)	(8,427,131)
Net Capital Assets	\$ 34,982,095	\$ 33,711,346	\$26,877,077

Additional information regarding capital assets can be found in Note H to the basic financial statements.

DEBT

The District issues long term debt to finance much of its construction. The District typically levies special assessments on the benefiting property owners and then generally obtains Ohio Water Development Authority Loans (OWDA) to finance these water line projects. The special assessment collections are generally received over a twenty-five year period (with some exceptions) and such collections are used to assist in paying the debt service on the OWDA Loans and the Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) Loan. During fiscal year 2022, the District in conjunction with the Villages of Harrod and Lafayette, entered into several loan agreements with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to assist in funding the East Regional Water Line project. The District also entered into a loan agreement with OWDA to provide funding for additional projects. Additional information regarding debt can be found in Note I to the basic financial statements.

(Table 4)

Outstanding Debt, at December 31

	2023	2022	2021
OWDA Loans	\$ 2,802,289	\$ 1,809,913	\$ 1,596,387
USDA Loans	3,530,900	3,902,600	1,057,360
O.P.W.C.	295,325	295,325	-
LGIF Loan	77,844	117,844	157,844
Rotary Commission Loans	264,311	268,115	270,013
Total Long Term Debt	6,970,669	6,393,797	3,081,604
Less			
Current Maturities	547,744	451,786	375,586
Net Long Term Debt	\$ 6,422,925	\$ 5,942,011	\$ 2,706,018

CASH

Cash and cash equivalents and equity in county treasury were \$4,766,989 at December 31, 2023 and \$2,182,101 at December 31, 2022.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this report and requests for additional information should be forwarded to Merle Miller, Treasurer, Allen Water District, 3230 North Cole Street, Lima, Ohio 45801 or (419) 996-4679.

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**Statements of Net Position
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ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

	2023	2022
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9	\$ 9
Equity in County Treasury	4,766,980	2,182,092
Accounts receivable	184,801	124,253
Intergovernmental receivable	-	521,283
Prepaid insurance	6,198	2,928
Total current assets	4,957,988	2,830,565
 NONCURRENT ASSETS:		
Capital Assets:		
Land easements	7,186	7,186
Construction in Progress	1,793,945	1,591,240
Water lines	39,530,648	39,407,741
Water tanks	3,967,201	1,977,984
Office furniture and equipment	11,424	11,424
	45,310,404	42,995,575
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(10,328,309)	(9,284,229)
Net capital assets	34,982,095	33,711,346
 Other Assets:		
Assessments receivable	1,935,629	1,802,898
Net OPEB asset	-	24,681
Total other assets	1,935,629	1,827,579
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$ 41,875,712	 \$ 38,369,490
 DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:		
Pensions	114,834	32,218
OPEB	27,287	807
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	142,121	33,025
 TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	 \$ 42,017,833	 \$ 38,402,515

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**Statements of Net Position - Continued
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LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION

	2023	2022
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 178,213	\$ 232,348
Contracts payable	861,831	665,408
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	5,117	3,512
Vacation and personal leave accrual	20,448	19,059
Retainage payable	165,041	146,247
Loans payable - current portion	547,744	451,786
Total current liabilities	1,778,394	1,518,360
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
Net pension liabilities	263,497	70,908
Net OPEB liabilities	8,979	-
Loans payable	6,422,925	5,942,011
Total long-term liabilities	6,695,401	6,012,919
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,473,795	7,531,279
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:		
Pensions	-	85,945
OPEB	2,961	25,532
Unearned special assessments	442,210	449,946
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	445,171	561,423
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	8,918,966	8,092,702
NET POSITION:		
Net investment in capital assets	26,984,554	26,505,894
Unrestricted	6,114,313	3,803,919
TOTAL NET POSITION	33,098,867	30,309,813
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	\$ 42,017,833	\$ 38,402,515

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
OPERATING REVENUES:		
District fees	\$ 872,947	\$ 785,218
Contract fees revenue	1,000,276	936,227
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Total operating revenues	1,873,223	1,721,445
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OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Office wages	101,933	99,693
Contract fees expense	1,000,276	936,227
Trustee fees	38,951	35,364
Payroll taxes/Health Insurance/Workers compensation	23,814	25,274
OPERS/Pension/OPEB expense	27,832	(14,581)
Engineering fees	5,660	6,680
Legal fees	10,608	6,620
Accounting fees	14,000	13,200
Audit fees	9,930	20,172
Utilities	620	-
Insurance	7,935	6,563
Office supplies	1,345	685
License fees	24,574	23,022
Office rent	18,000	18,000
Public relations	5,652	6,110
Easement rent	637	592
Depreciation	1,044,080	857,098
Transportation	674	444
Miscellaneous	11,509	3,948
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Total operating expenses	2,348,030	2,045,111
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Operating loss	\$ (474,807)	\$ (323,666)

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**Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position - Continued
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating loss	\$ (474,807)	\$ (323,666)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):		
Intergovernmental	7,899	11,277
Interest income	51,444	66,640
Capital permit fees and supplemental charges	70,236	48,421
Plan and review/inspection revenue	4,938	-
Interest expense	(163,308)	(136,398)
Miscellaneous revenue	4,033	2,552
Net nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(24,758)</u>	<u>(7,508)</u>
Changes in net position before capital contributions	(499,565)	(331,174)
Capital contributions - donated lines	116,100	-
Capital contributions - customers	475,876	-
Capital contributions - intergovernmental	2,155,207	4,508,242
Capital contributions - special assessments	541,436	17,404
Total Capital Contributions	<u>3,288,619</u>	<u>4,525,646</u>
Changes in net position	2,789,054	4,194,472
Net position, beginning of year	<u>30,309,813</u>	<u>26,115,341</u>
Net position, end of year	<u><u>\$ 33,098,867</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 30,309,813</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash received from customers	\$ 863,019	\$ 759,299
Cash received from contract fee revenues	979,761	951,458
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(1,168,825)	(970,272)
Cash payments for employee services and benefits	(180,899)	(172,455)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>493,056</u>	<u>568,030</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Other income	4,033	2,552
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>4,033</u>	<u>2,552</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital permit fees	70,236	48,421
Plan and review/inspection receipts	4,938	-
Intergovernmental contributions on projects	2,676,490	5,382,229
OWDA principal payments	(412,188)	(335,585)
OWDA interest payments	(87,426)	(64,599)
USDA principal payments	(371,700)	(35,400)
USDA interest payments	(67,983)	(60,522)
LGIF loan principal payment	(40,000)	(40,000)
Rotary loan payment	(3,804)	(1,898)
Customer capital contributions	445,771	
Special assessments collections	400,969	340,108
Special assessment interest income	51,444	66,640
Proceeds from USDA loan	-	2,880,640
Proceeds from OWDA loan	1,404,564	549,111
Proceeds from OPWC loans	-	295,325
Capital outlay	(1,983,512)	(9,653,925)
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	<u>2,087,799</u>	<u>(629,455)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,584,888	(58,873)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>2,182,101</u>	<u>2,240,974</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$ 4,766,989</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,182,101</u></u>

