

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Varney, Fink & Associates, Inc.
Certified Public Accountants



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

Board Members
Northern Ohio Rural Water
PO Box 96
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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of the Northern Ohio Rural Water, Huron County, prepared by Varney, Fink & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Northern Ohio Rural Water is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Mary Taylor

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Auditor of State

September 27, 2010

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**NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Board of Trustees
Northern Ohio Rural Water
PO Box 96
Collins, Ohio 44826

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Northern Ohio Rural Water, Huron County (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the District as of December 31, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 13, 2010, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT (continued)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by *U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the financial statements of the District. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Operating Expenses on page 25 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Varney, Fink & Associates

VARNEY, FNK & ASSOCIATES, INC.
Certified Public Accountants

September 13, 2010

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

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

Overview of Basic Financial Statements

The District is described in Note 1, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, on page eleven (11). The Basic Financial Statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting as further described in the above-mentioned note. The **Statement of Net Assets** includes all of the District's Assets and Liabilities. This statement provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) owned by the District, and obligations owed by the District (liabilities) on December 31. the District's net assets (equity) are the difference between assets and liabilities. The **Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets** provides information on the District's operations over the period and the revenue collected from user fees, charges and late fees, and other income. Revenues are reported when earned and expenses are reported when incurred. The **Statement of Cash Flows** provides information about the District's cash receipts and cash disbursements. It summarizes the net changes in cash resulting from operating, investing, and financing activities.

Table I summarizes the Net Assets of the District.

TABLE I

	2009	Restated 2008	2009 vs 2008	
			Dollar Change	Percent Change
Current and other assets	\$2,468,260	\$2,645,387	(\$177,127)	-6.7%
Capital assets	44,259,208	43,193,168	1,066,040	2.5%
Total assets	<u>\$46,727,468</u>	<u>\$45,838,555</u>	<u>\$888,913</u>	1.9%
Current liabilities	\$3,999,716	\$5,388,956	(\$1,389,240)	-25.8%
Long-term liabilities	35,839,894	34,556,545	1,283,349	3.7%
Total liabilities	<u>\$39,839,610</u>	<u>\$39,945,501</u>	<u>(\$105,891)</u>	-0.3%
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$6,344,186	\$5,920,795	\$423,391	7.2%
Restricted	340,941	187,978	152,963	81.4%
Unrestricted	202,731	(215,719)	418,450	194.0%
Total net assets	<u>\$6,887,858</u>	<u>\$5,893,054</u>	<u>\$994,804</u>	16.9%

- The total assets of the District exceeded liabilities on December 31, 2009 and 2008 by \$6,887,858 and \$5,893,054, respectively.
- The District's net assets increased \$994,804 and \$2,650,976 in 2009 and 2008, respectively.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Table II summarizes the changes in Revenue and Expenses and the resulting change in Net Assets.

TABLE II

	2009	Restated 2008	2009 vs 2008	
			Dollar Change	Percent Change
Operating revenues	\$6,746,815	\$6,878,389	(\$131,574)	-1.9%
Operating expenses	4,762,346	4,583,816	178,530	3.9%
Income from operations	<u>\$1,984,469</u>	<u>\$2,294,573</u>	<u>(\$310,104)</u>	-13.5%
Non-operating revenues	\$1,048,744	\$864,468	\$184,276	21.3%
Non-operating expenses	(2,038,409)	(1,858,639)	(179,770)	9.7%
Non-operating loss	<u>(\$989,665)</u>	<u>(\$994,171)</u>	<u>\$4,506</u>	-5.0%
Change in net assets	\$994,804	\$1,300,402	(\$305,598)	-23.5%
Beginning net assets	5,893,054	4,592,652	1,300,402	28.3%
Ending net assets	<u>\$6,887,858</u>	<u>\$5,893,054</u>	<u>\$994,804</u>	16.9%

- The District's Operating Revenues decreased in 2009 and increased in 2008 by (\$131,574) (-2%) and \$684,410 (11%), respectively, while Operating Expenses increased \$178,530 (4%) and \$216,819 (5%) respectively.

Significant Events and Expenditures During the Year:

The District has applied for funding from USDA, Rural Development for line extensions into Cranberry Township which is located in Crawford County, Sherman Township, Ripley Township, Richmond Township, Norwich Township, Greenwich Township, Peru Township, and Greenfield Township which are located in Huron County, and Reed Township which is located in Seneca County.

