MIDWEST POOL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY, INC.
VAN WERT COUNTY, OHIO

AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2023

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc., Van Wert County, prepared by Zupka & Associates, for the audit period December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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 Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc. is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

June 13, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc. (MPRMA), Van Wert County, Ohio as of and for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise MPRMA's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc., Van Wert County, Ohio as of November 30, 2023, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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* (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 MPRMA, 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 opinion.

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.

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 MPRMA'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 opinion. 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 MPRMA'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 MPRMA'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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and Ten-Year Loss Development Information, as listed in the table of contents, 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 on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to 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 May 29, 2024, on our consideration of MPRMA's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants 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 MPRMA'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 MPRMA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Zupka & Associates

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Certified Public Accountants

May 29, 2024

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The discussion and analysis of the Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc.'s (the "Agency") financial performance provides an overall review of the Agency's financial activities for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Agency's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Agency's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2023 are as follows:

- For 2023, the total net position of the Agency decreased $81,282, which represents a 5.39% decrease from November 30, 2022.

- The Agency has hired an independent actuary, The Actuarial Advantage, to determine the loss and loss adjustment expense reserves. Based upon the actuary's report, the loss and loss adjustment expense reserves was $575,335 at November 30, 2023.

- The Agency had operating revenues of $1,979.177 and operating expenses of $1,994,469 for fiscal year 2023. The Agency had $65,990 in nonoperating expense, net which includes $72,868 in interest revenue and $138,858 in PERC dividends distributed to its members. Operating loss and the change in net position for the fiscal year were $15,292 and a decrease of $81,282, respectively.

Using these Basic Financial Statements

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Agency's financial activities. The s*tatement of net position* and the *statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position* provide information about the activities of the Agency, including all short-term and long-term financial resources and obligations. The *statement of cash flows* provides information about the Agency's short-term cash flows needs to support operations.

Reporting the Agency Financial Activities

Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position and the Statement of Cash Flows

These documents look at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did the Agency perform financially during fiscal year 2023?" The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position answer this question. These statements include *all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting,* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting considers all current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position report the Agency's *net position* and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Agency as a whole, the *financial position* of the Agency has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. The Agency's statement of net position and statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position can be found on pages 9-10 of this report. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Agency's finances and meets the cash flow needs of its operations. The statement of cash flows can be found on page 11 of this report.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 13-19 of this report.

Required Supplementary Information

Ten years of loss development information can be found on pages 21-25 of this report.

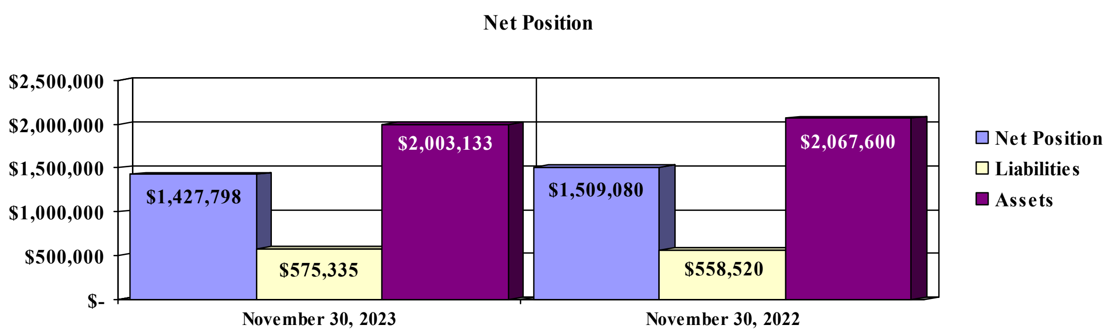
Net Position and Changes in Net Position

The table below provides a summary of the Agency's net position at November 30, 2023 and 2022.