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**Statements of Cash Flows - Continued
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	2023	2022
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating loss	\$ (474,807)	\$ (323,666)
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Depreciation	1,044,080	857,098
Pension expense adjustments not affecting cash	24,028	(17,620)
OPEB expense adjustments not affecting cash	(15,391)	(14,841)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
(Increase) in accounts receivable (operating)	(30,443)	(10,689)
(Increase) in prepaid insurance	(3,270)	(35)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable (operating)	(54,135)	72,027
Increase in accrued payroll and related liabilities	1,605	1,134
Increase in vacation and personal leave accrual	1,389	4,622
Total adjustments	967,863	891,696
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 493,056	\$ 568,030
NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS:		
Special assessments	\$ 42,034	\$ -
Intergovernmental revenue - interest subsidy	\$ 7,899	\$ 11,277
Interest expense - interest subsidy	\$ (7,899)	\$ (11,277)
Donated and assigned water lines	\$ 116,100	\$ -

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE A – NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The Allen Water District, hereafter referred to as “the District,” was created by the Court of Common Pleas of Allen County in accordance with the provisions of Section 6119.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to provide water services to the residents of Bath, American, Perry, Shawnee, Monroe, Auglaize, Jackson, and Amanda Townships. A nine (9) member appointed Board of Trustees manage the Allen Water District. The District’s management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of these financial statements conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for local government units as prescribed in the statements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other recognized authoritative sources.

1. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, to report on its financial position and the results of its operations, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The District has created a single type of fund and a single fund within that fund type. The fund is accounted for by a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, net position, revenues, and expenses. This fund accounts for the governmental resources allocated to it for the purpose of carrying on specific activities in accordance with laws, regulations or other restrictions. The fund type, which the District uses, is described below:

Proprietary Fund Type - This fund type accounts for operations that are organized to be self-supporting through user charges. The fund included in this category used by the District is the Enterprise Fund.

Enterprise Fund - This fund is established to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

2. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made. The accounting policies of the District conform to accounting policies generally accepted in the United States of America.

For financial statement presentation purposes, the District utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned. Expenses are recognized under the accrual basis of accounting when the liability is incurred.

3. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually. The District has adopted a budget for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and has adopted and passed annual appropriations resolutions.

Appropriations – For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, budgetary expenditures could not exceed appropriations at the levels of operating expenditures, direct project expenditures, debt payments, capital expenditures, contract expense, and private development expense and, within each, the amount appropriated for personal service. The District must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. For both years, appropriations may not exceed estimated resources.

Estimated Resources - Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1.

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NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Encumbrances – The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made.

4. Cash and Investments

The Allen County Treasurer is the custodian for the District's cash and investments. The County's cash and investment pool holds the District's cash and investments, which are reported at the County Treasurer's carrying amount. Deposit and investment disclosures for Allen County as a whole may be obtained from the Allen County Treasurer, Krista Bohn, 301 N Main St., Suite 203, Lima, OH 45801 or (419) 223-8515.

5. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of District fees charged to customers and are shown at their net realizable value.

6. Special Assessments Receivable/Unearned Special Assessments

Assessment accounts receivable are from completed construction projects and the issuance of final assessments to residents to cover those costs. The receivables are guaranteed through property tax billing. Included in the balances are deferred agricultural property assessments. These amounts will be collected when the properties no longer qualify for agricultural property status, as defined in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 929, and as certified by the County Auditor. These receivables are not recorded as revenue, but rather are offset by a deferred inflow of resources account that is called unearned special assessments. The time frame of collection is undeterminable. New special assessments levied on customers are recorded as capital contributions – special assessments in the accompanying financial statements as such assets are used to construct capital assets. However, in the Statement of Cash Flows special assessments are recorded when cash payments of special assessments from customers are collected, rather than when special assessments are levied.

7. Prepaid Expenses

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2023 and 2022 are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. The current asset of the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of purchase and as an expense in the year in which the services are consumed.

8. Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost and are depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets from five to fifty years, depending on the type of asset. Equipment is generally depreciated over five to seven years while water lines are generally depreciated over fifty years. Donated assets are reported at their estimated acquisition value on the date donated. In addition, interest costs incurred during the construction of the water system infrastructure are capitalized and included in capital assets. Once construction is complete and a project is operational, depreciation begins. Prior to 2004, the District recorded the purchase of all assets as capital assets. Since 2004, the District has maintained a capital asset threshold of \$500.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method for financial reporting purposes.

9. Planning Costs - Proposed Projects

The planning costs for proposed projects are comprised of engineering, legal and administrative planning costs which are not allocated to specific projects currently in construction. If the proposed project begins construction, the respective planning costs will be included in capital assets and depreciated (as Note B8 defines). If the proposed project does not enter construction, respective planning costs will be deemed impaired assets and written-off.

10. Interest Expense

Interest expense represents the interest portion of construction loan payments to the Ohio Water Development District and the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development.

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NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

11. **Revenue Recognition**
Revenues for service fees are recorded in the period the service is provided. Revenues for tap fees are recorded when the taps have been installed and the customer is using the service. All other revenue is recognized when earned.
12. **Income Tax**
The District operates as a public water system exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(1).
13. **Net Position**
Net position represents the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets, consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available. The District had no restrictions on net position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.
14. **Estimates**
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported on the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.
15. **Operating Revenues and Expenses**
Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the enterprise fund. For the District, these revenues are district fees and contract fee revenue for water services provided. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods and/or services that are the primary activities of the fund. Revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as nonoperating.
16. **Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**
All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the financial statements when the liability is incurred.
17. **Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources**
Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditures/expenses) until then. The District recorded a deferred outflow of resources for pension and other postemployment benefits. The deferred outflows of resources related to the pension and other postemployment benefits are explained in Note J and Note K. The District reports a deferred inflow of resources which represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenues) until that time. For the District these amounts consisted of special assessments which are recognized as a receivable; however, they are not recognized as revenue since these properties are in an agricultural deferred status and the revenue cannot be collected until the properties are converted to a non-agricultural use. The District also reports a deferred inflow of resources which represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenues) until that time. For the District this was for pensions and postemployment benefits. (See Note J and Note K)

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NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

18. Pensions and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liabilities (assets), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

NOTE C – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits - The Allen County Treasurer is the custodian for the District's deposits. These deposits were valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount of \$4,766,980 at December 31, 2023. These deposits were valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount of \$2,182,092 at December 31, 2022.

In addition, \$9 was carried in a petty cash fund as of December 31, 2023 and \$9 in 2022.

Investments – The District had no investments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

NOTE D – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE

The accounts receivable balance of \$184,801 at December 31, 2023 (\$124,253 at December 31, 2022) is current (due 0-30 days). Assessment receivables of \$1,935,629 at December 31, 2023 (\$1,802,898 at December 31, 2022) represent the remaining balance of construction assessments, less prepayments, and principal amounts received from the county auditor.

