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**NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER
HURON COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Northern Ohio Rural Water
Huron County
P.O. Box 96
Collins, Ohio 44826-0096

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Northern Ohio Rural Water, Huron County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Northern Ohio Rural Water, Huron County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's discussion and analysis*, listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the District's basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The Schedules of Operating Expenses are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedules are management's responsibility, and derive from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected these schedules to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the schedules directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, these schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 20, 2014, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

November 20, 2014

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NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

(Unaudited)

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

Overview of Basic Financial Statements:

NORW is described in Note 1, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. The Basic Financial Statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting as further described in the above-mentioned note. The **Statement of Net Position** includes all of NORW's Assets and Liabilities. This statement provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) owned by NORW, and obligations owed by NORW (liabilities) on December 31. NORW's net assets (equity) are the difference between assets and liabilities. The **Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position** provides information on NORW'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 NORW's cash receipts and cash disbursements. It summarizes the net changes in cash resulting from operating, investing, and financing activities. The **Notes to the Financial Statements** provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the financial statements.

Table I summarizes the Net Position of the District.

TABLE I

	2013	2012	2011	2013 vs 2012		2012 vs 2011	
				Dollar Change	Percent Change	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Current and other assets	\$ 4,333,112	\$ 3,190,171	\$ 2,743,300	\$ 1,142,941	35.8%	\$ 446,871	16.3%
Capital assets	49,354,206	49,213,265	49,324,835	140,941	0.3%	(111,570)	-0.2%
Total assets	<u>53,687,318</u>	<u>52,403,436</u>	<u>52,068,135</u>	<u>1,283,882</u>	2.4%	<u>335,301</u>	0.6%
Current liabilities	3,545,297	3,287,721	3,564,634	257,576	7.8%	(276,913)	-7.8%
Other liabilities	88,025	74,125	363,962	13,900	18.8%	(289,837)	-79.6%
Long-term liabilities	37,526,596	37,298,180	37,911,185	228,416	0.6%	(613,005)	-1.6%
Total liabilities	<u>41,159,918</u>	<u>40,660,026</u>	<u>41,839,781</u>	<u>499,892</u>	1.2%	<u>(1,179,755)</u>	-2.8%
Net investment in capital assets	9,875,345	10,148,344	9,683,553	(272,999)	-2.7%	464,791	4.8%
Restricted	785,260	691,308	581,968	93,952	13.6%	109,340	18.8%
Unrestricted	1,866,795	903,758	(37,167)	963,037	106.6%	940,925	2531.6%
Total net position	<u>\$ 12,527,400</u>	<u>\$ 11,743,410</u>	<u>\$ 10,228,354</u>	<u>\$ 783,990</u>	6.7%	<u>\$ 1,515,056</u>	14.8%

- The total assets of NORW exceeded liabilities on December 31, 2013 and 2012 by \$12,527,400 and \$11,743,410, respectively.
- The District's net position increased \$783,990 and \$1,515,056 in 2013 and 2012, respectively. The 2013 increase in net position is due to results of operations.

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

TABLE II

	2013	2012	2011	2013 vs 2012		2012 vs 2011	
				Dollar Change	Percent Change	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Operating revenue	\$ 7,747,601	\$ 7,890,824	\$ 7,680,494	\$ (143,223)	-1.8%	\$ 210,330	2.7%
Operating expenses	<u>(5,249,547)</u>	<u>(5,379,305)</u>	<u>(5,269,851)</u>	<u>129,758</u>	-2.4%	<u>(109,454)</u>	2.1%
Income from operations	2,498,054	2,511,519	2,410,643	(13,465)	-0.5%	100,876	4.2%
Nonoperating revenue	144,576	903,521	2,849,114	(758,945)	-84.0%	(1,945,593)	-68.3%
Nonoperating expenses	<u>(1,858,640)</u>	<u>(1,899,984)</u>	<u>(1,989,965)</u>	<u>41,344</u>	-2.2%	<u>89,981</u>	-4.5%
Nonoperating gain (loss)	<u>(1,714,064)</u>	<u>(996,463)</u>	<u>859,149</u>	<u>(717,601)</u>	72.0%	<u>(1,855,612)</u>	-216.0%
Change in net position	783,990	1,515,056	3,269,792	(731,066)	-48.3%	(1,754,736)	-53.7%
Beginning net position	<u>11,743,410</u>	<u>10,228,354</u>	<u>6,958,562</u>	<u>1,515,056</u>	14.8%	<u>3,269,792</u>	47.0%
Ending net position	<u>\$ 12,527,400</u>	<u>\$ 11,743,410</u>	<u>\$ 10,228,354</u>	<u>\$ 783,990</u>	6.7%	<u>\$ 1,515,056</u>	14.8%