Net Position

	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,003,133	$ 1,928,742
Receivables:		
Due from PERC	-	138,858
Total assets	2,003,133	2,067,600
Liabilities:		
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	575,335	558,520
Net Position:		
Unrestricted	$ 1,427,798	$ 1,509,080

Cash and cash equivalents increased due to current year operations. For fiscal year 2023, no PERC dividend was announced for distribution to the Agency. The loss and loss adjustment expense reserve at fiscal year-end is provided by The Actuarial Advantage, the Agency's independent actuary. Net position at November 30, 2023 was $1,427,798, all of which is considered unrestricted. The chart below shows a breakdown of the Agency's assets, liabilities and net position for 2023:



The table below shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2023 and 2022.

Change in Net Position

	2023	2022
Operating revenues:		
Member contributions	$ 1,979,177	$ 1,907,136
Total operating revenues	1,979,177	1,907,136
Operating expenses:		
Loss and loss adjustment expenses, net	381,123	290,425
Insurance premiums:		
Public Entity Risk Consortium	1,529,172	1,379,595
Other	69,602	64,603
Professional fees	14,135	13,928
Miscellaneous expenses	437	3,369
Total operating expenses	1,994,469	1,751,920
Operating income (loss)	(15,292)	155,216
Non-operating revenues (expense):		
Investment income	72,868	16,224
Dividend from PERC		138,858
PERC dividend distributed to members	(138,858)	(147,220)
Total non-operating revenues (expense)	(65,990)	7,862
Change in net position	(81,282)	163,078
Net position, December 1	1,509,080	1,346,002
Net position, November 30	$ 1,427,798	$ 1,509,080

Member contribution revenue increased from 2022 due to increased premiums to PERC. The Agency's two largest areas of expenses are (1) loss and loss adjustment expenses, net and (2) insurance premiums to PERC. These expenses represent 19.11% and 76.67%, respectively, of total operating expenses for fiscal year 2023. Fluctuations in these expenses will result from claims activity and insurance costs established by PERC. Interest revenues increased due to increased interest rates on the Agency's investments in STAR Ohio. Overall, net position at November 30, 2023 decreased by $81,282 from the prior year as member premiums were sufficient to support claims and administrative expenses during the fiscal year.

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Capital Assets and Debt Administration

At November 30, 2023, the Agency had no capital assets or outstanding debt obligations.

Current Financial Related Activities

The Agency is committed to providing the advantages of obtaining insurances and to providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance pool its members. The Agency also provides risk management services, loss prevention programs and other educational materials to its members. The Agency is committed to protecting the financial interests of its members and will continue to monitor claims activity and insurance costs to best meet the needs of its members.

Contacting the Agency's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide interested users and our membership with a general overview of the Agency's finances and to show the Agency's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Mr. David Bambauer, Treasurer, Auglaize County Commissioner's Office, 209 S. Blackhoof Street, Room 201, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895 or by calling (419) 739-6710.

MIDWEST POOL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY, INC.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Assets:		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	2,003,133
Total assets		2,003,133
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities:		
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves (see Note 6)		575,335
Total liabilities		575,335
Net position:		
Unrestricted	$	1,427,798

THE NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

MIDWEST POOL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY, INC.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Operating revenues:	
Member contributions	$ 1,979,177
Operating expenses:	
Loss and loss adjustment expenses, net (see Note 7)	381,123
Insurance premiums:	
Public Entity Risk Consortium	1,529,172
Other	69,602
Professional fees	14,135
Miscellaneous expenses	437
Total operating expenses	1,994,469
Operating loss	(15,292)
Non-operating revenues (expense):	
Investment income	72,868
Public Entity Risk Consortium dividend distributed to members	(138,858)
Total non-operating revenues (expense)	(65,990)
Change in net position	(81,282)
Net position, December 1	1,509,080
Net position, November 30	$ 1,427,798

