

Ashland County Agricultural Society
Ashland County

Agreed-Upon Procedures
For the Years Ended November 30, 2023, and 2022



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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Ashland County Agricultural Society, prepared by Gueye & Associates, CPA, for the period December 1, 2021 through November 30, 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 Ashland County Agricultural Society is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Faber".

Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

June 12, 2024

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**ASHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
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NOVEMBER 30, 2023, AND 2022

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Ashland County Agricultural Society's (the Society) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 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 Society. The Society is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Society.

The Board of Trustees and the management of the Society have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Society's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 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. We recalculated the November 30, 2023 and November 30, 2022 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the December 1, 2021 beginning fund balances recorded in the Hinkle report to the November 30, 2021 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the December 1, 2022 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded to the November 30, 2022 balances. We found no exceptions.
3. We attempted to agree the 2023 and 2022 bank reconciliation balances as of November 30, 2023 and 2022 to the total fund cash balances reported in the Balance Sheet Report and the financial statements filed by the Society in the Hinkle System. We noted that while the bank reconciliation balances agreed with the Balance Sheet Report balances, they differed from the balances reported in the financial statements filed by the Society in the Hinkle System by \$5,376.08 and \$1,879.74, for the periods ending November 30, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

4. We observed the year-end bank balances on the financial institution's website. The balances agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the November 30, 2023 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected 5 reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the November 30, 2023 bank reconciliation:
 - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent December bank statements. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register and determined the debits were dated prior to November 30. We found no exceptions.

Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We selected a total of 5 receipts from the Distribution Transaction Detail Report (State DTL) and the Ashland County Auditor's Check History Register Report from 2023 and a total of 5 from 2022.
 - a. We compared the amount from the above-named reports to the amount recorded in the General Ledger report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the General Ledger report to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper account codes. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the General Ledger report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Admission/Grandstand Receipts

We selected 2 days of admission/grandstand cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2023 and 2 days of admission/grandstand cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2022 recorded in the General Ledger report and agreed the receipt amount to the supporting documentation (ticket recapitulation sheets/cash register tapes, etc.). The amounts agreed.

Privilege Fee Receipts

We selected 10 privilege fee cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2023, and 10 privilege fee cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2022 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

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

Rental Receipts

We selected 10 rental cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2023, and 10 rental cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2022, recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

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

Pari-mutuel Wagering Commission Receipts and Disbursements

We obtained copies of race schedules approved by the Board of Directors. We selected 1 race day from the year ended November 30, 2023, and 1 race day from the year ended November 30, 2022, and performed the following procedures:

- a. Traced Pari-mutuel wagering Commission receipts to the liability report and to cash receipt ledger postings. The amounts agreed.
- b. Traced disbursement to ledger postings for totalizer service and pari-mutuel state tax disbursement and agreed amounts to the liability report. We found no exceptions.

Sustaining and Entry (Purse) Receipts and Disbursements

We obtained copies of race schedules approved by the Board of Directors. We selected 1 race day from the year ended November 30, 2023, and 1 race day from the year ended November 30, 2022, and performed the following procedures:

- a. Traced authorized race dates to the cash receipt ledger postings and determined whether there are purse receipt postings for each authorized race day. The cash receipts ledger reported wagering receipts for the authorized date.
- b. Traced authorized race dates to the cash disbursement ledger postings and determined whether there were purse disbursement postings for each authorized race day. The cash disbursements ledger reported wagering disbursements for the authorized date.

Other Receipts

We selected 10 other receipts from the year ended November 30, 2023, and 10 other receipts from the year ended November 30, 2022 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the General Ledger report to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
- b. Confirmed the amounts charged complied with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the General Ledger report to determine the receipt was posted to the proper fund 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 November 30, 2021. However, from the Society's documentation, we observed the following loan outstanding as of November 30, 2021.
 - a. These amounts agreed to the Society's December 1, 2021 balances on the summary we used in procedure 3.
 - b. We inspected the debt's loan agreement for all outstanding debt, and we confirmed the Society does not have any debt covenants.

Issue	Principal outstanding as of November 30, 2021:
Farm Credit Skid Steer Equipment Loan	\$27,152.80

- 2. We inquired of management and inspected the receipt and expenditure records for evidence of loan or credit agreements, and bonded, note, County, or mortgage debt issued during 2023 or 2022 or debt payment activity during 2023 or 2022. All debt agreed to the summary we used in procedure 3.

3. We obtained a summary of debt service payments, including mortgage debt and loan/credit agreements permitted by Ohio Rev. Code § 1711.13 owed during 2023 and 2022 and agreed these payments from the General Ledger to the related debt amortization schedule. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Society made the payments. We found no exceptions.
4. We inquired of management, inspected the receipt ledger, and the prior agreed-upon procedures report to determine whether the Society had a loan or credit agreement outstanding from a prior year, or obtained a loan or credit line in 2022, as permitted by Ohio Rev. Code §1711.13(B). We recalculated the Society's computation supporting that the total annual payments for debt obligations from loans and credit did not exceed twenty-five percent of its prior three-year average of annual revenues. We found no exceptions.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2023 and 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2022 from the Payroll Transaction Detail Report and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Payroll Transaction Detail Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary).
 We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended November 30, 2023 to confirm remittances were timely paid, and that the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period of 2023. We observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	December 15, 2023	12/05/2023	\$5,286.94	\$5,286.94
State income taxes	January 31, 2024	12/05/2023	\$527.16	\$527.16
Hillsdale Local Schol District income taxes	January 31, 2024	12/05/2023	\$11.70	\$11.70
Ashland City income taxes	January 31, 2024	12/05/2023	\$425.36	\$425.36

We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the General Ledger Report for the year ended November 30, 2023, and 10 from the year ended November 30, 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 General Ledger Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
 - c. Based on the nature of the expenditure, the account coding is reasonable. We found no exceptions.

Sunshine Law Compliance

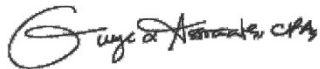
1. We obtained and inspected the Society's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.
2. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any completed public records requests, denied public records requests, or public records with redactions during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Society had a records retention schedule and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
4. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
5. We inspected the Society'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.
6. We observed that the Society's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Society as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
7. We did not select any applications submitted to the Records Commission for one-time disposal of obsolete records, and management's review of the schedules of records retention and dispositions for the engagement period. The Society is not subject to the Ohio Rev. Code records authority. Therefore, this step is not applicable and applications were not inspected or inquired about.
8. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any elected officials subject to the Public Records Training requirements during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(1) and 109.43(B).
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Society notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.
10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
 - a. Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting
 - b. Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner
 - c. Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
 - d. Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.We found no exceptions.
11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
 - a. Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
 - b. The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code § 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 Societies to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies, regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the Society filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended November 30, 2023, and 2022 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.

We were engaged by the Society to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and 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 Society's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Society 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.



Gueye & Associates, CPA Inc.

May 31, 2024

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



ASHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

ASHLAND 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.



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