

**BROWN COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
BROWN COUNTY, OHIO**

**AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED  
NOVEMBER 30, 2020 AND 2019**



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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of Brown County Agricultural Society, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the period December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2020. Based upon this review, we have accepted this report in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code.

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

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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

June 17, 2021

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

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of the Brown County Agricultural Society (the Society) and the Auditor of State, 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 balances recorded to the November 30, 2018 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the December 1, 2019 beginning fund balances recorded to the November 30, 2019 balances. We found 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 Report and the financial statements filed by the Society in the Hinkle System. We noted a \$974 variance from the bank reconciliations and cash balance in the General Ledger Report to the Hinkle System filing as of November 30, 2019 and a \$566,533 variance from the bank reconciliations and cash balance in the General Ledger Report to the Hinkle System filing as of November 30, 2020. The Society included a beginning cash fund balance of \$0 on the November 30, 2020 Hinkle Filing.
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, 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. We noted 4 checks, totaling \$392.75 did not clear the bank as of the report date, and are still outstanding.
  - 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.

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

1. We selected a total of five receipts from the Distribution Transaction Detail Report (State DTL) and the County Auditor's Payment Register from 2020 and a total of five from 2019.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above named reports to the amount recorded in the General Ledger Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the General Ledger Report to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper account codes. We noted one instance in fiscal year 2020 where \$50,000 was recorded as contributions and donations rather than state support and one instance in fiscal year 2020 where \$25,000 was recorded as contributions and donations rather than local support.
  - c. We inspected the General Ledger Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We confirmed the total amount paid from the Ohio Department of Agriculture during the years ending November 30, 2020 and 2019 with the Society. We found no exceptions.
  - a. We inspected the General Ledger Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper account code. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We inspected the General Ledger Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Admission/Grandstand Receipts**

We selected two days of admission/grandstand cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2020 and two days of admission/grandstand cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2019 recorded in the General Ledger Report and agreed the receipt amount to the supporting documentation (ticket recapitulation sheets/cash register tapes, etc.). The amounts agreed.

### **Rental Receipts**

We selected 10 rental cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2020 and 10 rental cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2019 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

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

### **Debt**

1. The prior agreed-upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of November 30, 2018.
2. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2020 or 2019.

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

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the General Ledger Report for the year ended November 30, 2020 and 10 from the year ended November 30, 2019 and determined whether:
  - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
  - b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the General Ledger Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
  - c. Based on the nature of the expenditure, the account coding is reasonable. We found no exceptions.

### Sunshine Law Compliance

1. We obtained and inspected the Society's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.
2. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any completed public records requests during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Society had a records retention schedule, and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
4. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
5. We inspected the Societies policies 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 Section 121.22(G).
  - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

## Other Compliance

1. 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 years ended November 30, 2020 and 2019 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.
2. For all credit card accounts, we obtained:
  - copies of existing internal control policies,
  - a list(s) of authorized users, and
  - a list of all credit card account transactions.
  - a. We inspected the established policy obtained above and determined it is:
    - i. in compliance with the HB 312 statutory requirements, and
    - ii. implemented by the entity.We found no exceptions.
  - b. We selected 1 credit card transaction from each credit card account for testing. For selected transactions we inspected documentation to determine that:
    - i. Use was by an authorized user within the guidelines established in the policy, and
    - ii. Each transaction was supported with original invoices and for a proper public purpose.We found no exceptions.
  - c. We selected 3 credit card statements from each credit card account for testing. For selected statements we inspected documentation to determine that:
    - i. No unpaid beginning balance was carried forward to the current billing cycle,
    - ii. Ending statement balance was paid in full, and
    - iii. Statement contained no interest or late fees.We found no exceptions.

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.



Julian & Grube, Inc.  
May 3, 2021



# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**BROWN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**BROWN 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 6/29/2021**

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