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MIDWEST POOL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from member contributions	$ 1,979,177
Cash payments for covered losses	(364,308)
Cash payments for Public Entity Risk Consortium premiums	(1,529,172)
Cash payments for other premiums	(69,602)
Cash payments for professional services	(14,135)
Cash payments for miscellaneous expenses	(437)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,523
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Dividend received from Public Entity Risk Consortium	138,858
Public Entity Risk Consortium dividend distributed to members	(138,858)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	-
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest received	72,868
Net cash provided by investing activities	72,868
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	74,391
Cash and cash equivalents, December 1	1,928,742
Cash and cash equivalents, November 30	$ 2,003,133
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating loss	$ (15,292)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	16,815
Net cash provided by operating activities	$ 1,523

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

The Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc., Van Wert County, Ohio (the "Agency") is a legally separate entity organized under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 1702.01. The Agency was formed pursuant to Chapter 2744.081 of the ORC for the public purpose of enabling the subscribing political subdivisions to obtain insurance and to provide a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance pool for its members. The Agency provides a cooperative program for the provisions and administration of a self-insurance pool to provide coverage for automobile liability, general liability, crime and property, automobile physical damage and public official's liability in accordance with the Agency's amended and restated agreement. In addition to the self-insurance pool, the Agency provides risk management services, loss prevention programs and other educational materials. The members of the Agency include the following counties within the State of Ohio: Auglaize, Hancock, Mercer, Shelby and Van Wert.

The Assembly is the legislative body (the "Board of Trustees") of the Agency consisting of each member's board of county commissioners. Officers of the Assembly are elected from the Board of Trustees for a one eleven-month term. The Board of Trustees acts as the managerial body of the Agency.

Member premiums are calculated to annually produce a sufficient sum of money within the self-insurance pool adequate to fund administrative expenses of the Agency and to create adequate reserves for claims and allocated loss adjustment expenses.

Under the terms of membership, should annual member premiums not be sufficient to fund ultimate losses, establish adequate reserves and cover administrative expenses, the Board of Trustees can require supplementary contributions. Supplementary contributions can be assessed during the entire life of the Agency and any later period when claims or expenses need to be paid which are attributable to any membership year during which the event or claim occurred.

For claims, the Agency pays the first $100,000 of loss per occurrence (the "Self-insured retention"). Amounts over the Agency deductible and the self-insured retention amount of $100,000, are payable by a commercial insurance policy subject to scheduled limits at each location per a statement of values on file with the company.

Effective December 1, 2005, the Agency joined a Public Entity Risk Consortium (PERC) (excess pool) which consists of seven (7) pool risk groups including the Agency. Under this program, the Agency continues as is, including the $100,000 self-insurance retention. However, the super pool self-insures amounts in excess of its members' individual self-insured retention as follows:

Property	$250,000 per occurrence
Liability	$500,000 per occurrence
Stop Loss	$1,750,000 maximum per year

The Agency uses reinsurance agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses on all types of insured events. Reinsurance permits recovery of a portion of losses from reinsurance, although it does not discharge the primary liability of the agency as direct insurer of the risks reinsured. The Agency is contingently liable with respect to certain loss coverage, which would become a liability in the event these insurance carriers are unable to meet the obligations under these contracts.

Members may withdraw from the Agency or from any particular benefits program with at least 12 months notice. There were no members that withdrew from the Agency during the period from December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023.

All administrative costs and expenses incurred for the maintenance of the Agency are paid through the pool account balances through November 30, 2023.

Management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the Agency is financially accountable.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the Agency have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Agency's significant accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "*The Financial Reporting Entity*" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39 "*Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*", and GASB Statement No. 61, "*The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic financial statements of the Agency are not misleading. On this basis, no governmental organizations or agencies other than the Agency itself are included in the financial reporting entity.

B. Fund Accounting

The Agency maintains its accounting records in accordance with the principles of "fund" accounting. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of government entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of specific revenues and expenses. The Agency uses an enterprise fund to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

C. Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus

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, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

For financial statement presentation purposes, the Agency utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred.

The Agency's activities are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the Agency's operations are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position.