Once an assessment has been issued for construction costs, and the deadline is final for prepayments, the remaining unpaid balances are certified to the county auditor for semi-annual collection over 5 to 25 years through real estate tax billings. Interest is being charged at the same rate as the respective OWDA loan.

NOTE E – DISTRICT AND CONTRACT FEES

The District's customers, as an outside the city user, pay a service charge for water as well as a contract fee, not to exceed 50 percent of the water service charge, for the right and privilege of receiving water services as defined in the contract between the District and the City of Lima. The City of Lima is responsible for the billing and collection of all fees on behalf of the District.

NOTE F - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The District uses the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences." Vacation and personal leave benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Sick leave benefits are not accrued as a liability as employees receive no payment for accrued sick leave upon termination or retirement. The vacation and personal leave accrual as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$20,448 and \$19,059, respectively. At December 31, 2023, there was one full-time employee and one part-time employee.

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NOTE G – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District belongs to the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM) (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). The Plan is legally separate from its member governments.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio.

Effective November 1, 2016, the OPRM elected to participate in a property loss corridor deductible. The property corridor includes losses paid between 70% and 75%. In 2018, the casualty loss corridor was eliminated and the property corridor was adjusted to losses paid between 65% and 70%. Effective November 1, 2019, the property loss corridor was adjusted to losses between 60% and 67.5% and has remain unchanged. OPRM had 773 members as of December 31, 2022.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and equity at December 31, 2022 (the most recent year available).

Assets	\$ 21,662,291
Liabilities	<u>(18,158,351)</u>
Members' Equity	<u>\$ 3,503,940</u>

You can read the complete audited financial statements for OPRM at the Plan's website, www.ohioplan.org.

The District had no significant reductions in insurance coverage from prior years. The District has not had any insurance settlements which exceeded insurance coverage during the past three years.

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NOTE H – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 was as follows:

	Ending Balance 12/31/2022	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance 12/31/2023
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated				
Land Easements	\$ 7,186	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,186
Construction in Progress	1,591,240	1,837,016	(1,634,311)	1,793,945
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	1,598,426	1,837,016	(1,634,311)	1,801,131
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Water Lines	39,407,741	122,907	-	39,530,648
Water Tanks	1,977,984	1,989,217	-	3,967,201
Office Furniture and Equipment	11,424	-	-	11,424
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	41,397,149	2,112,124	-	43,509,273
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Water Lines	(9,233,920)	(918,078)	-	(10,151,998)
Water Tanks	(39,560)	(126,002)	-	(165,562)
Office Furniture and Equipment	(10,749)	-	-	(10,749)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(9,284,229)	(1,044,080)	-	(10,328,309)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	32,112,920	1,068,044	-	33,180,964
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ 33,711,346	\$ 2,905,060	\$ (1,634,311)	\$ 34,982,095

Capital assets activity for the year ended December 31, 2022 was as follows:

	Ending Balance 12/31/2021	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance 12/31/2022
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated				
Land Easements	\$ 7,186	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,186
Construction in Progress	4,549,760	7,691,367	(10,649,887)	1,591,240
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	4,556,946	7,691,367	(10,649,887)	1,598,426
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Water Lines	30,735,838	8,671,903	-	39,407,741
Water Tanks	-	1,977,984	-	1,977,984
Office Furniture and Equipment	11,424	-	-	11,424
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	30,747,262	10,649,887	-	41,397,149
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Water Lines	(8,417,223)	(816,697)	-	(9,233,920)
Water Tanks	-	(39,560)	-	(39,560)
Office Furniture and Equipment	(9,908)	(841)	-	(10,749)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(8,427,131)	(857,098)	-	(9,284,229)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	22,320,131	9,792,789	-	32,112,920
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ 26,877,077	\$ 17,484,156	\$ (10,649,887)	\$ 33,711,346

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NOTE H – CAPITAL ASSETS – Continued

The following is a more detailed schedule of capital assets at December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Land easement	\$ 7,186	\$ 7,186
Construction in Progress	1,793,945	1,591,240
Water Lines:		
Elm and Copus	349,046	349,046
Shawnee	1,447,304	1,447,304
McDonel	859,112	859,112
Hawthorne and State Route 309	472,725	472,725
Allentown	1,759,880	1,759,880
Buckeye Road & Shagbark and Snowberry	470,851	470,851
Springbrook	883,148	883,148
East Breese	542,554	542,554
Greely Chapel South	170,267	170,267
Dixie/Blue I & II	782,167	782,167
East Bluelick and Hawthorne Extensions	158,818	158,818
Lee Ann	41,969	41,969
Woodbriar	635,386	635,386
Metzger and Linfield	177,457	177,457
Fetter	216,663	216,663
Stewart	202,941	202,941
Dixie North - King	149,768	149,768
Sweger-Fraunfelter	231,822	231,822
Diller/Eastown/Frank	526,584	526,584
Eastown	185,540	185,540
Colony Park	264,676	264,676
Dixie North #3 & Zurmehly Road Extension	124,577	124,577
Bath Loop	402,204	402,204
Cotner/Wapak	231,657	231,657
Shawnee Phase II	884,160	884,160
Fort Amanda Loop	180,962	180,962
Cole Street & North Cole St. Extension Loop	168,954	168,954
North West Street	129,588	129,588
Bluelick/Thayer	306,665	306,665
Berryhill & Blue Jacket	277,836	277,836
Southeast Waterline	1,745,094	1,745,094
Airport	113,429	113,429
Raabe (Delphos) Waterline	14,771	14,771
Diller Road	149,930	149,930
Baty Road Extension	85,760	85,760
East Regional - Village of Harrod	4,272,335	4,272,335
East Regional - Village of Lafayette	4,206,630	4,206,630
Master Plan-Districtwide	199,745	192,938
Developer and Other Government Donated Lines	15,507,673	15,391,573
Total Water Lines	<u>39,530,648</u>	<u>39,407,741</u>
Water Storage Tanks		
East Regional Water Tank	2,332,890	1,977,984
Rudolph Water Tank	1,634,311	-
Total Water Storage Tanks	<u>3,967,201</u>	<u>1,977,984</u>
Office furniture and equipment	11,424	11,424
Total Capital Assets	<u>45,310,404</u>	<u>42,995,575</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(10,328,309)</u>	<u>(9,284,229)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 34,982,095</u>	<u>\$ 33,711,346</u>

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NOTE I – CURRENT AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt obligations and the related transactions for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are summarized below.

