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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Meigs County Agricultural Society  
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Meigs County Agricultural Society's, Meigs County, Ohio (the Society), receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 2020 and 2019 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Society. The Society is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 2020 and 2019 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Society.

The Board of Trustees and the management of the Society have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Society's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 2020 and 2019, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

### Cash

1. We recalculated the November 30, 2020 and November 30, 2019 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the December 1, 2018 beginning fund balances recorded to the November 30, 2018 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the December 1, 2019 beginning fund balances recorded to the November 30, 2019 balances. We found the Society adjusted the December 1, 2019, balance to include the Junior Fair accounts and we noted the balance was \$37 less than it should have been.

### **Cash (Continued)**

3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the November 30, 2020 and 2019 fund cash balance reported in the General Ledger Report and the financial statements filed by the Society in the Hinkle System. We found the General Ledger Report balance of the November 30, 2019 Scholarship account was \$6,235 while the balance in the Hinkle System was \$5,732.
4. We confirmed the November 30, 2020 bank account balances with the Society's financial institutions. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the November 30, 2020 bank reconciliation with the following exception. The bank balance for the Jr. Fair Checking account at Farmers Bank appearing in the Society's Quickbooks system and bank reconciliation at November 30, 2020 was \$48 more than the confirmed balance due to a check written in August 2020 that cleared the bank but was not posted to the Quickbooks system until December 2020.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the November 30, 2020 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent December bank statement. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register and determined the debits were dated prior to November 30. There were no exceptions.
6. We selected all reconciling credits (such as deposits in transit) from the November 30, 2020 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each credit to the subsequent December bank statement. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We agreed the credit amounts to the General Ledger Report and determined they were dated prior to November 30. We found no exceptions.

### **Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts**

1. We selected all receipts from the Distribution Transaction Detail Report (State DTL) and the County Auditor's Appropriation History Report from 2020 and all from 2019.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above named reports to the amount recorded in the General Ledger Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the General Ledger Report to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper account codes. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We inspected the General Ledger Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We confirmed the total amount paid from the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association and the State of Ohio during the years ending November 30, 2020 and 2019 with the supporting documentation. We found no exceptions.
  - a. We inspected the General Ledger Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper account codes. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We inspected the General Ledger Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Admission/Grandstand Receipts**

We selected two days of admission/grandstand cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2019 recorded in the General Ledger Report and agreed the receipt amount to the supporting documentation (ticket recapitulation sheets/cash register tapes, etc.). The amounts agreed.

### **Junior Livestock Auction**

We selected three livestock auction sales. For each sale, we:

- a. Agreed the sale amount recorded in the cash receipts book to:
  - i. The auction bid records.
  - ii. Bank deposit from the sale
  - iii. The seller's invoice
  - iv. The amount on the check written to the seller.

We found no exceptions.

- b. Also agreed the auction bid records to:
  - i. The buyer's invoice amount
  - ii. Bank deposit for the purchase.

We found no exceptions.

### **Other Receipts**

We selected 10 other receipts from the year ended November 30, 2020 and 10 other receipts from the year ended November 30, 2019 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the General Ledger Report to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
- b. Confirmed the amounts charged complied with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the General Ledger Report to determine the receipt was posted to the proper fund, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Debt**

1. The prior agreed-upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of November 30, 2018.
2. We inquired of management, and inspected the receipt and expenditure records for evidence of loan or credit agreements, and bonded, note, County, or mortgage debt issued during 2020 or 2019 or debt payment activity during 2020 or 2019. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2020 or 2019.

### **Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements**

We selected 10 disbursements from the General Ledger Report for the year ended November 30, 2020 and 10 from the year ended November 30, 2019 and determined whether:

- a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
- b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the General Ledger Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
- c. Based on the nature of the expenditure, the account coding is reasonable. We found no exceptions.

### **Sunshine Law Compliance**

1. We obtained and inspected the Society's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.

### Sunshine Law Compliance (Continued)

2. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any completed public records requests during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Society had a records retention schedule, and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
4. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
5. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have a policy manual during the engagement period therefore the public records policy could not be included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
6. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have a poster describing their Public Records Policy displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Society as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
7. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any elected officials subject to the Public Records Training requirements during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(1) and 109.43(B).
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Society notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.
10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
  - a. Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting
  - b. Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner
  - c. Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
  - d. Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.We found no exceptions.
11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
  - a. Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
  - b. The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G).
  - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

## Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 requires Societies to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies, regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the Society filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended November 30, 2020 and 2019 in the Hinkle system. Financial information was filed on April 26, 2021 for 2020 and on February 5, 2020 for 2019, which were not within the allotted timeframes.
2. For all credit card accounts we obtained:
  - copies of existing internal control policies,
  - a list(s) of authorized users, and
  - a list of all credit card account transactions.
  - a. We inspected the established policy obtained above and determined it is:
    - i. in compliance with the HB 312 statutory requirements, and
    - ii. Implemented by the Society.We found no exceptions.
  - b. We selected 1 credit card transaction from each credit card account for testing. For selected transactions we inspected documentation to determine that:
    - i. Use was by an authorized user within the guidelines established in the policy, and
    - ii. Each transaction was supported with original invoices and for a proper public purpose.We found no exceptions.
  - c. We selected 3 credit card statements from each credit card account for testing. For selected statements we inspected documentation to determine that:
    - i. No unpaid beginning balance was carried forward to the current billing cycle,
    - ii. Ending statement balance was paid in full, and
    - iii. Statement contained no interest or late fees.We found the Society paid an interest charge of \$63 on its March 1, 2020 statement, and paid late fees of \$29 and \$39 on the January 1, 2020 and March 1, 2020 statements, respectively.

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

We are required to be independent of the Society and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Faber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

August 16, 2021



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**MEIGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**MEIGS COUNTY**

**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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