The Agency distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues generally result from charges to members for insurance premiums. Operating expenses for the Agency include the payment of loss and loss adjustment expenses, insurance premiums, professional fees and miscellaneous expenses. Non-operating revenues and expenses include investment income, dividend revenue from PERC and PERC dividends distributed to members.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments:

The Agency maintains demand deposit accounts and investments in STAR Ohio.

During fiscal year 2023, the Agency invested in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The Agency measures its investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides a NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For fiscal year 2023, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, 24-hour advance notice for deposits and withdrawals of $100 million or more is encouraged. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to $250 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the $250 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows and for reporting on the statement of net position, investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the Agency are considered to be "cash equivalents". Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are considered to be "investments".

An analysis of the Agency's cash and investments at fiscal year-end is provided in Note 4.

Receivables:

All receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts, as applicable. Receivables in excess of 90 days are evaluated for the ability to collect them and an allowance is established, as deemed necessary, based on the best information available and in an amount that management believes is adequate. Receivables are written off when deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of receivables previously written off are recorded when received. The Agency has no receivables in fiscal year 2023.

Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves:

Provisions for loss reserves and loss adjustment expense reserves are based on information reported by members and are calculated by an actuary. These amounts represent an estimate of reported unpaid claims plus a provision for claims incurred but not reported. Adjustments to this reserve account are charged or credited to expense in the period in which they are made. The Agency's management believes that the estimate of the liability for loss reserves is reasonable; however, actual incurred loss and loss adjustment expense may not conform to the assumptions inherent in the determination of the liability. Accordingly, the ultimate settlement of losses and the related loss adjustment expense may vary from the estimated amounts included in the accompanying financial statements. Should the provision for loss reserves be insufficient, supplemental contributions will be assessed to the Agency members. See Note 6 for more information of the Agency's loss and loss adjustment expense reserves.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Net position:

Net position is the excess of revenues over expenses during the period in which the Agency has been in existence. If adequate provision has been made for the payment of all claims and expenses of the Agency, the Board of Trustees, at its discretion, may distribute surplus funds to members during that particular year, provided that such members are also members in the year in which the distribution is made. In lieu of distributing surplus funds to the members, the Board may carry forward the surplus to offset annual or supplemental payments in the subsequent fiscal year.

In the event the Agency is terminated, all members of the Agency are obligated for any necessary supplemental payments applicable to the years during which they were members. After all claims and related expenses have been paid or reserves established for the payment of any such claims, any surplus funds will be distributed to members, past or present, who constituted the Agency for that fiscal year.

E. Budgetary Process

Under Ohio law, the Agency is not required to follow a budgetary process and, therefore, no budgetary information is provided in these basic financial statements.

F. Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

Change in Accounting Principles

For 2023, the Agency has implemented GASB Statement No. 94, "*Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*", GASB Statement No. 96, "*Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements*", certain questions and answers of GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 and certain paragraphs of GASB Statement No. 99, "*Omnibus 2022*".

GASB Statement No. 94 is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in this Statement, a PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 94 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Agency.

GASB Statement No. 96 provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, Leases, as amended. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 96 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Agency.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 provides clarification on issues related to previously established GASB guidance. The implementation of GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Agency.

GASB Statement No. 99 is to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 99 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Agency.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At November 30, 2023, the carrying amount of all Agency deposits was $594,287. Of the bank balance of $594,287, $263,561 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and $330,726 was covered by the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS).

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Agency will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Agency has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or protected by (1) eligible securities pledged to the Agency and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose fair value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured, or (2) participation in the 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. The OPCS requires the total fair value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State. For 2023, the Agency's deposits were collateralized at 102 percent through its financial institution's participation in the OPCS. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the Agency to a successful claim by the FDIC.

B. Investments

As of November 30, 2023, the Agency had the following investment and maturity:

Measurement/ Investment type	Measurement Value	Investment Maturity 6 months or less
Amortized cost:		
STAR Ohio	$ 1,408,846	$ 1,408,846

The weighted average maturity of investments is 1 day.