	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/23</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Loan Payable OWDA #2139, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$5,095 starting July 1, 2001, including interest at 5.77%, due January, 2026	27,700	-	8,710	18,990	9,225
Loan Payable OWDA #3129, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$6,106 starting January 1, 1998, including interest at 5.94%, due July, 2023	-	-	-	-	-
Loan Payable OWDA #3130, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$4,394 starting July 1, 1999, including interest at 6.32%, due January, 2024	8,205	-	8,205	-	-
Loan Payable OWDA #3131, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$22,602 starting July 1, 1999, including interest at 5.66%, due January, 2024	42,496	-	42,496	-	-
Loan Payable OWDA #3132, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$16,091 starting January 1, 2000, including interest at 5.54%, due July, 2024	44,930	-	29,692	15,238	15,238
Loan Payable OWDA #3209, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$6,886 starting July 1, 2001, including interest at 6.13%, due January, 2026	37,221	-	11,666	25,555	12,392

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NOTE I – CURRENT AND LONG-TERM DEBT – Continued

	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/23</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Loan Payable OWDA #3210, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$6,650 starting July 1, 2001, including interest at 6.13%, due January, 2026	35,945	-	11,266	24,679	11,967
Loan Payable OWDA #3230, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$25,851 starting July 1, 2001, including interest at 6.41%, due January, 2026	139,093	-	43,472	95,621	46,303
Loan Payable OWDA #3297, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$3,104 starting July 1, 2001, including interest at 6.39%, due January, 2026	16,709	-	5,223	11,486	5,562
Loan Payable OWDA #3874, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$7,864 starting January 1, 2004, including interest at 4.28%, due July, 2028	76,355	-	12,593	63,762	13,138
Loan Payable OWDA #3910, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$6,226 starting January 1, 2004, including interest at 4.28%, due July, 2028	60,447	-	9,970	50,477	10,401
Loan Payable OWDA #4056, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$22,038 starting January 1, 2005, including interest at 4.16%, due July, 2029	248,778	-	34,077	214,701	35,509

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	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/23</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Loan Payable OWDA #4279, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$3,182 starting January 1, 2006, including interest at 4.0%, due July, 2030	40,890	-	4,776	36,114	4,969
Loan Payable OWDA #4566, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$16,517 starting January 1, 2007, including interest at 4.09%, due July, 2031	235,179	-	23,655	211,524	24,633
Loan Payable OWDA #6589, payable in 20 semiannual installments of \$48,532 starting July 1, 2015, including interest at 3.82% due January, 2025	185,207	-	90,854	94,353	94,353
Loan Payable OWDA #8383, payable in 20 semiannual installments of \$2,425 starting Jan 1, 2020 including interest at 2.92% due January, 2039	61,647	-	3,073	58,574	3,163
Loan Payable OWDA #9672, payable in 20 semiannual installments in amounts to be determined once project is complete including interest at 1.60% due July, 2033	549,111	193,852	35,339	707,624	71,529
Loan Payable OWDA #10320, payable in 20 semiannual installments in amounts to be determined once project is complete including interest at 3.28% due July, 2043	-	1,210,712	37,121	1,173,591	77,305
LGIF Loan Payable in quarterly installments of \$10,000 starting April 30, 2016 including interest at 0.00% until loan paid off	117,844	-	40,000	77,844	40,000

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	<u>Balance 12/31/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/23</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Ohio Water & Sewer Rotary					
See additional documentation below	268,115	-	3,804	264,311	-
USDA Loans	3,902,600	-	371,700	3,530,900	72,057
OPWC Loans	295,325	-	-	295,325	-
Net Pension Liabilities	70,908	192,589	-	263,497	-
Net OPEB Liabilities	-	8,979	-	8,979	-
Compensated Absences	19,059	1,389	-	20,448	20,448
Totals	<u>\$ 6,483,764</u>	<u>\$ 1,607,521</u>	<u>\$ 827,692</u>	<u>\$ 7,263,593</u>	<u>\$ 568,192</u>

Ohio Water and Sewer Rotary Commission (Direct Borrowing) – The District has obtained six loans from the Ohio Water and Sewer Rotary Commission for the construction of water lines. These loans provide funding assistance for that portion of the project for which collections of assessments from certain owners of underdeveloped property located within an agricultural district are exempted pursuant to Section 929.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, subject to the performance of certain terms and conditions of repayment. As part of the agreement, whenever the use of the agricultural land changes, the full amount of the assessment is to be charged for the portion of the property that was exempted under Section 929.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, and repayment is required to be made to the Ohio Water and Sewer Rotary Commission. No amortization schedule is shown for these loans as there is no set repayment schedule. If the loan is not repaid within one year of the land use change, the interest rate will be the 20-bond index rate, as quoted in the latest edition of “The Bond Buyer” minus 4% per annum or 5% per annum, whichever is greater.

Local Government Innovation Fund Loan (Direct Borrowing) – In 2013, the District was approved to receive a Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) loan for up to \$500,000 at an annual interest rate of 0% for the purpose of the Southeast Regional Waterline Improvement Area Phase 1 construction in conjunction with a match by the District and additional funds provided by the Allen County Commissioners, a LGIF grant, and OWDA Loan #6589. Although the District was approved for the loan in 2013, draws from this loan did not occur until fiscal year 2014 with draws totaling \$397,844 at which time the loan was closed. Loan payments began during 2016 with quarterly installments of \$10,000 for a total annual payment of \$40,000. This debt is anticipated to be repaid in 2025.

During 2022, the District entered into intergovernmental agreements with the Villages of Harrod and Lafayette which provided that the District would assume management responsibilities for the repayment of Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Loans that were issued to provide additional resources to finance the East Regional Waterline project. The District has recorded these loans in the accompanying financial statements as the District will be collecting revenues and making payments on these loans over the life of the loans. The loans had not been fully disbursed as of December 31, 2023 so no amortization schedule is included for these loans at the present time.

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Long-term debt obligations and the related transactions for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 are summarized below.

	<u>Balance 12/31/21</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Loan Payable OWDA #2139, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$5,095 starting July 1, 2001, including interest at 5.77%, due January, 2026	35,933	-	8,233	27,700	8,714
Loan Payable OWDA #3129, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$6,106 starting January 1, 1998, including interest at 5.94%, due July, 2023	11,530	-	11,530	-	-
Loan Payable OWDA #3130, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$4,394 starting July 1, 1999, including interest at 6.32%, due January, 2024	15,983	-	7,778	8,205	8,205
Loan Payable OWDA #3131, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$22,602 starting July 1, 1999, including interest at 5.66%, due January, 2024	83,001	-	40,505	42,496	42,496
Loan Payable OWDA #3132, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$16,091 starting January 1, 2000, including interest at 5.54%, due July, 2024	73,064	-	28,134	44,930	29,693
Loan Payable OWDA #3209, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$6,886 starting July 1, 2001, including interest at 6.13%, due January, 2026	48,203	-	10,982	37,221	11,666