The District has applied for funding from the OWDA for line extensions in Lyme Township, Ridgefield Township, Peru Township, Bronson Township, Sherman Township, and Norwalk Township, all of which are located in Huron County.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Capital Assets:

Table III summarizes the changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2009.

TABLE III

	2009	Restated 2008	2009 vs 2008	
			Dollar Change	Percent Change
Capital assets, nondepreciable:				
Land	\$371,322	\$370,810	\$512	0.1%
Easements	287,851	277,150	10,701	3.9%
Current construction	711,169	48,812	662,357	1357.0%
Assets held for future use	745,823	745,823	0	0.0%
Capital assets, depreciable:				
Buildings	597,402	590,868	6,534	1.1%
Tanks, stations, and lines	55,608,161	53,696,981	1,911,180	3.6%
Furniture and fixtures	285,690	269,987	15,703	5.8%
Vehicles & distribution equip.	2,073,261	1,967,823	105,438	5.4%
Total before depreciation	60,680,679	57,968,254	2,712,425	4.7%
Accumulated depreciation	(16,421,471)	(14,775,086)	(1,646,385)	
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$44,259,208</u>	<u>\$43,193,168</u>	<u>\$1,066,040</u>	

The District has \$60,680,679 invested in its system (before depreciation) at December 31, 2009. This amount includes additions of \$2,838,254 during the year ended December 31, 2009.

The \$745,823 for assets held for future use represents the cost of land and test project expenditures in Ottawa County.

Part of the increase in water lines in the amount of \$1,728,004 is the result of projects in Erie, Huron, Lorain, and Sandusky Counties.

The District purchased and upgraded billing software in the office in the amount of \$18,800. The software and equipment will increase the efficiency of the operating system and allow for document and information sharing between office personnel.

The District also purchased a ditch witch directional drilling machine in the amount of \$197,380 for construction and maintenance of the water lines.

See Note 1, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Paragraph E, Capital Assets, for further details of the various additions to capital assets.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Long-Term Debt

Table IV summarizes long-term debt for the District.

TABLE IV

	2009	2008	2009 vs 2008	
			Dollar Change	Percent Change
Long term debt:				
OWDA Notes	\$23,448,842	\$22,917,873	\$530,969	2.3%
Rural development bonds & notes	14,273,500	14,354,500	(81,000)	-0.6%
Buckeye Community Bank note	192,680	0	192,680	100.0%
Total long-term debt	37,915,022	37,272,373	642,649	1.7%
Less: Current maturities	(2,075,128)	(2,715,828)	711,120	-26.2%
Net total long-term debt	<u>\$35,839,894</u>	<u>\$34,556,545</u>	<u>\$1,353,769</u>	3.9%

See Note 3 of the financial statements for details of issuance and retirement of debt for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Contact Information

Questions regarding this report and requests for additional information should be forwarded to Northern Ohio Rural Water, P.O. Box 96, Collins, Ohio 44826.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

December 31, 2009

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,546,681
Restricted cash (Note 8)	141,411
Receivables:	
Trade (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$7,465)	361,399
Inventory	210,992
Prepaid expenses	7,247
Total current assets	<u>2,267,730</u>

NONCURRENT ASSETS:

Restricted cash (Note 8)	199,530
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Capital assets, nondepreciable:

Land	371,322
Easements	287,851
Current construction	711,169
Assets held for future use	745,823

Capital assets, depreciable:

Buildings	597,402
Tanks, stations, lines	55,608,161
Furniture and fixtures	285,690
Vehicles and distribution equipment	2,073,261
	<u>60,680,679</u>

Less: Accumulated depreciation	16,421,471
	<u>44,259,208</u>

Total noncurrent assets	44,458,738
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OTHER ASSET:

Organization costs	<u>1,000</u>
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Total Assets	<u><u>\$46,727,468</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

December 31, 2009

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable	\$581,476
Projects and retainage payable	115,333
Tenant deposits	80,500
Accrued expenses:	
Wages	34,903
Compensated absences	52,897
Payroll taxes	38,706
Interest	770,210
Deferred tap installations	250,563
Current portion of long-term debt	2,075,128
Total current liabilities	<u>3,999,716</u>

NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:

Notes payable	24,207,022
Bonds payable	13,708,000
	<u>37,915,022</u>
Less: Current portion	2,075,128
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>35,839,894</u>

Total Liabilities \$39,839,610

NET ASSETS:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$6,344,186
Restricted for bonds payable	340,941
Unrestricted	202,731
	<u>6,887,858</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$6,887,858</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

OPERATING REVENUES:	
Water sales	\$6,336,209
Tap fees	410,606
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	6,746,815
OPERATING EXPENSES	<hr/>
	4,762,346
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	1,984,469
NON-OPERATING REVENUES:	
Credit card fees	617
Discounts earned	4,400
EPA income	15,708
Hydrant maintenance fees	5,225
Interest income	22,359
Line maintenance reimbursements	8,175
Miscellaneous	27,635
Reconnection fees	22,930
Tower income	2,430
Insurance recoveries	1,506
USDA Grant income	937,759
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Total non-operating revenues	1,048,744
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	
EPA expense	15,383
Obsolete inventory expense	44,056
Interest expense	1,978,970
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Total non-operating expenses	2,038,409
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	994,804
NET ASSETS, Beginning of Year Restated (See Note 9)	<hr/>
	5,893,054
NET ASSETS, End of Year	<hr/> <hr/>
	\$6,887,858

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Cash received from customers	\$6,735,767
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(2,545,828)
Cash payments for employees and professional contractors for services	(1,232,705)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>2,957,234</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL ACTIVITIES:

Proceeds from hydrant maintenance and reconnection fees	28,155
Proceeds from discounts earned, EPA and tower income	22,538
Proceeds from line maintenance reimbursements and insurance recoveries	9,681
Proceeds from USDA grant	937,759
Other non-operating revenue, net	12,869
Net cash provided by non-capital activities	<u>1,011,002</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Purchase of equipment and new construction	(2,815,584)
Proceeds from long-term debt	6,577,345
Repayment of principal long-term debt	(5,934,696)
Interest paid on debt	(1,875,010)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(4,047,945)</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Interest earned	22,359
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>22,359</u>

(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

(57,350)

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Beginning of period

1,944,972

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - End of period

\$1,887,622

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Income from operations	\$1,984,469
Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	1,772,214
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in:	
Receivables	(11,048)
Inventory	131,046
Prepaid expenses	(221)
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable	(51,763)
Tenant deposits	4,500
Accrued expenses	(71,802)
Retainage payable	(792,961)
Deferred tap installations	(7,200)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$2,957,234</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Northern Ohio Rural Water, formerly known as Erie Huron County Rural Water Authority, a regional water District, is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio. The District was incorporated for the purpose of providing a water supply for domestic, industrial, and public use to users within and outside the District. The District is exempt from federal income tax. The District operates under a Board of Trustees which consists of as many members as equals the total number of villages and townships within this regional water district. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

A. Introduction:

The financial statements of the District are prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The District applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. Under the guidelines of GASB Statement No. 20, the Authority has elected not to apply Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements (FASB) and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989 to its proprietary activities. Proprietary funds and similar component units apply Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principals Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails.

B. Basis of Accounting:

The District prepares its financial statements on an accrual basis. By virtue of its by-laws, the District is required to make appropriations in accordance with budgetary policies.

Proprietary funds distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District are charges to customers for water and taps. Operating expenses include the cost of the water, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

C. Budgetary Process:

Budget - Thirty days before the end of each fiscal year, a proposed budget of estimated revenues and expenditures for the succeeding fiscal year is submitted to the Board of Trustees by the General Manager. The Board of Trustees then approves the budget in its original or amended form.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

C. Budgetary Process (Continued):

Appropriations - After the budget is approved by the Board, the Board then makes appropriations of funds in accordance with said budget. Thereafter, the General Manager has the authority to authorize payment of any disbursement not to exceed \$25,000, provided there are sufficient funds appropriated and remaining in the account of the fund from which payment will be made. The Board may, from time-to-time, amend or supplement said appropriation of funds and may also transfer any part of an unencumbered balance of an appropriation of any fund to any purpose or object for which the appropriation for the current fiscal year has proved insufficient.