- The District's operating revenues decreased in 2013 and increased in 2012 by \$143,223 (-2%) and \$210,330 (3%), respectively, while operating expenses decreased \$129,758 (-2%) in 2013 and increased \$109,454 (2%) in 2012. The 2013 increase in net position is due to results of operations. The decrease in nonoperating revenue in 2013 is due primarily to the decrease of \$772,687 in grant income.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

(Unaudited)

Capital Assets:

Table III summarizes the changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2013.

TABLE III

	2013	2012	2011	2013 vs 2012		2012 vs 2011	
				Dollar Change	Percent Change	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Capital assets, non-depreciable:							
Land	\$ 440,595	\$ 385,034	\$ 385,034	\$ 55,561	14.4%	\$ -	0.0%
Easements	320,421	313,035	303,638	7,386	2.4%	9,397	3.1%
Current construction	1,046,614	18,487	251,093	1,028,127	5561.4%	(232,606)	-92.6%
Assets held for future use	745,823	745,823	745,823	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Capital assets, depreciable:							
Buildings	555,395	625,875	603,255	(70,480)	-11.3%	22,620	3.7%
Tanks, stations, and lines	67,375,338	66,538,179	64,663,728	837,159	1.3%	1,874,451	2.9%
Furniture and fixtures	355,737	333,389	327,032	22,348	6.7%	6,357	1.9%
Vehicles & distribution equip.	2,156,469	2,110,146	2,081,816	46,323	2.2%	28,330	1.4%
Total before depreciation	72,996,392	71,069,968	69,361,419	1,926,424	2.7%	1,708,549	2.5%
Accumulated depreciation	(23,642,186)	(21,856,703)	(20,036,584)	(1,785,483)		(1,820,119)	
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 49,354,206</u>	<u>\$ 49,213,265</u>	<u>\$ 49,324,835</u>	<u>\$ 140,941</u>		<u>\$ (111,570)</u>	

NORW has \$72,996,392 invested in its system (before depreciation) at December 31, 2013. This amount includes net additions of \$1,926,424 during the year ended December 31, 2013.

The increase in current construction in the amount of \$1,028,127 is due primarily to the construction of the District's new administration and storage buildings.

See Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Paragraph D, Capital Assets, for further details of the various additions to capital assets.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

(Unaudited)

Long-Term Debt:

Table IV summarizes long-term debt for the District.

TABLE IV

	2013	2012	2011	2013 vs 2012		2012 vs 2011	
				Dollar Change	Percent Change	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Long-term debt:							
Note payable - City of Elyria	\$ 93,500	\$ 126,500	\$ -	\$ (33,000)	-26.1%	\$ 126,500	100.0%
OWDA Notes	19,349,523	20,809,502	21,141,967	(1,459,979)	-7.0%	(332,465)	-1.6%
CoBank Note	2,189,624	0	0	2,189,624	100.0%	0	0.0%
Rural dev. bonds & notes	17,583,400	17,814,000	17,974,000	(230,600)	-1.3%	(160,000)	-0.9%
Buckeye Community Bank notes	262,814	314,919	365,815	(52,105)	-16.5%	(50,896)	-13.9%
Total long-term debt	39,478,861	39,064,921	39,481,782	413,940	1.1%	(416,861)	-1.1%
Less: Current maturities	(1,952,265)	(1,766,741)	(1,570,597)	(185,524)	10.5%	(196,144)	12.5%
Net total long-term debt	<u>\$ 37,526,596</u>	<u>\$ 37,298,180</u>	<u>\$ 37,911,185</u>	<u>\$ 228,416</u>	0.6%	<u>\$ (613,005)</u>	-1.6%

See Note 5 of the financial statements for details of issuance and retirement of debt for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Significant Events and Expenditures During The Year:

NORW has received funding from CoBank ACB for the construction of new administration and storage buildings for the District. Additional information in regards to funding received is included in the notes to the financial statements.

