



**ERIE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
ERIE COUNTY**

**AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2023-2022**





**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

Erie County Agricultural Society  
Erie County  
P.O. Box 2436  
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on Erie County Agricultural Society, Erie County, Ohio's (the Society) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022 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, 2023 and 2022 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Society.

The Board of Directors 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, 2023 and 2022, 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, 2023 and November 30, 2022 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the December 1, 2021 beginning fund balance recorded to the November 30, 2021 balance in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the December 1, 2022 beginning fund balance recorded to the November 30, 2022 balance. We noted the balances did not agree in the amount of \$4,972 due to the Society improperly recording the livestock account in its November 30, 2022 balance. No adjustments to the Society's accounting system were required.

3. We agreed the 2023 and 2022 bank reconciliation as of November 30, 2023 and 2022 to the total fund cash balances reported in the General Ledger and the financial statements filed by the Society in the Hinkle System. In 2023 and 2022, the bank reconciliation balances were \$700 higher than the balances on the financial statements filed in the Hinkle System due to the Society improperly excluding the Paypal account balance. In addition, the November 30, 2022 reconciliation balance was \$4,972 lower than the ending balance on the fiscal year 2022 Hinkle filing due to the Society improperly including the Livestock account. No adjustments to the Society's accounting system were required.
4. We observed the year-end bank balances on the financial institution's website. The balances agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the November 30, 2023 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the November 30, 2023 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. We found no exceptions.

#### **Intergovernmental Receipts**

We selected a total of five receipts from the Distribution Transaction Detail Report (State DTL) and Erie County Transaction Detail report from 2023.

- 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.

#### **Admission Receipts**

We selected two days of admission cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2022 recorded in the General Ledger and agreed the receipt amount to the supporting documentation (ticket recapitulation sheets/cash register tapes, etc.). The amounts agreed.

#### **Privilege Fee Receipts**

We selected ten privilege fee cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2023 and ten privilege fee cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2022 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount to the amount recorded in the General Ledger. The amounts agreed.
- b. Agreed the rate charged with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the General Ledger to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Rental Receipts**

We selected ten rental cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2023 and ten rental cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2022 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount to the amount recorded in the General Ledger. The amounts agreed.
- b. Agreed the rate charged with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the General Ledger to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Other Receipts**

We selected ten other receipts from the year ended November 30, 2023 and ten other receipts from the year ended November 30, 2022 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 agreed-upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of November 30, 2021.
2. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2023 or 2022.
3. We inquired of management, inspected the receipt ledger, and the prior agreed-upon procedures report to determine whether the Society had a loan or credit agreement outstanding from a prior year as permitted by Ohio Rev. Code §1711.13(B). We recalculated the Society's computation supporting that the total annual payments for debt obligations from loans and credit did not exceed twenty-five percent of its prior three-year average of annual revenues. We found no exceptions.

### **Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2023 and one payroll check for five employees from 2022 from the General Ledger and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the General Ledger to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions..
  - b. We recomputed gross and net pay and agreed it to the amount recorded in the payroll register. We noted taxes were not withheld from employees in 2022 due to employees being paid via form 1099's rather than W-2's. This matter will be referred to the Internal Revenue Service.
2. We selected the new employee from 2023 and:
  - a. We inspected the employee's personnel file for the Retirement system, Federal, State and Local income tax withholding authorization.
  - b. We agreed the items in a above to the Employee General Information ReportWe found no exceptions

3. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended November 30, 2023 to confirm remittances were timely paid, and that the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period of 2023. We observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes and Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2024	January 16, 2024	\$1,068.00	\$1,068.00
State income taxes	January 31, 2024	January 31, 2024	57.60	57.60
Local income tax	January 31, 2024	January 31, /2024	37.50	37.50

We found no exceptions.

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

We selected ten disbursements from the General Ledger for the year ended November 30, 2023 and ten from the year ended November 30, 2022 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 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.
2. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any completed, denied or redacted 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 inspected the Society's policy manual and determined the Public Records Policy was included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
6. We observed that the Society's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Society as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.

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**

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, 2023 and 2022 in the Hinkle system. Financial information for fiscal year 2023 was filed on April 10, 2024 which was not within the allotted timeframe.

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.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

October 9, 2024



# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**ERIE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**ERIE 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.



**Certified for Release 11/7/2024**

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