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	<u>Balance 12/31/21</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Loan Payable OWDA #3210, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$6,650 starting July 1, 2001, including interest at 6.13%, due January, 2026	46,551	-	10,606	35,945	11,266
Loan Payable OWDA #3230, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$25,851 starting July 1, 2001, including interest at 6.41%, due January, 2026	179,906	-	40,813	139,093	43,472
Loan Payable OWDA #3297, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$3,104 starting July 1, 2001, including interest at 6.39%, due January, 2026	21,614	-	4,905	16,709	5,223
Loan Payable OWDA #3874, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$7,864 starting January 1, 2004, including interest at 4.28%, due July, 2028	88,427	-	12,072	76,355	12,593
Loan Payable OWDA #3910, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$6,226 starting January 1, 2004, including interest at 4.28%, due July, 2028	70,005	-	9,558	60,447	9,970
Loan Payable OWDA #4056, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$22,038 starting January 1, 2005, including interest at 4.16%, due July, 2029	281,481	-	32,703	248,778	34,077

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	<u>Balance 12/31/21</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Loan Payable OWDA #4279, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$3,182 starting January 1, 2006, including interest at 4.0%, due July, 2030	45,480	-	4,590	40,890	4,776
Loan Payable OWDA #4566, payable in 50 semiannual installments of \$16,517 starting January 1, 2007, including interest at 4.09%, due July, 2031	257,896	-	22,717	235,179	23,655
Loan Payable OWDA #6589, payable in 20 semiannual installments of \$48,532 starting July 1, 2015, including interest at 3.82% due January, 2025	272,680	-	87,473	185,207	90,850
Loan Payable OWDA #8383, payable in 20 semiannual installments of \$2,425 starting Jan 1, 2020 including interest at 2.92% due January, 2039	64,633	-	2,986	61,647	3,073
Loan Payable OWDA #9672, payable in 20 semiannual installments in amounts to be determined once project is complete including interest at 1.60% due July, 2033	-	549,111	-	549,111	-
LGIF Loan Payable in quarterly installments of \$10,000 starting April 30, 2016 including interest at 0.00% until loan paid off	157,844	-	40,000	117,844	40,000

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	<u>Balance 12/31/2021</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Ohio Water & Sewer Rotary See additional documentation below	270,013	-	1,898	268,115	-
USDA Loans	1,057,360	2,880,640	35,400	3,902,600	72,057
OPWC Loans	-	295,325	-	295,325	-
Net Pension Liabilities	117,722	-	46,814	70,908	-
Net OPEB Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Compensated Absences	14,437	4,622	-	19,059	19,059
Totals	<u>\$ 3,213,763</u>	<u>\$ 3,729,698</u>	<u>\$ 459,697</u>	<u>\$ 6,483,764</u>	<u>\$ 470,845</u>

During fiscal year 2021, the District entered into two loan agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development to assist in financing the East Regional Waterline project. The first loan agreement provided for a loan of \$2,680,000 at a 1.75% interest rate to be paid back over a 40-year period. Draws on the first loan started during fiscal year 2021. The second loan agreement provided for a loan of \$1,258,000 at a 1.75% interest rate to be paid back over a 40-year period. Draws on the second loan agreement did not start until fiscal year 2022. The amortization schedule for these loans is shown on the following page.

Future principal and interest payments on all OWDA loans and the LGIF loan are as follows:

Year Ending December 30,	OWDA Loans			LGIF Loan		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	435,687	114,342	550,029	40,000	-	40,000
2025	1,355,482	35,368	1,390,850	37,844	-	37,844
2026	173,464	25,930	199,394	-	-	-
2027	178,799	20,596	199,395	-	-	-
2028	170,235	15,068	185,303	-	-	-
2029-2033	466,210	25,009	491,219	-	-	-
2034-2038	22,412	1,840	24,252	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,802,289</u>	<u>\$ 238,153</u>	<u>\$ 3,040,442</u>	<u>\$ 77,844</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 77,844</u>

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Future principal and interest payments on the USDA loans are as follows:

Year Ending December 30,	USDA Loans		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	72,057	68,072	140,129
2025	73,233	66,897	140,130
2026	74,702	65,428	140,130
2027	76,106	64,024	140,130
2028	77,269	62,861	140,130
2029-2033	407,316	293,331	700,647
2034-2038	444,659	255,988	700,647
2039-2043	485,068	215,579	700,647
2044-2048	529,242	171,405	700,647
2049-2053	577,379	123,267	700,646
2054-2058	630,046	70,601	700,647
2059-2061	83,823	15,583	99,406
Total	<u>\$ 3,530,900</u>	<u>\$ 1,473,036</u>	<u>\$ 5,003,936</u>

In connection with the OWDA loans which are all considered direct borrowings, the District has pledged future revenues to repay this debt. The loans are payable through their final maturities solely from operating and certain nonoperating revenues received during the course of business. Revenues available for these loans for 2023 and 2022 were \$1,552,933 and \$914,108, respectively. Principal and interest payments totaled \$499,614 and \$400,184 for the years 2023 and 2022 (includes interest subsidy amounts), respectively. The coverage ratios for these loans were 3.11 and 2.28 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The OWDA loans contain provisions that in an event of default, (1) the amount of such default shall bear interest at the default rate from the due date until the date of payment, (2) if any of the charges have not been paid within thirty days, in addition to the interest calculated at the default rate, a late charge of 1 percent on the amount of each default shall also be paid to OWDA, and (3) for each additional thirty days during which the charges remain unpaid, the District shall continue to pay an additional late charge of 1 percent on the amount of the default until such charges are paid.

On February 18, 2016, the District was notified by the Ohio Water Development District (OWDA) that they had implemented an interest rate buy-down program to assist communities and local governments with outstanding OWDA loans. Any District OWDA loans with interest rates exceeding 4.00% will see a reduction of the interest rate to 4.00%. The buy-down was credited to District payments starting with the July 1, 2016 due dates and resulted in an interest subsidy in 2021 which was treated as both a non-operating revenue (Intergovernmental Revenue) and a non-operating expense (Interest Expense) in the accompanying financial statements. The District will receive an estimated \$8,026 of additional interest subsidies through 2031 in the following amounts annually:

2024	4,562
2025	2,220
2026	519
2027	360
2028	194
2029	128
2030	36
2031	<u>7</u>
Total	<u>\$8,026</u>

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The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

The net pension liability and the net OPEB liability (asset) represent the District’s proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the District’s obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The District cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, the District does receive the benefit of employees’ services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system’s board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset).

Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The remainder of this note includes the pension disclosures. See Note K for the OPEB disclosures.

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

The District participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Effective January 1, 2022, new members may no longer select the Combined Plan, and current members may no longer make a plan change to this plan. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the traditional plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. District to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS’ fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

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Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) - Continued

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional plan as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS’ CAFR referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

Group A Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	Group B 20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Group C Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35

Final average salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member’s career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member’s career. Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The initial amount of a member’s pension benefit is vested upon receipt of the initial benefit payment for calculation of an annual cost-of-living adjustment.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, current law provides for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment of the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those retiring prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA is 3 percent. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the COLA is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member’s contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member’s investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members’ contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members’ investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20 percent each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts.