NORW will be exploring the possible sale of the Assets Held for Future Use on the Statement on Net Position in 2014.

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

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE

December 31, 2013 and 2012

ASSETS

	2013	2012
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,746,818	\$ 1,696,382
Restricted cash	211,428	217,318
Receivables:		
Trade (net allowance for doubtful accounts of \$8,632 in 2013 and \$8,297 in 2012)	535,485	466,931
Other	7,225	3,160
Inventory	247,928	325,585
Prepaid expenses	6,921	5,805
Total current assets	3,755,805	2,715,181
NONCURRENT ASSETS:		
Restricted cash	573,832	473,990
Capital assets, non-depreciable:		
Land	440,595	385,034
Easements	320,421	313,035
Current construction	1,046,614	18,487
Assets held for future use	745,823	745,823
Capital assets, depreciable:		
Buildings	555,395	625,875
Tanks, stations, lines, meters, and taps	67,375,338	66,538,179
Furniture and fixtures	355,737	333,389
Vehicles and distribution equipment	2,156,469	2,110,146
	72,996,392	71,069,968
Less: Accumulated depreciation	23,642,186	21,856,703
	49,354,206	49,213,265
Total noncurrent assets	49,928,038	49,687,255
OTHER ASSETS:		
CoBank investment	2,475	0
Organization costs	1,000	1,000
Total other assets	3,475	1,000
Total assets	\$ 53,687,318	\$ 52,403,436

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

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE

December 31, 2013 and 2012

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 464,619	\$ 476,538
Projects and retainage payable	229,454	89,356
Tenant deposits	101,750	95,150
Accrued expenses:		
Wages	14,342	38,682
Compensated absences	54,694	65,119
Payroll taxes	47,864	49,969
Interest	676,547	706,166
Other	3,762	0
Current portion of long-term debt	<u>1,952,265</u>	<u>1,766,741</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>3,545,297</u>	<u>3,287,721</u>
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Future tap installations	88,025	74,125
Notes payable	21,895,461	21,250,921
Bonds payable	<u>17,583,400</u>	<u>17,814,000</u>
	39,566,886	39,139,046
Less: Current portion	<u>1,952,265</u>	<u>1,766,741</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>37,614,621</u>	<u>37,372,305</u>
Total liabilities	<u>41,159,918</u>	<u>40,660,026</u>
NET POSITION:		
Net investment in capital assets	9,875,345	10,148,344
Restricted for bonds payable	785,260	691,308
Unrestricted	<u>1,866,795</u>	<u>903,758</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 12,527,400</u>	<u>\$ 11,743,410</u>

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

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE

For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	2013	2012
OPERATING REVENUE:		
Water sales	\$ 7,267,942	\$ 7,229,931
Tap fees	479,659	660,893
Total operating revenue	7,747,601	7,890,824
OPERATING EXPENSES	5,249,547	5,379,305
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	2,498,054	2,511,519
NONOPERATING REVENUE:		
Credit card fees	11,507	8,577
Discounts earned	1,500	1,063
EPA income	17,872	13,994
Interest income	11,781	11,091
Line maintenance reimbursements	7,676	25,815
Miscellaneous	49,303	25,004
Reconnection fees	26,915	30,386
Tower income	1,680	3,705
Insurance recoveries	4,262	0
Sewer billing service fees	11,212	11,199
Gain on disposal of assets	868	0
Grant income - Tiro	0	485,000
Grant income - USDA	0	287,687
Total nonoperating revenue	144,576	903,521
Income from operations and nonoperating revenue	2,642,630	3,415,040
NONOPERATING EXPENSES:		
Uncollectible accounts expense	336	182
EPA expense	17,870	17,695
Interest expense	1,840,434	1,882,107
Total nonoperating expenses	1,858,640	1,899,984
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	783,990	1,515,056
NET POSITION - Beginning of period	11,743,410	10,228,354
NET POSITION - End of period	\$ 12,527,400	\$ 11,743,410