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk arises as potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the Agency's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: Standard & Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio an AAAm money market rating. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The Agency has no investment policy dealing with investment credit risk beyond the requirements in State statutes.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Agency will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Agency's investment policy does not specifically address custodial credit risk beyond the adherence to all relevant sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The Agency places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the Agency at November 30, 2023:

Measurement/ Investment type	Measurement Value	% of Total
Amortized cost:		
STAR Ohio	$ 1,408,846	100.00

C. Reconciliation of Cash and Investment to the Statement of Net Position

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the footnote above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net position as of November 30, 2023:

Cash and investments per note	
Carrying amount of deposits	$ 594,287
Investments	1,408,846
Total	$ 2,003,133
Cash and investments on Statement of Net Position	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,003,133

NOTE 5 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Agency contracted with a third-party administrator, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. to provide management services and Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. to process claims incurred by its members. The members contribute monthly premiums into the self-insurance risk pool fund of the Agency. The Treasurer approves payments to the third-party administrator for actual insurance claims processed, insurance premiums and administrative charges incurred on behalf of the Agency members. Besides the standard monthly contributions, the Agency may extend an assessment to each member.

Member counties that withdraw or are expelled from the Agency are responsible for any supplementary payments in the same proportion as was their Annual Payment for that year to the Annual Payments of all Members that year for the entire life of the Agency and any later period when claims or expenses need be paid which are attributable to any year of membership when the event out of which the expense or claim occurred.

NOTE 6 - LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES

The Agency reports a reserve liability that includes a provision for reported and unreported insured events and an estimate of future payment of losses and related loss adjustment expenses. The claims liability as required by GASB Statement No. 10, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues*", as amended by GASB Statement No. 30, "*Risk Financing Omnibus*", was provided by the Agency's independent actuary, The Actuarial Advantage. The changes in the aggregate liabilities for the Agency for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2023 and November 30, 2022 is presented below.

	2023	2022
Unpaid loss and loss adjustment expense reserves, beginning	$ 558,520	$ 569,463
Loss and loss adjustment expenses, net:		
Incurred loss and loss adjustment expenses, provision for insured events of the current period	561,195	515,695
(Decrease) in provision for insured events of the prior years	(180,072)	(225,270)
Total loss and loss adjustment expenses, net	381,123	290,425
Payments for covered losses:		
Loss and loss adjustment expenses attributable to insured events of the current year	247,457	206,153
Loss and loss adjustment expenses paid attributable to insured events of prior years	116,851	95,215
Total payments for covered losses	364,308	301,368
Unpaid loss and loss adjustment expense reserves, ending	$ 575,335	$ 558,520

NOTE 7 - LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSES, NET

For fiscal year 2023, the Agency reported loss and loss adjustment expenses, net of $381,123. The Agency's independent actuary for fiscal year 2023 was The Actuarial Advantage.

The $16,815 increase in the loss and loss adjustment expense reserves from November 30, 2022 to November 30, 2023 is reflected in the fiscal year 2023 loss and loss adjustment expenses, net as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. For fiscal year 2023, actual claims payments for covered losses were $364,308 as reported on the Statement of Cash Flows.

NOTE 8 - CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, the Agency is involved in various legal proceedings. In the opinion of management, any liability resulting from such proceedings would not have a material adverse effect on the financial statements.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

MIDWEST POOL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY, INC.

SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
TEN-YEAR LOSS DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

The following table illustrates how the Consortium's premium revenue and investment income compares to related costs of loss and other expenses assumed by the Consortium as of the end of the year. The rows of the table are defined as follows:

(1) This line shows the total of each fiscal year's gross earned premiums and reported investment income.

(2) This line shows each fiscal year's other operating costs of the Consortium including overhead and loss adjustment expenses not allocable to individual claims.

(3) This line shows the Consortium's gross incurred losses and allocated loss adjustment expense as originally reported at the end of the year in which the event that triggered coverage occurred (called *accident year*).

