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**COSHOCTON, FAIRFIELD, LICKING, PERRY  
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
LICKING COUNTY**

**AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 - 2022**



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Board of Directors  
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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Coshocton, Fairfield, Licking, Perry Solid Waste District, Licking County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. 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. The Coshocton, Fairfield, Licking, Perry Solid Waste District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Keith Faber'.

Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

October 22, 2024

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COSHOCTON, FAIRFIELD, LICKING, PERRY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
LICKING COUNTY

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

Coshocton, Fairfield, Licking, Perry Solid Waste District  
Licking County  
675 Price Road  
Newark, Ohio 43055

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on Coshocton, Fairfield, Licking, Perry Solid Waste District's (the District) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the District. The District is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the District.

The Board of Directors and the management of the District have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the District's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Additionally, the Auditor of State has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet their purposes. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

**Cash**

1. Licking County is the custodian for the District's deposits, and therefore the County's deposit and investment pool holds the Districts assets. We confirmed the District's fund balances reported on its December 31, 2023 Financial Report to the balances reported in Licking County's accounting records. The amounts agreed.

**Cash (Continued)**

2. We agreed the January 1, 2022 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the District's Financial Report to the December 31, 2021 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We noted a difference of \$3,052 between the beginning fund balance on January 1, 2022 and the ending fund balance on December 31, 2021. The District included the balance of their Vacation & Sick Payout fund in their 2021 Financial Report; however, this fund was not included in their 2022 Financial Report, causing the \$3,052 difference. We also agreed the January 1, 2023 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the District's Financial Report to the December 31, 2022 balances in the District's Financial Report. We noted a difference of \$398 between the beginning fund balance on January 1, 2023 and the ending fund balance on December 31, 2022. The District did not include the balance of their Vacation & Sick Payout fund in either the 2023 or 2022 Financial Reports; however, a disbursement from this fund was included within the cash disbursements on the financial statement in 2022, causing the \$398 difference.

**Tipping Fees**

1. We confirmed the amounts paid from the Tunnel Hill Reclamation, Pine Grove Landfill, and Suburban Landfill to the District during 2023 and 2022. They confirmed payment of the following amounts to the District:

<b>Company</b>	<b>2023 Payments</b>	<b>2022 Payments</b>
Tunnel Hill Reclamation	\$1,367,127.19	\$966,596.08
Pine Grove Landfill	\$358,865.49	\$253,276.20
Suburban Landfill	\$804,417.24	\$795,150.90

- a. We compared the amounts confirmed with the amount the District records in its receipt records. Tunnel Hill Reclamation confirmed \$121,586 less than the District recorded during 2022. Pine Grove Landfill confirmed \$7,718 more and \$1,058 less than the District recorded during 2023 and 2022, respectively. Suburban Landfill confirmed \$16,641 less and \$5,854 more than the District recorded in 2023 and 2022, respectively. These variances were due to timing differences. The District records these receipts in the month after the landfill company considers them as paid. The District recorded December 2022 and December 2021 receipts to their system in January 2023 and 2022, respectively.
  - b. We inspected the Audit Trail by Account Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We inspected the Audit Trail by Account Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We obtained the January 2022 and October 2023 total tonnage reports from the landfills in procedure 1.
    - a. We recalculated the dollar amount sent to the District based on the rates in force during the period and agreed to the amounts posted to the Districts ledgers. We found no exceptions.

**Other Receipts**

We selected 10 other receipts from the year ended December 31, 2023 and 10 other receipts from the year ended 2022 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the Audit Trail by Account Report to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
- b. Inspected the Audit Trail by Account Report to determine the receipt was posted to the proper funds, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.



**Debt**

1. The prior agreed-upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2021.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the Audit Trail by Account Report for evidence of debt issued during 2023 or 2022 or debt payment activity during 2023 or 2022. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2023 or 2022.

**Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We selected 1 payroll check for all employees from 2023 and 1 payroll check for all employees from 2022 from the Payroll Register Report and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Payroll Register Report to supporting documentation (legislatively or statutorily-approved salary). We found no exceptions.
  - b. We inspected the Audit Trail by Account Report to determine whether salaries and benefits were paid only from the *Special Fund*, as required by the SWCD Administrative Handbook Chapter 5. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We inspected the fund and account codes to which the check was posted to determine the posting was allowable based on the employees' duties as documented as required by statute. We found no exceptions.
  - d. We confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected 1 new employee from 2023 and:
  - a. We inspected the employee's personnel files for the Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization.
  - b. We agreed the items in a. above to the Employee General Information Report.  
We found no exceptions.
3. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2023 to confirm remittances were timely charged by the fiscal agent, Licking County, and if the amounts charged agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period of 2023. We observed the following:

<b>Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Federal income taxes & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2024	January 3, 2024	\$3,900.68	\$3,900.68
State income taxes	January 15, 2024	January 12, 2024	\$291.99	\$291.99
Local income tax	February 15, 2024	January 26, 2024	\$235.41	\$235.41
School income tax	January 15, 2024	January 12, 2024	\$76.47	\$76.47
OPERS retirement	January 15, 2024	January 12, 2024	\$3,338.49	\$3,338.49

We found no exceptions.

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

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the Audit Trail by Account Report for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 10 disbursements from the year ended 2022 and determined whether:
  - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
  - b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Audit Trail by Account Report and to the names and amounts of the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
  - c. The payment was posted to a fund consistent with the restricted purpose for which the fund's cash can be used. We found no exceptions.
  - d. The fiscal officer certified disbursements requiring certification or issued a Then and Now Certificate, as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(D). We found no exceptions.
  - e. The disbursement was allowable under Ohio Rev. Code § 3734.57(G) and the District's policies and procedures. We found no exceptions.

### **Compliance – Budgetary**

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus year-end certified commitments including outstanding encumbrances) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total approved appropriations (Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.38 and 5705.40) plus any carryover appropriations for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 for the General Fund. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.
2. We inspected the Audit Trail by Account Report for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 for negative cash fund balances. Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.10 (I) provides that money paid into a fund must be used for the purposes for which such fund is established. As a result, a negative fund cash balance indicates that money from one fund was used to cover the expenses of another. There were no funds having negative cash fund balances.

### **Sunshine Law Compliance**

1. We obtained and inspected the District'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.
  - a. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any completed public records requests during the engagement period.
  - b. The District did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.
  - c. The District did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the District 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 District's policy manual and determined the public records policy was included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.

### **Sunshine Law Compliance (Continued)**

6. We observed that the District's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the District as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
7. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inquired with District management and determined that the District 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 District notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.
10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
  - a. Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting
  - b. Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner
  - c. Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
  - d. Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.We found no exceptions.
11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
  - a. Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
  - b. The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G).
  - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

### **Other Compliance**

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 requires Districts 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 District 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 December 31, 2023 and 2022 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.

We were engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the District's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.



**Perry and Associates**  
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.  
Marietta, Ohio

August 30, 2024

# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**COSHOCTON, FAIRFIELD, LICKING, PERRY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

**LICKING COUNTY**

**AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



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

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