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

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE

For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash received from customers	\$ 7,674,982	\$ 7,816,500
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(2,225,174)	(2,345,880)
Cash payments for employees and professional contractors for services	<u>(1,181,486)</u>	<u>(1,224,186)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	4,268,322	4,246,434
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from developer, hydrant maintenance, and reconnection fees	26,915	30,386
Proceeds from discounts earned, EPA and tower income	21,052	1,067
Proceeds from insurance claims	4,262	0
Proceeds from line maintenance reimbursements	7,676	25,815
Proceeds from sales of assets	6,946	0
Other nonoperating revenue	<u>53,816</u>	<u>44,598</u>
Net cash provided by non-capital activities	120,667	101,866
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of equipment and new construction	(1,830,794)	(2,288,222)
Purchase of investment	(2,475)	0
Proceeds from EPA and USDA grants	0	772,687
Proceeds from long-term debt	2,203,750	1,027,047
Repayment of principal on long-term debt	(1,756,810)	(1,570,408)
Interest paid on debt	<u>(1,870,053)</u>	<u>(1,926,201)</u>
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(3,256,382)	(3,985,097)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest earned	<u>11,781</u>	<u>11,091</u>
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,144,388	374,294
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Beginning of period	<u>2,387,690</u>	<u>2,013,396</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - End of period	<u>\$ 3,532,078</u>	<u>\$ 2,387,690</u>

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NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE

For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Income from operations	\$ 2,498,054	\$ 2,511,519
Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	1,837,773	1,820,118
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Increase (decrease) in:		
Receivables	(72,619)	(74,324)
Inventory	77,657	1,230
Prepaid expenses	(1,116)	517
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	(44,919)	(17,607)
Tenant deposits	6,600	5,100
Accrued expenses	(33,108)	(119)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 4,268,322</u>	<u>\$ 4,246,434</u>

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

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AGENCY FUND TYPE

December 31, 2013 and 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,914	\$ 20,133
Receivables	<u>13,178</u>	<u>15,953</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 34,092</u>	<u>\$ 36,086</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Undistributed monies	<u>\$ 34,092</u>	<u>\$ 36,086</u>

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

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

Note 1. Description of Entity:

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 without 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.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

A. Basis of Presentation and Accounting:

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.

Northern Ohio Rural Water prepares its financial statements on a full accrual basis, economic resource measurement focus. By virtue of its by-laws, the District is required to make appropriations in accordance with budgetary policies.

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating 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 and taps, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Proprietary fund reporting focuses on changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. The District's proprietary fund is classified as an enterprise fund. This fund accounts for all operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is those costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis to be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

A. Basis of Presentation and Accounting (Continued):

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The District's fiduciary fund is classified as an agency fund. This fund accounts for sewer service fees collected on behalf of the Village of New Washington. The District's agency fund is custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and does not involve measurement of results of operations.

Under the full accrual basis of accounting, a receivable and revenue are recorded when the exchange takes place to the extent the amounts are collectible and measurable.

B. 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.

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 \$50,000, 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 a balance of an appropriation of any fund to any purpose or object for which the appropriation for the current fiscal year has proved insufficient.

C. Inventory:

Inventory, which consists of raw materials, is stated using the dollar cost average method of accounting. The costs of inventories are recorded as expenditures when used rather than purchased.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

D. 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.

E. Prepaid Expenses:

Prepaid expenses, which include insurance and postage, reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods.

F. 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.

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

G. 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. An employee shall be allowed to accumulate 120 days of sick leave. Upon retirement, employees are entitled to 25% of their accumulated sick leave balance not to exceed 30 days. 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. The recorded accrued unused vacation for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 is \$59,694 and \$65,119, respectively. The unrecorded estimated unused sick leave for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$269,096 and \$281,029, respectively.

H. 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.

I. 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.

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

J. 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.

K. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between all other elements in the statement of financial position. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

Note 3. 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.

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Note 3. Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments (Continued):

Protection of the 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, 2013 and 2012, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$3,552,992 and \$2,407,823, respectively. Based on the criteria described in GASB statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures," as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, \$3,601,719 and \$2,088,896, respectively, of the District's bank balance of \$3,858,222 and \$2,670,856, respectively, was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$256,503 and \$581,960, respectively, was covered by the FDIC.