D. Inventory:

In 2009 the District adopted the dollar cost average method of costing inventory. Previously, the first in, first out (FIFO) method of costing inventory was used. The change was due to the purchase and subsequent use of a District-wide accounting software package. There is no cumulative effect on prior years since the ending inventory previously reported (2008) is the beginning inventory for dollar cost average purposes.

E. Capital Assets:

The minimum capitalization threshold is any individual item with a total cost of greater than \$1,000 and a useful life of more than one year. Capital assets, including major renewals or betterments, are reported at historical cost. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the various classes of assets.

The ranges of estimated useful lives used in computing depreciation are as follows:

Water Lines and Water Tanks	40 Years
Tap Installations	40 Years
Pump Stations	20 Years
Buildings	4-20 Years
Meter Retro-fits	15 Years
Water Meters	15 Years
Machinery, Equipment, and Office Furniture	3-10 Years

Fully depreciated assets still in active use are included in the gross amount of property and equipment, and the related allowance for depreciation is included as part of the total accumulated allowance for depreciation.

Maintenance, repairs, and minor renewals are charged against earnings when incurred.

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$1,772,214.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

E. Capital Assets (Continued):

Current construction at December 31, 2009 included capitalized construction period interest of \$12,940. Total interest cost incurred was \$1,978,970 at December 31, 2009.

Assets held for future use represent the costs of land and engineering fees for a feasibility study for a water treatment plant in Ottawa County. The District continues to evaluate the viability of this project.

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2009, is as follows:

	Restated Balance December 31, 2008	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2009
Capital assets, nondepreciable:				
Land	\$370,810	\$512	\$0	\$371,322
Easements	277,150	10,701	0	287,851
Current Construction	48,812	662,357	0	711,169
Assets held for future use	745,823	0	0	745,823
Capital assets, depreciable:				
Buildings	590,868	6,534	0	597,402
Tanks, stations, and lines	53,696,981	1,911,180	0	55,608,161
Furniture and fixtures	269,987	20,698	(4,995)	285,690
Vehicles and distribution equipment	1,967,823	226,272	(120,834)	2,073,261
Totals	57,968,254	2,838,254	(125,829)	60,680,679
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	(129,451)	(14,861)	0	(144,312)
Tanks, stations, and lines	(12,879,301)	(1,581,582)	0	(14,460,883)
Furniture and fixtures	(186,871)	(24,936)	4,995	(206,812)
Vehicles and distribution equipment	(1,579,463)	(150,835)	120,833	(1,609,464)
Total accumulated depreciation	(14,775,086)	(1,772,214)	125,829	(16,421,471)
Net capital assets	\$43,193,168	\$1,066,040	\$0	\$44,259,208

F. Prepaid Expenses:

Prepaid expenses, which include insurance and postage, are amortized over their economic useful lives.

G. Tap Fees:

To receive service, customers are required to pay a tap fee which varies depending on when the deposit was made and the size of the meter. Fees are refundable in the event expansion does not occur in an area.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

H. Compensated Absences Payable:

Employees are granted vacation benefits in varying amounts to specified maximums depending on tenure with the District. After one year of service, employees are entitled to all accrued vacation leave upon termination.

Sick leave accumulates to employees at a rate of 4.6 hours for every 80 hours of service completed up to specified maximums. Upon an employee reaching 20 years of uninterrupted employment with the District, the employee shall be allowed to accumulate an unlimited total of sick leave days. Upon retirement, employees are entitled to 25% of their accumulated sick leave balance after ten years of uninterrupted service, or 100% of their accumulated sick leave balance after 20 years of uninterrupted service. In the event of the employee's death, 100% of their accumulated sick leave balance would be paid to the employee's life insurance beneficiary. Since the employees' accumulating rights to receive compensation for future absences are contingent upon the absences being caused by future illnesses or death, a liability for unused sick leave is not recorded in the financial statements, unless the employee has accumulated sick leave after 20 years of uninterrupted service, which would be paid in its entirety. The recorded accrued unused vacation for the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$52,897. The unrecorded estimated unused sick leave for the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$232,113.

I. Statement of Cash Flows:

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, all liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased are considered cash equivalents.

