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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Paulding County Agricultural Society
Paulding County
501 Fairground Drive
Paulding, Ohio 45879

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of Paulding County Agricultural Society, Paulding County, Ohio (the Society), on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the Society's 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 sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

Cash

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 balance recorded to the November 30, 2018 balance in the prior year audited statements. We noted the December 1, 2018 beginning fund balance recorded in the Society's General Ledger totaled \$12,771, while the November 30, 2018 ending balance in the prior year audited statements totaled \$11,250, a difference of \$1,521. The December 1, 2018 General Ledger balance included the Junior Livestock Fund, which should be omitted from the financial statements; an increase in fund balance for a 2018 transfer to the Junior Livestock Fund recorded in 2019; and an increase in fund balance at December 1, 2018 for checks voided in 2019. Failing to exclude the Junior Livestock Fund and properly record transfers and voided checks resulted in an overstatement of the Society's fund balance on the General Ledger. The Junior Livestock Fund should be excluded from the Society's General Ledger and transfers and voided checks should be recorded properly. We also agreed the December 1, 2019 beginning fund balance recorded to the November 30, 2019 balance. We found no exceptions.
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 and the financial statements filed by the Society in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.

4. We confirmed the November 30, 2020 bank account balances with the Society's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the November 30, 2020 bank reconciliation without exception.
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 traced the interbank account transfer occurring in November of 2019 to the accounting records and bank statements to determine if it was properly recorded. We found no exceptions.

Intergovernmental Cash Receipts and Other Confirmable Receipts

1. We selected all receipts from the Distribution Transaction Detail Report (State DTL) and the County Auditor's Vendor Expense 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. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the General Ledger to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper account codes. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the General Ledger 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 Department of Agriculture during the year ending November 30, 2020 with the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
 - a. We inspected the General Ledger to determine whether this receipt was allocated to the proper account code. We noted the receipt for \$50,000 from the Ohio Department of Agriculture was recorded as state support when it should have been recorded as contributions and donations. This resulted in understating contributions and donations. To help ensure the Society's transaction postings are accurate, the Society should adopt policies and procedures, which include periodic reviews of the General Ledger.
 - b. We inspected the General Ledger to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Sustaining and Entry (Purse) Receipts and Disbursements

We obtained copies of race schedules approved by the Board of Directors. We selected one race day from the year ended November 30, 2020 and one race day from the year ended November 30, 2019 and performed the following procedures:

- a. Traced authorized race dates to the cash receipt ledger postings and determined whether there are purse receipt postings for each authorized race day. The cash receipts ledger reported wagering receipts for all authorized dates.
- b. Traced authorized race dates to the cash disbursement ledger postings and determined whether there were purse disbursement postings for each authorized race day. The cash disbursements ledger reported wagering disbursements for all authorized dates.

Other Receipts

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

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the General Ledger 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 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 audit 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 ten disbursements from the General Ledger for the year ended November 30, 2020 and ten 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 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 inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have a public records policy during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
2. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any completed public records requests during the engagement period.

We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.

We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.

3. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have a records retention schedule during the engagement period and therefore could not make it readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2).

4. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have a public records policy during the engagement period and therefore could not provide it to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
5. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have a public records policy during the engagement period and therefore it could not be included in a policy manual 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 public records policy during the engagement period therefore it could not be displayed in all the 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 Section 121.22(G).
 - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.

We found no exceptions.

Other Compliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 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 year ended November 30, 2019 in the Hinkle system. Financial information for 2020 was filed on January 30, 2021, which was not within the allotted timeframe.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively on the 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.

This report is to provide 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 and is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 31, 2021

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PAULDING COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

PAULDING 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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