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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Note 4. Capital Assets:

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2013, is as follows:

	Balance December 31, 2012	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2013
Capital assets, nondepreciable:				
Land	\$ 385,034	\$ 55,561	\$ -	\$ 440,595
Easements	313,035	7,386	-	320,421
Current construction	18,487	1,045,467	(17,340)	1,046,614
Assets held for future use	745,823	-	-	745,823
Capital assets, depreciable:				
Buildings	625,875	8,888	(79,368)	555,395
Tanks, stations, lines, meters, and taps	66,538,179	837,159	-	67,375,338
Furniture and fixtures	333,389	22,348	-	355,737
Vehicles and distribution equipment	2,110,146	80,884	(34,561)	2,156,469
Total	<u>71,069,968</u>	<u>2,057,693</u>	<u>(131,269)</u>	<u>72,996,392</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	(189,936)	(15,611)	17,729	(187,818)
Tanks, stations, lines, meters, and taps	(19,478,527)	(1,721,579)	-	(21,200,106)
Furniture and fixtures	(289,127)	(20,187)	-	(309,314)
Vehicles and distribution equipment	(1,899,113)	(80,396)	34,561	(1,944,948)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(21,856,703)</u>	<u>(1,837,773)</u>	<u>52,290</u>	<u>(23,642,186)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 49,213,265</u>	<u>\$ 219,920</u>	<u>\$ (78,979)</u>	<u>\$ 49,354,206</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$1,837,773 and \$1,820,118, respectively.

Current construction at December 31, 2013 and 2012 included capitalized construction period interest of \$-0- and \$23,634 that was incurred in each respective year. Total interest cost incurred was \$1,840,434 and \$1,882,107 at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Assets held for future use, segregated in 2008, 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.

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Note 4. Capital Assets (Continued):

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2012, is as follows:

	Balance December 31, 2011	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2012
Capital assets, nondepreciable:				
Land	\$ 385,034	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 385,034
Easements	303,638	9,397	-	313,035
Current construction	251,093	17,702	(250,308)	18,487
Assets held for future use	745,823	-	-	745,823
Capital assets, depreciable:				
Buildings	603,255	22,620	-	625,875
Tanks, stations, lines, meters, and taps	64,663,728	1,874,451	-	66,538,179
Furniture and fixtures	327,032	6,357	-	333,389
Vehicles and distribution equipment	2,081,816	28,330	-	2,110,146
Total	69,361,419	1,958,857	(250,308)	71,069,968
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	(174,340)	(15,596)	-	(189,936)
Tanks, stations, lines, meters, and taps	(17,792,181)	(1,686,345)	(1)	(19,478,527)
Furniture and fixtures	(261,556)	(27,571)	-	(289,127)
Vehicles and distribution equipment	(1,808,507)	(90,606)	-	(1,899,113)
Total accumulated depreciation	(20,036,584)	(1,820,118)	(1)	(21,856,703)
Net capital assets	\$ 49,324,835	\$ 138,739	\$ (250,309)	\$ 49,213,265

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Note 5. Long-Term Debt:

The full faith credit and resources of the District have been irrevocably pledged to collateralize all of the revenue bonds and notes payable. A summary of long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2013, is as follows:

