



## LAKE WAYNOKA REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT BROWN COUNTY DECEMBER 31, 2021

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Lake Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District **Brown County** 1 Waynoka Drive Sardinia, Ohio 45171

To the Board of Trustees:

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

### Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Lake Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District, Brown County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Lake Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District, Brown County, Ohio as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 8 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the District. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

## **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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## **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *management's discussion and analysis* be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 1, 2022, 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. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's 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 compliance.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio December 1, 2022

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This discussion and analysis, along with the accompanying financial reports, of Lake Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District (the District) is designed to provide our customers, creditors and other interested parties with a general overview of the District and its financial activities.

#### **Financial Highlights**

The total assets of the District exceeded liabilities by \$3,681,227 on December 31, 2021. The District's net position increased by \$120,462 or 3.4% in 2021.

The District's operating revenues increased by \$31,247 or 3.8% and operating expenses increased \$132,062 or 12.2% between 2020 and 2021.

#### **Overview of Basic Financial Statements**

The District has only business-type activities. The District has two proprietary funds which are enterprise funds. Both the proprietary funds and business-type activities use the accrual basis of accounting which is similar to private sector business. The basic financial statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting.

The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets and liabilities. This statement provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) owned by the District, and obligations owed by the District (liabilities) on December 31. The District's net position is the difference between assets and liabilities.

The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position provides information on the District's operations over the past year and the success of recovering all of its costs through user fees, charges, assessments, and other income. Revenues are reported when earned and expenses are reported when incurred.

The statement of cash flows provides information about the District's cash receipts and cash disbursements. They summarize the net changes in cash resulting from operating, investing and financing activities.

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of the basic financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the basic financial statements.

The statements described above show major funds in separate columns. The District's major funds are the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund. These are the District's only two funds.

#### Statement of Net Position

Table 1 summarizes the statement of net position of the District. Capital assets are reported less accumulated depreciation. Net investment in capital assets is capital assets, net, less outstanding debt that was used to acquire those assets.

Net Position Table 1			
	2021	2020	
Assets:			
Current and Other Assets	\$2,800,746	\$2,539,420	
Capital Assets, Net	1,977,998	2,178,690	
Total Assets	4,778,744	4,718,110	
Liabilities:			
Current and Other Liabilities	76,917	79,845	
Long-Term Liabilities	1,020,600	1,077,500	
Total Liabilities	1,097,517	1,157,345	
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	900,498	1,046,890	
Restricted	995,318	977,581	
Unrestricted	1,785,411	1,536,294	
Total Net Position	\$3,681,227	\$3,560,765	

Current and other assets increased \$261,326 or 10.3%, primarily due to an increase in cash in 2021. Capital assets decreased \$200,692 or 9.2% due to current year depreciation.

Current and other liabilities decreased \$2,928 or 3.7%, primarily due to a decrease in accounts payable. Long term liabilities decreased \$56,900 or 5.3%, due to debt principal payments.

Net investment in capital assets decreased \$146,392 or 14.0%, primarily due to a net decrease in capital assets for depreciation, offset by current year debt principal payments. Net position restricted for debt service and other purposes increased \$17,737 or 1.8%, due to interest earnings on certificates of deposit held for sewer service purposes and the restriction of additional investments for water services. Unrestricted net position increased \$249,117 or 16.2%, due to restricting some cash for water services, which was partially offset by an increase in net position due to operating and nonoperating revenues in excess of operating and nonoperating expenses.

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

Table 2 below summarizes the changes in revenues and expenses and the resulting change in net position.

Changes in Net Position Table 2			
	2021	2020	
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>			
Charges for Services	\$841,214	\$808,334	
Miscellaneous	1,758	3,391	
Total Operating Revenues	842,972	811,725	
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>			
Operating Expenses (Excluding Depreciation)	1,009,750	863,122	
Depreciation Expense	207,056	221,622	
Total Operating Expenses	1,216,806	1,084,744	
Operating Loss	(373,834)	(273,019)	
Non-Operating Revenues:	551,404	486,256	
Non-Operating Expenses:	(57,108)	(59,772)	
Changes in Net Position	120,462	153,465	
Net Position Beginning of Year	3,560,765	3,407,300	
Net Position at End of Year	\$3,681,227	\$3,560,765	

Operating revenues increased by \$31,247 or 3.8%, in 2021 primarily due to an increase in charges for services received. Operating expenses (excluding depreciation) increased by \$146,628 or 17.0%, primarily due to an increase in expenses for repairs and maintenance and contracted services. Non-operating revenues increased between years due to an increase in connection fees. Non-operating expenses were relatively consistent between years.