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Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) - Continued

Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	Local
2023 and 2022 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	14.0 %
Employee *	10.0 %
2023 and 2022 Actual Contribution Rates	
Employer:	
Pension **	14.0 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits **	0.0
Total Employer	14.0 %
Employee	10.0 %

* Member contributions within the combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.

** These pension and employer health care rates are for the traditional and combined plans. The employer contributions rate for the member-directed plan is allocated 4 percent for health care with the remainder going to pension.

The District’s contractually required contribution to OPERS was \$19,352 for fiscal year 2023 and \$17,261 for 2022 respectively. Of this amount, \$621 and \$301 were reported as a payroll liability for 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Net Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability reported as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 were measured as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of those dates. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities.

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Net Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – Continued

Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	2023 OPERS	2022 OPERS
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Current Year	0.000892%	0.000815%
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Prior Year	0.000815%	0.000795%
Change in Proportionate Share Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.000077%	0.000020%
Pension Expense	\$263,497	\$70,908
	\$43,380	\$14,544

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	2023	2022
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Differences between projected and actual economic experience	\$ 8,752	\$ 3,615
Changes in assumptions	2,784	8,867
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	75,105	-
Changes in proportion	8,841	2,475
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	19,352	17,261
Total	\$ 114,834	\$ 32,218
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences between projected and actual economic experience	\$ -	\$ 1,555
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	-	84,343
Changes in proportion	-	47
Total	\$ -	\$ 85,945

\$19,352 and \$17,261 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement dates as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 respectively, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the years ending December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	OPERS
Year Ending December 31:	
2024	\$16,412
2025	20,171
2026	22,108
2027	36,791
Total	\$95,482

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Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Projections of benefits for financial-reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, using the following actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67. In 2021, the Board's actuarial consultants conducted an experience study for the period 2016 through 2020, comparing assumptions to actual results. The experience study incorporates both a historical review and forward-looking projections to determine the appropriate set of assumptions to keep the plan on a path toward full funding. Information from this study led to changes in both demographic and economic assumptions, with the most notable being a reduction in the actuarially assumed rate of return from 7.2% down to 6.9%, for the defined benefit investments.

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, prepared as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, are presented below for the OPERS Traditional Plan.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	5-year period ended December 31, 2020	5-year period ended December 31, 2020
Experience Study	2020	2020
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	2.75 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:		
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3 percent, simple through 2023, then 2.05 percent, simple	3 percent, simple through 2022, then 2.05 percent, simple
Investment Rate of Return	6.9 percent	6.9 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The allocation of investment assets within the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major asset class that is included in the Defined Benefit

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NOTE J – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS -Continued

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS - Continued

portfolio’s target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	2022	2021	2022	2021
	Target Allocation	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Fixed Income	22.00 %	24.00 %	2.62 %	1.03 %
Domestic Equities	22.00	21.00	4.60	3.78
Real Estate	13.00	11.00	3.27	3.66
Private Equity	15.00	12.00	7.53	7.43
International Equities	21.00	23.00	5.51	4.88
Risk Parity	2.00	5.00	4.37	2.92
Other Investments	5.00	4.00	3.27	2.85
Total	100.00 %	100.00 %		

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets of the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was a loss of 12.1% for 2022.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.9% and 6.9% for the Traditional Pension Plan for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following tables presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated as of the measurement dates of December 31, 2022 and 2021 using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.9 and 6.9 percent, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.9 and 5.9 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (7.9 and 7.9 percent) than the current rate:

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Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS - Continued

For the year ended December 31, 2023:

	1% Decrease <u>(5.9%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(6.9%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(7.9%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$394,710	\$263,497	\$154,352

For the year ended December 31, 2022:

	1% Decrease <u>(5.9%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(6.9%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(7.9%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$186,953	\$70,908	(\$25,656)

NOTE K - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

See Note J for a description of the net OPEB liability/asset.

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust. The 115 Health Care Trust (115 Trust or Health Care Trust) was established in 2014, under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The purpose of the 115 Trust is to fund health care for the Traditional Pension, Combined and Member-Directed plans. Medicare-enrolled retirees in the Traditional Pension and Combined plans may have an allowance deposited into a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) account to be used toward the health care program of their choice selected with the assistance of an OPERS vendor. Non-Medicare retirees have converted to an arrangement similar to the Medicare-enrolled retirees and are no longer participating in OPERS provided self-insured group plans.

With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to traditional pension plan and combined plan benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents.

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NOTE K - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - Continued

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

OPERS members enrolled in the Traditional Pension Plan or Combined Plan retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022, or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

Medicare Retirees Medicare-eligible with a minimum of 20 years of qualifying service credit

Non-Medicare Retirees Non-Medicare retirees qualify based on the following age-and-service criteria:

Group A 30 years of qualifying service credit at any age;

Group B 32 years of qualifying service credit at any age or 31 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 52;

Group C 32 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 55; or,

A retiree from groups A, B or C who qualifies for an unreduced pension, but a portion of their service credit is not health care qualifying service, can still qualify for health care at age 60 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying health care service credit

Retirees who don't meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service.

Members with a retirement date prior to January 1, 2022 who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022.

Eligible retirees may receive a monthly HRA allowance for reimbursement of health care coverage premiums and other qualified medical expenses. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are provided to eligible retirees, and are deposited into their HRA account.

Retirees will have access to the OPERS Connector, which is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees participating in the health care program. The OPERS Connector may assist retirees in selecting and enrolling in the appropriate health care plan.

When members become Medicare-eligible, recipients enrolled in OPERS health care programs must enroll in Medicare Part A (hospitalization) and Medicare Part B (medical).

OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50 percent of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

The health care trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or separation, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

The Ohio Revised Code permits but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. District to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - Continued

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer’s contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan and the combined plan.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2023 and 2022, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.1 percent. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Net Other Post Employment Benefit OPEB Liability (Asset), OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB Liability (Asset)

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2023 and calendar year 2022. For the calendar year 2022 and for the time period January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, OPERS did not allocate any employer contributions to health care for members in the Combined Plan. For the time period July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 OPERS allocated 2.0 percent of employer contributions to health care for members in the Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the Member-Directed Plan for 2023 and 2022 was 4.0 percent. Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The District’s contractually required contribution was \$0 for 2023 and 2022.

The net OPEB liability (asset) and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 rolled forward to the measurement dates of December 31, 2022 and 2021, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. The District’s proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the District’s share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	2023	2022
	OPERS	OPERS
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) - Current Year	0.001424%	0.000788%
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) - Prior Year	0.000788%	0.000740%
Change in Proportionate Share	0.000636%	0.000048%
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$8,979	(\$24,681)
OPEB Expense (Gain)	(\$15,391)	(\$14,841)

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Net Other Post Employment Benefit OPEB Liability (Asset), OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB Liability (Asset)– Continued

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	2023	2022
Deferred Outflows of Resources	OPERS	OPERS
Changes of assumptions	\$ 8,770	\$ -
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	17,832	-
Change in proportions	685	807
Total	\$ 27,287	\$ 807
	OPERS	OPERS
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ (2,239)	\$ (3,744)
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	-	(11,766)
Changes of assumptions	(722)	(9,990)
Change in proportions	0	(32)
Total	\$ (2,961)	\$ (25,532)

There were no District contributions subsequent to the measurement date for OPEB.