Description	Balance December 31, 2012	Borrowed	Repaid	Balance December 31, 2013	Due Within One Year
Northern Ohio Rural Water borrowed a total of \$34,946,338 from the Ohio Water Development Authority from January 1, 1992 through December 31, 2013 for the Fitchville, Crystal Rock, Green Creek, Baumhart Road, Lime and Ridgefield Township line expansions, tank rehabilitation, garage construction, and membrane pilot study. These notes are being paid in semi-annual installments due on January 1 st and July 1 st , including interest at rates from 2.99% to 7.66%. The maturity dates range from July 1, 2016 through January 1, 2043.	\$ 20,809,502	\$ 3,750	\$ 1,463,729	\$ 19,349,523	\$1,561,663
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2003 were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purpose 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.	3,726,000	-0-	53,000	3,673,000	55,000
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purpose of constructing various water resource projects. 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.	3,400,000	-0-	45,000	3,355,000	47,000
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purpose of constructing various water resource projects. 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.	1,505,000	-0-	17,000	1,488,000	17,000
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2009B were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purpose of constructing various water resource projects. 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.	4,616,000	-0-	53,000	4,563,000	56,000
A note payable in the amount of \$197,380 is due to Buckeye Community Bank. The loan requires monthly principal and interest payments at the index rate with a maturity date of October 2016.	108,089	-0-	28,197	79,892	28,197
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purpose of constructing various water resource projects. The total amount loaned is \$4,567,000. The loan requires annual interest payments through 2012 at 3.25% with a maturity date of September 2050.	4,567,000	-0-	62,600	4,504,400	64,600
A note payable with a total amount loaned of \$265,000 is due to Buckeye Community Bank. The loan requires monthly principal and interest payments at a rate of 5% with a maturity date of April 2015.	206,830	-0-	23,908	182,922	25,272
A note payable in the amount of \$93,500 is due to the City of Elyria. The loan requires monthly principal payments in the amount of \$2,750 with a maturity date of October 2016.	126,500	-0-	33,000	93,500	33,000
A commercial loan with a total amount loaned of \$2,200,000 is due to CoBank. The loan requires monthly principal and interest payments at a fixed interest rate per annum with a minimum fixed period of 180 days that is quoted by CoBank with a maturity date of October 2033.	-0-	2,200,000	10,376	2,189,624	64,533
	<u>\$ 39,064,921</u>	<u>\$ 2,203,750</u>	<u>\$ 1,789,810</u>	<u>\$ 39,478,861</u>	<u>\$ 1,952,265</u>

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Note 5. Long-Term Debt (Continued):

The full faith credit and resources of the District have been irrevocably pledged to collateralize all of the revenue bonds and notes payable. A summary of long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2012, is as follows:

Description	Balance December 31, 2011	Borrowed	Repaid	Balance December 31, 2012	Due Within One Year
Northern Ohio Rural Water borrowed a total of \$34,942,588 from the Ohio Water Development Authority from January 1, 1992 through December 31, 2012 for the Fitchville, Crystal Rock, Green Creek, Baumhart Road, Lime and Ridgefield Township line expansions, tank rehabilitation, garage construction, and membrane pilot study. These notes are being paid in semi-annual installments due on January 1 st and July 1 st , including interest at rates from 2.99% to 7.66%. The maturity dates range from July 1, 2016 through January 1, 2043.	\$ 21,141,967	\$ 1,027,047	\$ 1,359,512	\$ 20,809,502	\$ 1,450,895
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2003 were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purpose 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.	3,776,000	0-	50,000	3,726,000	53,000
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purpose of constructing various water resource projects. 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.	3,444,000	0-	44,000	3,400,000	45,000
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purpose of constructing various water resource projects. 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.	1,520,000	0-	15,000	1,505,000	17,000
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2009B were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purpose of constructing various water resource projects. 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.	4,667,000	0-	51,000	4,616,000	53,000
A note payable in the amount of \$197,380 is due to Buckeye Community Bank. The loan requires monthly principal and interest payments at the index rate with a maturity date of October 2016.	136,286	0-	28,197	108,089	28,197
Water Resource Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 were issued through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purpose of constructing various water resource projects. The total amount loaned is \$4,567,000. The loan requires annual interest payments through 2012 at 3.25% with a maturity date of September 2050.	4,567,000	0-	0-	4,567,000	62,600
A note payable with a total amount loaned of \$265,000 is due to Buckeye Community Bank. The loan requires monthly principal and interest payments at a rate of 5% with a maturity date of April 2015.	229,529	0-	22,699	206,830	24,049
A note payable in the amount of \$126,500 is due to the City of Elyria. The loan requires monthly principal payments in the amount of \$2,750 with a maturity date of October 2016.	159,500	0-	33,000	126,500	33,000
	<u>\$ 39,641,282</u>	<u>\$ 1,027,047</u>	<u>\$ 1,603,408</u>	<u>\$ 39,064,921</u>	<u>\$ 1,766,741</u>

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Note 5. Long-Term Debt (Continued):