J. Use of Estimates:

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

K. Receivables - Trade:

The District considers accounts receivable to be collectible with an allowance for doubtful accounts of 1.5% on new billings for the final month of the quarter based on past experience.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009

Note 2. Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments:

State statutes classify monies held by the District into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the District treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the District has identified as not required for use within the current two-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Protection of District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the General Manager by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the General Manager or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

At December 31, 2009, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$1,887,623. Based on the criteria described in GASB statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of December 31, 2009, \$1,669,365, of the District's bank balance of \$2,169,365, was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$500,000, was covered by the FDIC.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009

Note 2. Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments (Continued):

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the Federal Reserve System, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the District.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009

Note 3. Long-Term Debt:

A summary of long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2009, is as follows:

Description	Balance December 31, 2008	Borrowed	Repaid	Balance December 31, 2009	Due Within One Year
Northern Ohio Rural Water borrowed a total of \$32,564,441 from the Ohio Water Development Authority from January 1, 1992 through December 31, 2009 for water line extensions, water system expansions and various other activities directly related to providing water service to surrounding communities. These notes are being paid in semi-annual installments due on January 1 st and July 1 st , including interest at rates from 3.62% to 7.66%. The maturity dates range from July 1, 2010 through July 1, 2039.	\$22,917,873	\$1,615,965	\$1,084,996	\$23,448,842	\$1,335,431
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2003 were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purposes of constructing various water resource projects. The total amount loaned is \$4,100,000. The loan requires annual principal and interest payments at 5.00% with a maturity date of December 2043.	3,912,000	-0-	43,000	3,869,000	45,000
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purposes of constructing certain improvements to the water distribution system known as the Sandusky County water line project. The total amount loaned is \$3,600,000. The loan requires annual principal and interest payments at 4.125% with a maturity date of December 2047.	3,563,000	-0-	38,000	3,525,000	40,000
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds Series 2009 were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purposes of acquiring certain improvements known as the Holiday Lake Water System. The total amount loaned is \$1,550,000. The loan requires annual principal and interest payments at 4.50% with a maturity date of January 2049.	-0-	1,550,000	-0-	1,550,000	14,000

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009

Note 3. Long-Term Debt (Continued):

Description	Balance December 31, 2008	Borrowed	Repaid	Balance December 31, 2009	Due Within One Year
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds Series 2009B were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purposes of constructing certain improvements to the water distribution system known as the Seneca County water lines project. The total amount loaned is \$4,764,000. The loan requires annual principal and interest payments at 4.25% with a maturity date of December 2049.	-0-	4,764,000	-0-	4,764,000	47,000
Water Resource Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2008 were issued through National City Bank for the purposes of constructing certain improvements to the water distribution system known as the Seneca County water lines project. The total amount loaned is \$5,329,500. The loan is to be paid with Water Resource Revenue Bonds to be issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the amount not to exceed \$4,764,000 and capacity fees in an amount of at least \$565,500. The loan requires monthly interest payments at 4.09% with a maturity date of March 2010.	5,329,500	-0-	4,764,000	565,500	565,500
Water Resource Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2008B were issued through National City Bank for the purposes of acquiring certain improvements known as the Holiday Lake Water System. The total amount loaned is \$1,550,000. The loan is to be paid with Water Resource Revenue Bonds to be issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The loan requires monthly interest payments at 4.75% with a maturity date of January 2009.	1,550,000	-0-	1,550,000	-0-	-0-
A note payable in the amount of \$197,380 is due to Buckeye Community Bank. The loan requires monthly principal and interest payments at a variable index rate with a maturity date of September 2016.	-0-	197,380	4,700	192,680	28,197
	<u>\$37,272,373</u>	<u>\$8,127,345</u>	<u>\$7,484,696</u>	<u>\$37,915,022</u>	<u>\$2,075,128</u>

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009

Note 3. Long-Term Debt (Continued):

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, for long-term debt as of December 31, 2009, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010	\$2,075,128	\$1,934,550	\$4,003,958
2011	1,468,609	1,853,479	3,322,088
2012	1,559,533	1,764,852	3,324,385
2013	1,659,417	1,670,432	3,329,849
2014	1,764,684	1,569,678	3,334,362
2015-2019	7,118,226	6,251,935	13,370,161
2020-2024	6,076,905	4,533,456	10,610,361
2025-2029	4,635,761	3,008,598	7,644,359
2030-2034	3,664,505	2,178,100	5,842,605
2035-2039	3,137,254	1,417,240	4,554,494
2040-2044	2,768,000	783,282	3,551,282
2045-2049	1,987,000	239,005	2,226,005
Total	<u>\$37,915,022</u>	<u>\$27,204,607</u>	<u>\$65,113,909</u>

Note 4. Insurance:

The District maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for real property, building contents, and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage.

Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has not been a significant reduction of coverage from the prior year.

Note 5. Retirement Commitments:

A. Defined Benefit Pension Plans:

The District contributes to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan operated by the State of Ohio. 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 healthcare plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide OPEB benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a publicly available stand-alone financial report. That report may be

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009

Note 5. Retirement Commitments (Continued):

A. Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued):

obtained by writing to the OPERS at 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or calling (614) 222-5601 or 1 (800) 222-PERS (7377). The State of Ohio accounts for the activities of the Retirement System, and the amount of that fund is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Benefits fully vest upon reaching 5 years of service and are established by state statute. Employees may retire at any age with 30 years of service, at age 60 with a minimum of 5 years of credited service, and at age 55 with a minimum of 25 years of service. Those individuals retiring with less than 30 years of service or less than age 65 receive reduced retirement benefits. Eligible employees are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 2.2% of their final average salary for each year of credited service up to 30 years. Employees are entitled to 2.5% of their final average salary for each year of service in excess of 30 years. Final average salary is the employee's average salary over the highest 3 years of earnings.

The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for employee and employer contributions. The rate set for employee contribution for 2009 is 10% and the employer contribution rate is 14% of covered payroll. The rates are the actuarially determined contribution requirements for OPERS. Required employer contributions are equal to 100% of employer charges and should be extracted from the employer's records. The difference between the total employer rate and the portion used to fund pension obligations is the amount used to fund the health care programs. Pension expense for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007 was \$203,809, \$200,828 and \$192,447, respectively.

The "Pension Benefit Obligation" is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases and step-rate benefits, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure, which is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits, is intended to help users assess the OPERS System's funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and make comparisons among OPERS and employers.

Historical trend information showing the OPERS System's progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the System's December 31, 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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December 31, 2009

Note 5. Retirement Commitments (Continued):

B. Post-Employment Benefits:

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System provides post-retirement health care coverage to age-and-service retirees under Traditional Pension and Combined Plans with 10 or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 45. The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund post-retirement health care through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside for the funding of post retirement health care benefits. Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active members. The employer contribution rates is 14% of covered payroll from January 1 through December 31, 2009. The Ohio Revised Code currently limits the employer contribution rate not to exceed 14% of covered payroll. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

OPERS's Post Employment Health Care Plan was established under, and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 401(h). Each year, the OPERS Retirement Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for funding of post employment health care benefits. For 2009, the employer contribution allocated to the health care plan was 7% from January 1, through March 31, 2009 and 5.5% from April 1, through December 31, 2009 of covered payroll. The OPERS Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment by the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries of a portion of the health care benefits provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of cover dependents and the coverage selected.

An entry age normal actuarial cost method of valuation is used in determining the present value of OPEB. The difference between assumed and actual experience (actuarial gains and losses) becomes part of unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The assumptions and calculations below were based on OPERS' latest Actuarial Review performed as of December 31, 2008. The investment assumption rate for 2008 was 6.5%. An annual increase of 4% compounded annually on active employee total payroll is the base portion of the individual pay increase assumption. This assumes no change in the number of active employees. Additionally, annual pay increases, over and above the 4% base increase, were assumed to range from .5% to 6.3%. Health care costs were assumed to increase at the projected wage inflation rate plus an additional factor ranging from 0.5% to 3% for the next six years. In subsequent years (seven and beyond) health care costs were assumed to increase at 4% (the projected wage inflation rate). All investments are carried at market value. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Under this approach assets are adjusted annually to reflect 25% of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets annually, not to exceed a 12% corridor.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009

Note 5. Retirement Commitments (Continued):

B. Post-Employment Benefits (Continued):

OPEBs are advanced-funded on an actuarially determined basis. The Traditional Pension and Combined Plans had 357,584 active contributing participants as of December 31, 2009. The number of active contributing participants for both plans used in the December 31, 2008, actuarial valuation was 356,388. The employer contributions made by Northern Ohio Rural Water used to fund post-employment benefits were \$86,117, \$100,414 and \$76,421 for 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively. Ten billion seven hundred million dollars (\$10,700,000,000) represents the actuarial value of Retirement Systems' net assets available for OPEB at December 31, 2008. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability, based on the actuarial cost method, was \$29.6 billion and \$18.9 billion, respectively.

The Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) adopted by the OPERS Retirement Board on September 9, 2004, will be effective January 1, 2007. Member and employer contribution rates increased as of January 1 of each year from 2006 to 2008, which will allow additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

Under HCPP, retirees eligible for health care coverage will receive a graded monthly allocation based on their years of service at retirement. The Plan incorporates a cafeteria approach, offering a broad range of health care options that allow benefit recipients to use their monthly allocation to purchase health care coverage customized to meet their individual needs. If the monthly allocation exceeds the cost of the options selected, the excess is deposited into a Retiree Medical Account that can be used to fund future health care expenses.

Note 6. Leasing Arrangements:

The District leases a copier and postage meter under two 60-month operating leases. The copier lease which required monthly rent in the amount of \$476 expired in October 2009. The lease was extended through December 2009 for \$490 per month. A new 60 month copier lease was entered into beginning January 2010 which requires monthly rent in the amount of \$497. The postage meter lease expires in September 2010 and requires monthly rent in the amount of \$39.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments required under the above operating leases as of December 31, 2009:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2010	\$ 6,315
2011	5,964
2012	5,964
2013	5,964
2014	5,964
	<u>\$30,171</u>

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009

Note 6. Leasing Arrangements (Continued):

Office equipment lease expense for the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$6,203.

Note 7. Commitments:

A. Water Purchase Agreements:

The District's original and primary source of water has been the City of Elyria's water treatment plant located in northern Lorain County. On March 15, 1990, the District signed a 40-year water purchase agreement with the City of Elyria. The District has a minimum daily purchase requirement of 90% of the previous year's water purchased.

On June 19, 2006, the District entered into a 40-year agreement with Erie County. The agreed upon rate is \$2.59 per hundred cubic feet (CCF) with a minimum daily purchase of 150,000 gallons, and \$1.75 per CCF for all water purchased in excess of 150,000 gallons. The District has a minimum daily purchase requirement of 150,000 gallons through December 31, 2009 and 200,000 gallons per day from January 1, 2010 forward.

In April 2006, the District signed a 99-year water purchase agreement with the City of Lorain with automatic renewal periods of 25 years subject to termination upon written notification of one year prior to the commencement of each renewal period. The agreed upon rate is \$1.02 per 1,000 gallons for the first five years of the contract and 50% of the City of Lorain's in-City rate thereafter. The City of Lorain shall have available to the District 250,000 gallons per day with no minimum required purchase.

On March 21, 2002, the District signed a 40-year water purchase agreement with Rural Lorain County Water Authority. The agreed upon rate is \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons with a minimum daily purchase of 10,000 gallons.

On April 24, 2006, the District signed a 40-year water purchase agreement with the Village of New London. The agreed upon rate is \$1.55 per thousand gallons with a maximum daily purchase not to exceed 100,000 gallons per day.

B. Water Supply Agreements:

On January 18, 1996, the District entered into a 25-year agreement with the Village of Wakeman to provide water at a monthly bulk rate. The agreed upon rate is \$2.60 per thousand gallons with a minimum daily purchase of 50,000 gallons and a maximum daily purchase of 250,000 gallons.

C. Tower Income:

The District has entered into an agreement for renting its antenna space with Bender Communications on month-to-month rental agreements for \$135 per month.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009

Note 8. Restricted Funds:

A. Bond Payment Fund:

This fund was created and will be maintained in the custody of the Issuer as a cash fund and shall be used for the payment of principal and interest on the USDA bonds when due. The District is required by bond agreements, to make monthly payments to the fund of at least one-twelfth (1/12) of the amount due and payable with respect to the bonds on the next succeeding payment date.