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	<u>OPERS</u>
Fiscal Year Ending December:	
2024	3,475
2025	6,675
2026	5,561
2027	8,615
	\$24,326

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of health care costs for financial-reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between the System and plan members. In 2021, the Board's actuarial consultants conducted an experience study for the period 2016 through 2020, comparing historical assumptions to actual results. The experience study incorporates both a historical review and forward-looking projections to determine the appropriate set of assumptions to keep the plan on a path toward full funding. Information from this study led to changes in both demographic and economic assumptions.

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, rolled forward to the measurement dates of December 31, 2022 and 2021.

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Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS – Continued

The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increases, including inflation	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation at 2.75%	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
Future Salary Increases, including inflation		
Single Discount Rate:		
Current measurement date	5.22 percent	6.00 percent
Investment Rate of Return	6.00 percent	6.00 percent
Municipal Bond Rate	4.05 percent	1.84 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	5.5 percent, initial 3.50 percent ultimate in 2036	5.5 percent, initial 3.50 percent ultimate in 2034
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age
Experience Study	5-Year Period Ended December 31, 2020	5-Year Period Ended December 31, 2020

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made. Health-care related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested for the Health Care portfolio was a loss of 15.6% for 2022.

The allocation of investment assets within the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. The System’s primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return were provided by the Board’s investment consultant.

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Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS – Continued

For each major asset class that is included in the Health Care’s portfolio’s target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	2022	2021	2022	2021
	Target Allocation	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	34.00 %	34.00 %	2.56 %	0.91 %
Domestic Equities	26.00	25.00	4.60	3.78
Real Estate Investment Trust	7.00	7.00	4.70	3.71
International Equities	25.00	25.00	5.51	4.88
Risk Parity	2.00	2.00	4.37	2.92
Other Investments	6.00	7.00	1.84	1.93
Total	100.00 %	100.00 %		

Discount Rate A single discount rate of 5.22 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2022. A single discount rate of 6.00 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2021. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an actuarial assumed rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00 percent and a municipal bond rate of 4.05 percent (Fidelity Index’s “20-Year Municipal GO AA Index”) for the year ended December 31, 2022. This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00 percent and a municipal bond rate of 1.84 percent for the year ended December 31, 2021. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2054. As a result, the actuarial assumed long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2054, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

Sensitivity of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates

The following table presents the District’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) calculated as of the measurement date December 31, 2022, using the single discount rate of 5.22 percent, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (4.22 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (6.22 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (4.22%)	Current Discount Rate (5.22%)	1% Increase (6.22%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$30,559	\$8,979	(\$8,929)

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Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS – Continued

Sensitivity of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates - Continued

The following table presents the District’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) calculated as of the measurement date December 31, 2021, using the single discount rate of 6.00 percent, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.00 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (7.00 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.00%)	Current Discount Rate (6.00%)	1% Increase (7.00%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$14,515)	(\$24,681)	(\$33,120)

Sensitivity of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate

Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability. The following table presents the net OPEB liability (asset) calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability (asset) if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2023 is 5.50 percent. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is that the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50 percent in the most recent valuation.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023:

	1% Decrease	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$8,416	\$8,979	\$9,612

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022:

	1% Decrease	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$24,948)	(\$24,681)	(\$24,365)

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NOTE L – CONTINGENCIES

The District’s general legal counsel is Spitler Huffman, LLP, Rossford, Ohio.

Pending or Threatened Litigation – During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the District had no pending contingent liabilities of which management is aware.

Contractually Assumed Obligations – To Counsel’s knowledge, the District has assumed contractual obligations only with regard to the financing of its planning and construction activities for the construction of water systems. No claim against these contractual obligations has been made or is anticipated that would result in an unfavorable outcome to the District.

Claims and Assessments – To Counsel’s knowledge, there are no unasserted claims and/or assessments which, if asserted, would have a reasonable possibility of an unfavorable outcome with a material effect upon the financial condition of the District.

Grants - The District received financial assistance from a Federal agency in the form of grants and loans. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the District. However, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the District at December 31, 2023, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

NOTE M – CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ALLEN COUNTY

On September 1, 2020, Allen Water District entered into an assignment and assumption agreement with Allen County to facilitate comprehensive water distribution services to Allen County and the surrounding area, excluding any areas served by incorporated municipalities. The agreement provided that effective for services provided in 2021, Allen Water District receives revenues generated from service charges to customers who were previously served by Allen County and the District provides services to these customers and will manage operations for these water customers. The District is responsible for ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure and places a portion of the revenues generated from these customers into a separate fund to be used for capital improvements to the system. A portion of the revenues generated from these customers are used for ongoing administrative expenses of the District. The District recorded all of the transfer of assets and related transactions in the 2021 financial statements. The District recorded the assignment of the assets (water lines) at estimated acquisition value in the financial statement account entitled capital contributions – donated and assigned lines in the accompanying financial statements. The amount recorded for the assigned lines was \$10,629,010. The County appointed three additional members to the Allen Water District Board as a result of this agreement.

NOTE N – CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

The District has several significant contracts outstanding as of December 31, 2023 which are denoted below.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended 12/31/23</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>
Indianbrook Waterline Improvements	Degen Excavating Company, Inc.	\$2,067,997	\$1,476,602	\$591,395
Rudolph Water Storage Tank	Caldwell Tanks, Inc.	\$1,509,774	\$1,503,987	\$5,787

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NOTE O – ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION

Ohio Revised Code Section 6111.44 requires the District to submit any changes to their water system to the Ohio EPA for approval. Through this review process, the District would be responsible to address any public safety issues associated with their water treatment facilities. Any ARO associated with these public safety issues are not reasonably estimable. Currently, there is significant uncertainty as to what public safety items would need addressed; therefore, a reliable estimated amount could not be determined.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Allen Water District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
Last Ten Years

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.000892%	0.000815%	0.000795%	0.000796%	0.000598%	0.000460%	0.000148%	0.000149%	0.000139%	0.000139%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 263,497	\$ 70,908	\$ 117,722	\$ 157,335	\$ 163,780	\$ 72,165	\$ 33,608	\$ 25,809	\$ 16,765	\$ 16,386
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 123,293	\$ 122,129	\$ 111,929	\$ 98,479	\$ 80,786	\$ 59,346	\$ 19,125	\$ 52,200	\$ 51,225	\$ 52,762
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	213.72%	58.06%	105.18%	159.77%	202.73%	121.60%	175.73%	49.44%	32.73%	31.06%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	75.74%	86.88%	86.88%	82.17%	74.70%	84.66%	77.25%	81.10%	86.50%	86.40%

Amounts presented as of the District's measurement date which is the prior year

See notes to accompanying required supplementary information.