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, for long-term debt as of December 31, 2013, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014	\$ 1,952,265	\$ 1,857,919	\$ 3,810,184
2015	2,188,744	1,720,526	3,909,270
2016	2,148,479	1,597,484	3,745,963
2017	1,179,813	1,469,251	2,649,064
2018	1,209,439	1,406,590	2,616,029
2019-2023	6,790,543	6,016,758	12,807,301
2024-2028	6,121,859	4,226,624	10,348,483
2029-2033	4,767,728	3,058,878	7,826,606
2034-2038	4,587,891	2,075,968	6,663,859
2039-2043	3,776,127	1,205,239	4,981,366
2044-2048	2,982,100	482,536	3,464,636
2049-2053	723,300	33,563	756,863
	<u>\$ 38,428,288</u>	<u>\$ 25,151,336</u>	<u>\$ 63,579,624</u>

OWDA loan 5977 for the Chatfield Waterline Project has not been completed and no amortization schedule is available at this time. Accordingly, the schedule above does not reflect future debt service payments for this loan. As of December 31, 2013 the District had borrowed \$1,076,433 with principal paid of \$12,834 and a net outstanding balance of \$1,063,599.

Note 6. Insurance:

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

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.

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Note 7. 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 defined benefit and defined contribution plans.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care 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 the OPEB plan to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend the OPEB plan is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml>, writing to the OPERS at 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or calling (614) 222-5601 or 1-800-222-7377. 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 member and employer contributions. For 2013, member and employer contribution rates were consistent across all three plans. The rate set for member contributions for 2013 and 2012 is 10.00%, and the employer contribution rate is 14.00% of covered payroll. Total 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 year ended December 31, 2013, 2012, 2011, and 2010 is \$191,671, \$205,653, \$194,582, and \$199,828 respectively. For 2013, 81% has been contributed with the balance being reported as part of the total for the accrued expense of payroll taxes. The full amount has been contributed for 2012, 2011, and 2010. Contributions to the member-directed plan for 2013 were \$43,235 made by the plan members.

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Note 7. Retirement Commitments (Continued):

B. Post-Employment Benefits:

In order to qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have 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 Post-Employment 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 coverage.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active members. The employer contribution rate is 14.00% of covered payroll from January 1 through December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

OPERS' Post Employment Health Care Plan was established under, and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 401(h). Each year, the OPERS Board of Trustees determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for funding of post employment health care benefits. The portion of employer contribution allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Plan was 1.00% during calendar year 2013. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Combined Plan was 1.00% during the calendar year 2013. Effective January 1, 2014, the portion of employer contributions allocated to healthcare was raised to 2% for both plans, as recommended by the OPERS Actuary. The OPERS Board of Trustees is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care benefits provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

The rates stated in the preceding paragraph are the contractually required contribution rates for OPERS. The employer contributions made by Northern Ohio Rural Water used to fund post-employment benefits were \$13,685, \$58,755, \$55,592, and \$72,864 for 2013, 2012, 2011, and 2010 respectively.

Changes to the health care plan were adopted by the OPERS Board of Trustees on September 19, 2012, with a transition plan commencing January 1, 2014. With the recent passage of pension legislation under SB 343 and the approved health care changes, OPERS expects to be able to consistently allocate 4 percent of the employer contributions toward the health care fund after the end of the transition period.

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Note 8. Leasing Arrangements:

The District leases one copier under a 60-month operating lease which began in January 2010, and expires in December 2014. This lease requires rent in the amount of \$497 per month.

The District leases a postage meter on a month-to-month basis for \$39 per month.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments required under the above operating lease as of December 31, 2013:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2014	<u>\$6,612</u>

Office equipment lease expense for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$10,821 and \$8,911, respectively.

Note 9. 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 with amendments extending the agreement through December 31, 2051. The District has a minimum monthly purchase requirement of 20,000,000 gallons.

On June 19, 2006, the District signed a 40-year water purchase agreement with Erie County. The agreed upon rate is \$2.59 per hundred cubic feet (CCF) with a minimum daily purchase of 200,000 gallons, and \$1.75 per CCF for all water purchased in excess of 200,000 gallons.

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 and a maximum daily purchase of 100,000 gallons.