#### **Capital Assets**

The District had \$1,977,998 invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, at the end of 2021. Capital assets decreased \$200,692, which is a result of current year depreciation offset by \$6,364 in capital asset purchases.

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Table 3 shows the District's 2021 capital assets as compared to 2020:

Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation) Table 3			
2021 2020			
Land Easements	\$140,829	\$140,829	
Water and Sewer Plant	1,579,207	1,764,662	
Furniture and Fixtures	6,258	0	
Machinery and Equipment	251,704	273,199	
Net Capital Assets	\$1,977,998	\$2,178,690	

See note 7 of the notes to the basic financial statements for more information on the District's capital assets.

#### Debt

The District issues long term obligations to finance much of its construction. Water revenue bonds were used to finance most general improvement projects.

Long-Term Liabilities Table 4		
	2021	2020
Water Revenue Bonds	\$1,077,500	\$1,131,800
Less: Current Maturities	(56,900)	(54,300)
Net Total Long Term Debt	\$1,020,600	\$1,077,500

The majority of the District's debt is paid from specific revenues, excluding capital contributions. See note 6 of the notes to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's long term obligations.

#### Cash

Cash and cash equivalents were \$2,786,268 on December 31, 2021. \$995,318 of these funds were restricted for specific use in 2021. These restricted accounts are for debt reserves and other purposes.

#### **Contact Information**

Questions regarding this report and requests for additional information should be forwarded to Paul Cahall, General Manager, Lake Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District, 1 Waynoka Drive, Sardinia, Ohio 45171 or (937) 446-3232.

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Statement of Net Position As of December 31, 2021

	Water	Sewer	Total Business- Type Activities
Assets:			21
Current Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$594,869	\$1,196,081	\$1,790,950
Accounts Receivable	4,112	1,666	5,778
Prepaid Expenses	1,076	1,076	2,152
Interest Receivable	846	5,702	6,548
Total Current Assets	600,903	1,204,525	1,805,428
Noncurrent Assets:			
Restricted Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents Restricted for Water and Sewer	206,962	676,856	883,818
Cash and Cash Equivalents Restricted for Debt Service	0	111,500	111,500
Total Restricted Cash	206,962	788,356	995,318
Capital Assets:			
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	1,000	139,829	140,829
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	446,499	1,390,670	1,837,169
Total Capital Assets	447,499	1,530,499	1,977,998
Total Assets	1,255,364	3,523,380	4,778,744
Liabilities:			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	9,450	5,864	15,314
Accrued Interest	0	4,703	4,703
Construction Bonds Payable	0	56,900	56,900
Total Current Liabilities	9,450	67,467	76,917
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Construction Bonds Payable	0	1,020,600	1,020,600
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	0	1,020,600	1,020,600
Total Liabilities	9,450	1,088,067	1,097,517
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	447,499	452,999	900,498
Restricted for Water and Sewer Service	206,962	676,856	883,818
Resticted for Debt Service	0	111,500	111,500
Unrestricted	591,453	1,193,958	1,785,411
Total Net Position	\$1,245,914	\$2,435,313	\$3,681,227