B. Water System Debt Service Reserve Fund:

This fund was created in January 2004 and will be maintained in the custody of the Issuer as a cash fund and shall be used for the purpose of paying the cost of repairing or replacing any damage to the system which may be caused by an unforeseen catastrophe, and when necessary for the purpose of making payments of principal and interest on the bonds when due if the amount in the Bond Payment Fund is not sufficient to meet such payments. The District is required by bond agreement, to make monthly deposits equal to \$6,345 until there is \$761,382 accumulated in the fund, after which no further payments need to be made to the fund except to replace withdrawals therefrom.

C. Restricted Cash:

	<u>2009</u>
Bond Payment Fund	\$141,411
Water System Debt Service Reserve Fund	<u>199,530</u>
	<u>\$340,941</u>

Note 9. Prior Period Restatement:

Beginning net assets at January 1, 2009 have been restated to reflect the capitalization of previously expensed tap installations that are considered a component of the capitalized water line infrastructure, as it better reflects the substance of the transaction. The increase to beginning net assets of \$1,617,404 consists of capitalization of tap and meter installations that were expensed prior to 2009. The adjustment is net of accumulated depreciation through December 31, 2008 of \$512,757.

Net Assets December 31, 2008	\$4,275,650
Restate Tanks, Stations, Lines	<u>1,617,404</u>
Net Assets Restated January 1, 2009	<u>\$5,893,054</u>

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Advertising	\$	27,900
Audit fees		13,443
Communication equipment		9,133
Depreciation		1,772,214
Distribution supplies		186,062
Dues and subscriptions		12,321
Electric pump station and tanks		141,476
Engineering fees		2,251
Gasoline		67,263
Insurance:		
General		24,941
Hospitalization		203,255
Legal and professional fees		101,885
Licenses and permits		22,866
Maintenance and repairs:		
Administrative building and equipment		7,159
Pump stations		95
Vehicles		50,478
Water Lines		6,284
Office equipment lease		8,517
Office supplies and expenses		36,558
Payroll taxes		43,519
O.P.E.R.S.		203,809
Postage		46,359
Telephone		16,207
Travel and education expense		48,833
Utilities		19,202
Wages		886,930
Water purchased		803,386
	\$	<u>4,762,346</u>

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Board of Trustees
Northern Ohio Rural Water
Collins, Ohio 44826

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Northern Ohio Rural Water, Huron County, (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated September 13, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, and federal awarding agencies and others within the District. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

Varney, Fink & Associates

VARNEY, FINK & ASSOCIATES, INC.
Certified Public Accountants

September 13, 2010

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO
EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *OMB CIRCULAR A-133***

Board of Trustees
Northern Ohio Rural Water
Collins, Ohio 44826

To the Board of Trustees:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Northern Ohio Rural Water, Huron County (the District) with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2009. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and *OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and *OMB Circular A-133* require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2009.

**Report on Compliance with Requirements
Applicable to each Major Program and on
Internal Control over Compliance in
Accordance with OMB Circular A-133**

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Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's 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 by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Varney, Fink & Associates

VARNEY, FINK & ASSOCIATES, INC.
Certified Public Accountants

September 13, 2010

**Northern Ohio Rural Water
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009**

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Water and Waste Disposal Systems For Rural Communities - Project Grants	10.760	-	\$841,809
Water and Waste Disposal Systems For Rural Communities - Guaranteed/Insured Loans	10.760	-	<u>\$95,950</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u><u>\$937,759</u></u>

The notes to this Schedule are an integral part of this Schedule.

**NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER
HURON COUNTY**

NOTE TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is a summary of the activity of the District's federal award program. The Schedule has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER
HURON COUNTY

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 § .505**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of auditor's report issued on the basic financial statements	Unqualified Opinion
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the basic financial statement level?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the basic financial statement level?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any material noncompliance reported at the basic financial statement level?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control over major programs reported?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control over major programs reported?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs	Unqualified Opinion
(d)(1)(vi)	Were there any reportable audit findings under §510?	No

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER
HURON COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 § .505

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009
(CONTINUED)

(d)(1)(vii)	Major Program:	Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities, CFDA #10.760
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: none
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

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

None

3. **FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None

**NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER
HURON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

<u>Finding Number</u>	<u>Finding Summary</u>	<u>Fully Corrected</u>	<u>Not Corrected, Partially Corrected, Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken, or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain</u>
2008-01	Audit Adjustments	Yes	Fully Corrected



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

HURON COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**