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Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Pension Contributions
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
Last Ten Years

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 19,352	\$ 17,261	\$ 17,098	\$ 15,670	\$ 13,787	\$ 11,310	\$ 7,715	\$ 2,295	\$ 6,264	\$ 6,147
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(19,352)</u>	<u>(17,261)</u>	<u>(17,098)</u>	<u>(15,670)</u>	<u>(13,787)</u>	<u>(11,310)</u>	<u>(7,715)</u>	<u>(2,295)</u>	<u>(6,264)</u>	<u>(6,147)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 138,229	\$ 123,293	\$ 122,129	\$ 111,929	\$ 98,479	\$ 80,786	\$ 59,346	\$ 19,125	\$ 52,200	\$ 51,225
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%

See notes to accompanying required supplementary information.

Allen Water District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
Last Seven Years (1)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.00142400%	0.00078800%	0.00074000%	0.00074100%	0.00055700%	0.00043000%	0.00036000%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 8,979	\$ (24,681)	\$ (13,184)	\$ 102,351	\$ 72,620	\$ 46,695	\$ 36,361
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 123,293	\$ 122,129	\$ 111,929	\$ 98,479	\$ 80,786	\$ 59,346	\$ 19,125
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	7.28%	-20.21%	-11.78%	103.93%	89.89%	78.68%	190.12%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	94.79%	128.23%	115.57%	47.80%	46.33%	54.14%	54.05%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available.
Amounts presented as of the District's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year.

See notes to accompanying required supplementary information.

Allen Water District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's OPEB Contributions
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
Last Eight Years

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 593	\$ 1,620
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	(593)	(1,620)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District covered-employee payroll	\$ 138,229	\$ 123,293	\$ 122,129	\$ 111,929	\$ 98,479	\$ 80,786	\$ 59,346	\$ 19,125
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.00%	8.50%

(1) Information prior to 2016 is not available.

See notes to accompanying required supplementary information.

OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

OPERS Net Pension Liability

Changes in benefit terms:

There were no changes in benefit terms for 2015 through 2017.

For 2018, COLAs provided up to December 31, 2018 will be based upon a simple, 3 percent COLA. COLAs provided after December 31, 2018 continue to be simple, but will be based upon the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and not greater than 3 percent.

There were no significant changes in benefit terms for 2019 or 2020.

For 2021, in October 2020, the OPERS Board adopted a change in COLA for Post-January 7, 2013 retirees, changing it from 1.4 percent simple through 2020 then 2.15 simple to .5 percent simple through 2021 then 2.15 percent simple.

For 2022, the OPERS Board adopted a change in COLA for Post-January 7, 2013 retirees, changing it from .5 percent simple through 2021, then 2.15 simple to 3.0 percent simple through 2022 then 2.05 percent simple.

Changes in Assumptions:

There was a change in assumptions for 2023 and 2022. There were no significant changes in assumptions for 2021 and 2020. Amounts reported beginning in 2019 incorporate changes in assumptions used by OPERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These assumptions compared with those used beginning in 2017 and in 2016 are presented below:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021, 2020 and 2019</u>
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	2.75 percent	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:			
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	See below	See below	See below
Investment Rate of Return	6.9 percent	6.9 percent	7.2 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age
	<u>2018 and 2017</u>	<u>2016 and prior</u>	
Wage Inflation	3.25 percent	3.75 percent	
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	4.25 to 10.05 percent including wage inflation	
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:			
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple	
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	See below	See below	
Investment Rate of Return	7.5 percent	8 percent	
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age	

OPERS Net OPEB Liability

Changes in benefit terms:

There were no significant changes in benefit terms for 2018-2023.

Changes in assumptions

The assumptions related COLA or Ad Hoc COLA for Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees are as follows:

2023	3.0 percent, simple through 2023 then 2.05 percent, simple
2022	3.0 percent, simple through 2022 then 2.05 percent, simple
2021	0.5 percent, simple through 2021 then 2.15 percent, simple

OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS) (CONTINUED)

OPERS Net OPEB Liability (Continued)

Changes in Assumptions: (Continued)

2020	1.4 percent, simple through 2020 then 2.15 percent, simple
2017 through 2019	3 percent, simple through 2018 then 2.15 percent, simple
2016 and prior	3 percent, simple through 2018 then 2.80 percent, simple

Amounts reported beginning in 2022 use mortality rates based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

Amounts reported beginning in 2017 use mortality rates based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table. For males, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015. For females, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvements back to the observation period base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2010. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality tables, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015 for males and 2010 for females. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year for both healthy and disabled retiree mortality tables are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to the above described tables.

Amounts reported for 2016 and prior use mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table projected 20 years using Projection Scale AA. For males, 105 percent of the combined healthy male mortality rates were used. For females, 100 percent of the combined healthy female mortality rates were used. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2000 mortality table with no projections. For males 120 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used set forward two years. For females, 100 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used.

Investment Return Assumption:

2023-2019	6 percent
2018	6.5 percent

Municipal Bond Rate:

2023	4.05 percent
2022	1.84 percent
2021	2.00 percent
2020	2.75 percent
2019	3.71 percent
2018	3.31 percent

Single Discount Rate:

2023	5.22 percent
2022-2021	6.00 percent
2020	3.16 percent
2019	3.96 percent
2018	3.85 percent

Allen Water District
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS) (CONTINUED)

OPERS Net OPEB Liability (Continued)

Changes in Assumptions: (Continued)

Health Care Cost Trend Rate:

2023	5.5 percent, initial 3.5 percent, ultimate in 2036
2022	5.5 percent, initial 3.5 percent, ultimate in 2034
2021	8.5 percent, initial 3.5 percent, ultimate in 2035
2020	10 percent, initial 3.5 percent, ultimate in 2030
2019	10 percent, initial 3.25 percent, ultimate in 2029
2018	7.5 percent, initial 3.25 percent, ultimate in 2028

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**ALLEN WATER DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Federal AL Number	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE <i>(Direct)</i>		
Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities - Loans	10.760	\$1,101,303
Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities - Grants	10.760	<u>\$67,983</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		<u>1,169,286</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards		<u>\$1,169,286</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**ALLEN WATER DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Allen Water District (the District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the District.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

The District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D - MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Certain Federal programs require the District to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The District has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Allen Water District
Allen County
3230 North Cole Street
Lima, Ohio 45801

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the Allen Water District, Allen County, (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 25, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's 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 statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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 District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

July 25, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Allen Water District
Allen County
3230 North Cole Street
Lima, Ohio 45801

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited Allen Water District's, Allen County, (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Allen Water District's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2023. Allen Water District's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, Allen Water District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

The District's Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

July 25, 2024

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**ALLEN WATER DISTRICT
ALLEN COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities - ALN 10.760
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	No

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

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AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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