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

## Lake Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District

**Brown County** 

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Weter	S	Total Business-
Operating Revenues:	Water	Sewer	Type Activities
Charges for Services	\$427,554	\$413,660	\$841,214
Miscellaneous	1,576	182	1,758
Total Operating Revenues	429,130	413,842	842,972
Operating Expenses:			
Utilities	13,289	18,071	31,360
Professional Services	15,372	6,824	22,196
Depreciation	42,787	164,269	207,056
Materials and Supplies	60,586	49,727	110,313
Insurance	14,478	14,478	28,956
Repairs and Maintenance	99,858	255,576	355,434
Contracted Services	220,941	210,541	431,482
Miscellaneous	9,667	20,342	30,009
Total Operating Expenses	476,978	739,828	1,216,806
Operating Loss	(47,848)	(325,986)	(373,834)
Nonoperating Revenues:			
Interest Revenue	1,765	9,606	11,371
Special Assessments	0	137,033	137,033
Connection Fees	70,000	333,000	403,000
Total Nonoperating Revenues	71,765	479,639	551,404
Nonoperating Expenses:			
Interest Expense	0	(57,108)	(57,108)
Total Nonoperating Expenses	0	(57,108)	(57,108)
Changes in Net Position	23,917	96,545	120,462
Net Position, Beginning of Year	1,221,997	2,338,768	3,560,765
Net Position, End of Year	\$1,245,914	\$2,435,313	\$3,681,227

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

## Lake Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District

Brown County Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Water	Sewer	Total Business- Type Activities
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	water	Sewei	Type Activities
Cash Received from Customers	\$426,469	\$413,343	\$839,812
Cash Received from Others	1,576	182	1,758
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(432,481)	(582,663)	(1,015,144)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	(4,436)	(169,138)	(173,574)
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:			
Assessments	0	137,033	137,033
Connection Fees	70,000	333,000	403,000
Purchase of Capital Assets	(3,182)	(3,182)	(6,364)
Revenue Bond Principal Payments	0	(54,300)	(54,300)
Revenue Bond Interest Payments	0	(57,318)	(57,318)
Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	66,818	355,233	422,051
Cash Flows from Investing Activites:			
Interest on Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,714	18,168	19,882
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	64,096	204,263	268,359
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	737,735	1,780,174	2,517,909
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$801,831	\$1,984,437	\$2,786,268
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:			
Operating Loss	(\$47,848)	(\$325,986)	(\$373,834)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:			
Depreciation	42,787	164,269	207,056
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:			
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(1,085)	(317)	(1,402)
Increase in Prepaid Expenses	(38)	(38)	(76)
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Payable	1,748	(7,066)	(5,318)
Total Adjustments	43,412	156,848	200,260
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	(\$4,436)	(\$169,138)	(\$173,574)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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#### Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Description of the Entity

The Lake Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District, Brown County, Ohio, (the District) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District was organized under the provisions of Section 6119 of the Ohio Revised Code by the Common Pleas Court of Brown County on February 7, 1992. The District is directed by an elected seven-member Board of Trustees who serve three-year terms and two to three members are elected each year. The District was established to provide an adequate and uncontaminated water supply for the consumption of the water, and sanitary sewer services to District residents of the Lake Waynoka subdivision of Sardinia, Ohio.

In accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity," GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units (an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14)," and GASB Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34," the accompanying financial statements include only the accounts and transactions of the District. Under the criteria specified in these GASB Statements, the District has no component units nor is it considered a component unit of the State of Ohio. The District is considered, however, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio. These conclusions regarding the financial reporting entity are based on the concept of financial accountability. The District is not financially accountable for any other organizations. This is evidenced by the fact that the District is a legally and fiscally separate and distinct organization. The District is solely responsible for its finances. The District is empowered to issue debt payable solely from District revenues.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance deficits of or provide financial support to the organization; or is obligated for the debt of the organization. Based upon the application of these criteria, the District has no component units.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made. The accounting policies of the District conform to accounting policies generally accepted in the United States of America.

For financial statement presentation purposes, the District utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned. Expenses are recognized under the accrual basis of accounting when the liability is incurred. Unbilled water utility service receivables are recorded at year end.

The District operations are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with operations are included on the statement of net position. Net position is segregated based on restrictions imposed. The categories of net position are net investment in capital assets; restricted for debt service; restricted for water and sewer; and unrestricted. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Deposits consist of demand deposits and restricted certificates of deposit which are valued at cost. The District maintains a cash deposits pool used by all funds. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is restricted as to use. The District's funds fall under the proprietary fund type, which accounts for operations that are organized to be self-supporting through user charges. The funds included in this category are enterprise funds.

*Enterprise Funds* – These funds are established to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that costs of providing certain goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are financed or received primarily through user charges. Both funds used by the District are enterprise funds and are described below:

Water Fund – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover the cost of providing this utility.