(4) This section shows the cumulative net amounts paid as of the end of the accident year.

(5) This section shows how each accident year's net incurred losses increased or decreased as of the end of the year. (This annual re-estimation results from new information received on known losses, re-evaluation of existing information on known losses and emergence of new losses not previously known).

(6) This line compares the latest re-estimated net incurred losses amount to the amount originally established (line 3) and shows whether this latest estimate of losses is greater or less than originally thought.

As data for individual accident years mature, the correlation between original estimates and re-estimated amounts is commonly used to evaluate the accuracy of net incurred losses currently recognized in less mature accident years. The columns of the table show data for successive accident years. Loss development information for the fiscal years ended November 30, 2014 through 2023 is provided on the next page.

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MIDWEST POOL RISK MANAGEMENT, INC.

SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
TEN-YEAR LOSS DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
1. Premiums and investment income	$ 1,482,696	$ 1,526,298	$ 1,770,610	$ 1,805,112
2. Unallocated expenses	1,179,494	1,225,963	1,222,412	1,249,226
3. Estimated losses incurred and expense, end of year	395,653	302,086	455,634	556,901
4. Paid, cumulative as of:				
End of accident year	146,302	63,794	160,979	227,342
One year later	231,565	96,426	236,313	365,683
Two years later	353,703	96,426	183,069	390,758
Three years later	353,330	98,406	266,338	390,758
Four years later	353,330	142,201	340,358	390,758
Five years later	353,330	166,737	351,313	390,758
Six years later	353,330	166,737	351,313	390,758
Seven years later	353,330	166,737	351,313	-
Eight years later	353,330	166,737	-	-
Nine years later	353,330	-	-	-
5. Re-estimated incurred losses and expense:				
End of accident year	395,653	302,086	455,634	556,901
One year later	422,137	182,489	326,595	497,734
Two years later	383,981	129,401	260,923	420,752
Three years later	365,040	207,501	318,765	390,758
Four years later	353,330	196,926	354,656	390,758
Five years later	353,330	166,737	351,313	390,758
Six years later	353,330	166,737	351,313	390,758
Seven years later	353,330	166,737	351,313	-
Eight years later	353,330	166,737	-	-
Nine years later	353,330	-	-	-
6. Increase (decrease) in estimated incurred losses and expenses from end of accident year	(42,323)	(135,349)	(104,321)	(166,143)

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
$ 1,813,540	$ 1,842,424	$ 1,871,857	$ 1,996,214	$ 2,062,218	$ 2,052,045
1,239,300	1,231,333	1,271,317	1,399,654	1,461,495	1,613,346
354,476	439,121	480,073	396,945	515,695	561,195
79,627	197,153	97,865	45,345	206,153	247,457
257,204	248,549	248,991	103,283	272,368	-
315,713	258,049	286,268	105,784	-	-
393,005	258,049	334,403	-	-	-
393,005	258,049	-	-	-	-
393,005	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
354,476	439,121	480,073	396,945	515,695	561,195
388,594	403,402	429,532	293,244	488,343	-
442,187	287,823	343,072	135,985	-	-
400,554	260,263	349,825	-	-	-
393,005	258,049	-	-	-	-
393,005	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
38,529	(181,072)	(130,248)	(260,960)	27,352	-

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc.
Van Wert County
204 S. Blackhood Street, Room 201
Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895

To the Members of the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc. (MPRMA), Van Wert County, Ohio as of and for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise MPRMA's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 29, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered MPRMA's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of MPRMA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of MPRMA'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 MPRMA'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 have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether MPRMA’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 MPRMA’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering MPRMA’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Zupka & Associates

Zupka & Associates
Certified Public Accountants

May 29, 2024

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2023

The prior audit report, for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2022, reported no audit findings or management letter recommendations.

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE
KEITH FABER

MIDWEST POOL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

VAN WERT 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 6/25/2024

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