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Note 9. Commitments (Continued):

A. Water Purchase Agreements (Continued):

On January 1, 2008, the District signed a 40-year water purchase agreement with the Village of New London. The agreed upon rate is \$2.04 per thousand gallons for first 100,000 gallons, \$1.98 per thousand gallons for next 50,000 gallons, and \$1.92 per thousand gallons for over 150,000 gallons per day with a maximum daily purchase not to exceed 200,000 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.

On March 7, 2008, the District entered into an agreement with Erie County to provide water. The agreed upon rate per hundred cubic feet is 20% higher than the lowest rate the District purchases water from its water providers for the distribution area that includes the connection point for Erie County.

On April 8, 2009, the District entered into a 40-year agreement with the City of Norwalk to provide water. The agreed upon rate per thousand gallons is 20% higher than the lowest rate the District purchases water from its water providers for the distribution area that includes the connection point for the City of Norwalk, with a minimum daily purchase of 150,000 gallons and a maximum daily purchase of 500,000 gallons.

C. Tower Income:

The District has entered into a lease agreement for renting its antenna space with WaveLinc Communications with an option for one additional year for \$140 per month that expires in October 2014.

D. Sewer Billing Service Agreement:

On January 30, 2011, the District entered into an agreement with the Village of New Washington to provide billing services for sewer, storm sewer, and capital improvement charges by the Village.

E. Land License Agreement:

On July 18, 2013, the District entered into a five year agreement to lease land to Linkster Management, Ltd. that expires in May 2018. The lease requires a monthly fee of \$100.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note 10. 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 the bond agreement 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 December 1st.

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 the bond agreement to make monthly deposits equal to \$8,104 until there is \$972,477 accumulated in the fund, after which no further payments need to be made to the fund except to replace withdrawals therefrom.

C. Restricted Cash:

	2013	2012
Bond Payment Fund	\$ 211,428	\$ 217,318
Water System Debt Service Reserve Fund	573,832	473,990
	<u>\$ 785,260</u>	<u>\$ 691,308</u>

Note 11. CoBank Investment:

The District has an equity patronage investment with CoBank based on the District's average outstanding loan balance with the bank during the year. The District's average outstanding CoBank loan balance during the year is multiplied by 1% with 75% of the 1% patronage paid to the District in cash and 25% kept in an equity account at the bank until the loan is paid off.

Note 12. Change in Accounting Principles:

For 2013, the District has implemented Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus". GASB Statement No. 61 modifies existing requirements for the assessment of potential component units in determining what should be included in the financial reporting entity and the financial reporting entity display and disclosure requirements. The implementation of this statement did not result in any changes to the District's financial statements.

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SCHEDULES OF OPERATING EXPENSES

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE

For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Advertising	\$ 39,858	\$ 38,411
Audit fees	17,611	11,847
Communication equipment	15,368	19,085
Depreciation	1,837,773	1,820,118
Distribution supplies	116,028	129,048
Dues and subscriptions	9,251	7,168
Electric pump station and tanks	167,299	167,051
Engineering fees	7,739	8,214
Gasoline	85,376	93,359
Insurance:		
General	29,797	28,848
Hospitalization	188,988	203,706
Legal and professional fees	123,903	97,065
Licenses and permits	12,846	12,695
Maintenance and repairs:		
Administrative building and equipment	4,437	3,705
Pump stations	1,648	259
Tanks	19	1,039
Vehicles	75,034	54,385
Water lines	0	15,456
Office equipment lease	10,821	8,911
Office supplies and expense	45,432	42,111
Payroll taxes	18,452	23,521
O.P.E.R.S.	191,671	205,653
Postage	61,246	55,716
Tap fee refunds	8,163	142,186
Telephone	12,984	13,760
Travel, mileage, and education expense	72,005	76,563
Utilities	19,865	18,580
Wages	813,448	874,506
Water purchased	1,262,485	1,206,339
	<u>\$ 5,249,547</u>	<u>\$ 5,379,305</u>

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

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

Northern Ohio Rural Water
Huron County
P.O. Box 96
Collins, Ohio 44826-0096

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of Northern Ohio Rural Water, Huron County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 20, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

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 a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the District's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

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, opining 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*.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

November 20, 2014



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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
DECEMBER 4, 2014**