Sewer Fund – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover the cost of providing this utility.

#### Budgetary Process

Ohio Attorney General Opinion No. 99-020 has clarified that the budget process described in Chapter 5705, Revised Code, applies to the District, regardless of whether the District levies property taxes. These documents are required to be prepared in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, but are not required to be filed with the county auditor or county budget commission. The District must henceforth adopt annual appropriations, limited by estimated resources. Expenditures will be limited by appropriations.

The District's Board of Trustees did adopt an operating budget for 2021. A summary of budgetary information for 2021 appears in Note 4.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets acquired or constructed for the general use of the District in providing service are recorded at cost. Interest incurred during construction has been capitalized. Donated assets are recorded at their acquisition market value at the time received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,000. Depreciation of capital assets of the District is calculated on the straight line method with the plant, tanks and lines being depreciated at a rate of 3% per year and other equipment and fixtures at a rate of 10% per year. Infrastructure assets are included in water and sewer plant and are depreciated at a rate of 3% per year. The depreciation methods are designed to amortize the costs of the assets over their estimated useful lives. Depreciation expense for 2021 was \$207,056.

#### Long-Term Obligations

Long-term debt is reported as a liability in the accompanying basic financial statements.

## <u>Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

### Operating and Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the enterprise funds. For the District, these revenues are primarily charges for water and sewer services provided. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods and/or services that are the primary activity of the funds. Nonoperating revenues and expenses are those that do not meet these definitions.

### Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available. None of the District's restricted net position is restricted by enabling legislation.

### Restricted Assets

Restricted assets represent cash required to be set aside by debt covenants for future debt service and for water and sewer reserves.

### Prepaid Expenses

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2021 are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset of the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of purchase and as an expense in the year in which the services are consumed.

### Accounts Receivable

*Sewer Accounts Receivable* – These receivables are presented at their net realizable value. Uncollectible account balances are certified to the County Auditor after administrative collection efforts have been exhausted. There was no allowance reported at December 31, 2021.

*Water Accounts Receivable* – These receivables are presented at their net realizable value. Uncollectible account balances are certified to the County Auditor after administrative collection efforts have been exhausted. There was no allowance reported at December 31, 2021.

### Note 2 – Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents

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 Board of Trustees has identified as not required for use within the current five-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 monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

- 1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States, or any book entry, zero-coupon United States treasury security that is a direct obligation of the United States;
- Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- 3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of this state or the political subdivisions of this state, provided the bonds or other obligations of political subdivisions mature within ten years from the date of settlement;
- 5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts, in eligible institutions pursuant to ORC sections 135.32;
- 6. No-load money market mutual funds rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service or consisting exclusively of obligations described in (1) or (2) above; commercial paper as described in ORC section 135.143 (6); and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided these investments are made only through eligible institutions;
- 7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
- 8. Up to forty percent of the District's average portfolio, if training requirements have been met in either of the following:
  - a. Commercial paper notes in entities incorporated under the laws of Ohio, or any other State, that have assets exceeding five hundred million dollars, which are rated in the highest classification established by two nationally recognized standard rating services, which do not exceed ten percent of the value of the outstanding commercial paper of the issuing corporation, which mature within 270 days after purchase, and the investment in commercial paper notes of a single issuer shall not exceed the aggregate five percent of interim monies available for investment at the time of purchase.
  - b. Bankers acceptances of banks that are insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation and that mature not later than 180 days after purchase.

Protection of the District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Treasurer 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. Investments 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 Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

*Deposits* – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, none of the District's bank balance of \$2,775,834 was exposed to custodial credit risk. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The District has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by:

Eligible securities pledged to the District and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured; or

Participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposite being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

### Note 3 – Related Party Transactions

A contract was entered into on July 13, 1998 with the Waynoka Property Owners Association (WPOA) for WPOA to provide the District with administrative, maintenance, and management staff as well as office supplies, rental, and other fees associated with the maintenance and upkeep of the building housing the District. A contract is signed on a yearly basis between the District and WPOA. WPOA is responsible for all payroll and related deductions and matches. During 2021, the District paid \$411,166 to the WPOA for the contract.

#### Note 4 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2021 was as follows:

	Budgeted and Actual Receipts		
Fund	Budget	Actual	Variance
Water	\$518,658	\$499,759	(\$18,899)
Sewer	907,668	901,726	(5,942)
Total	\$1,426,326	\$1,401,485	(\$24,841)
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Fund	Budget	Actual	Variance
Water	\$646,111	\$435,663	\$210,448
Sewer	796,026	697,463	98,563
	\$1,442,137	\$1,133,126	\$309,011

#### Note 5 – Risk Management

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 has commercial insurance coverage with Cincinnati Insurance Company for the following risks:

Commercial Property:	
Blanket Building	\$8,101,131
Commercial Umbrella Liability:	
Each Occurrence	10,000,000
Aggregate	10,000,000
General Liability:	
Each Occurrence	1,000,000
Aggregate	2,000,000
Automobile Liability:	
Combined Single Limit (Each Accident)	1,000,000
Employee Dishonesty	120,000

There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year. There have been no insurance settlements which exceeded insurance coverage during the past three years.

#### Note 6 – Long-Term Obligations

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2021 was as follows:

	Balance			Balance	Due in
	12/31/20	Additions	Deletions	12/31/21	One Year
Water Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5.125%	\$820,200	\$0	(\$39,300)	\$780,900	\$41,300
Water Revenue Bonds, Series B, 5.125%	130,500	0	(6,300)	124,200	6,500
Water Revenue Bonds, Series C, 5.125%	181,100	0	(8,700)	172,400	9,100
Totals	\$1,131,800	\$0	(\$54,300)	\$1,077,500	\$56,900

The District issued water revenue bonds to finance the central sewage treatment facility. The bonds were issued on September 20, 1995 in the amount of 1,874,700 (Series A - 1,358,700; Series B - 216,000; Series C - 300,000) with an annual interest rate of 5.125% and maturities through June 1, 2035. The bonds are collateralized by the assessment revenues and future revenues from the District's sewer operations.

In connection with the revenue bonds, the District has pledged future operating revenues, net of certain operating expenses, to repay this debt. The bonds are payable through their final maturities solely from operating, and certain nonoperating, revenues received during the course of business. Net revenues available for these bonds for 2021 were \$317,922. Principal and interest payments totaled \$111,618 for the year. The coverage ratio for these bonds was 2.8 for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Amortization of the above debt is scheduled as follows:

Year Ending	Water Revenue Bonds			
December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total	
2022	\$56,900	\$54,503	\$111,403	
2023	60,000	51,547	111,547	
2024	63,200	48,431	111,631	
2025	66,500	45,152	111,652	
2026	69,900	41,699	111,599	
2027-2031	407,500	150,180	557,680	
2032-2036	353,500	37,147	390,647	
Total	\$1,077,500	\$428,659	\$1,506,159	

# Note 7 – Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended December 31, 2021 was as follows:

	Ending Balance			Ending Balance
	12/31/20	Additions	Deletions	12/31/21
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated				
Land Easements	\$140,829	\$0	\$0	\$140,829
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	140,829	0	0	140,829
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Water and Sewer Plant	5,915,440	0	0	5,915,440
Furniture and Fixtures	6,315	6,364	0	12,679
Machinery and Equipment	911,238	0	0	911,238
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	6,832,993	6,364	0	6,839,357
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Water and Sewer Plant	(4,150,778)	(185,455)	0	(4,336,233)
Furniture and Fixtures	(6,315)	(106)	0	(6,421)
Machinery and Equipment	(638,039)	(21,495)	0	(659,534)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(4,795,132)	(207,056)	0	(5,002,188)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	2,037,861	(200,692)	0	1,837,169
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$2,178,690	(\$200,692)	\$0	\$1,977,998

### Note 8 – COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June, 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. During 2021, the District did not receive COVID-19 funding. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the District. The impact on the District's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.



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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

Lake Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District Brown County 1 Waynoka Drive Sardinia, Ohio 45171

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Lake Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District, Brown County, (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 1, 2022. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures which may impact subsequent periods of the District.

## Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purposes of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. 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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio December 1, 2022



# LAKE WAYNOKA REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

# **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 12/20/2022

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