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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Huron River Joint Fire District
Huron County
130 North West Street
Norwalk, Ohio 44857-1269

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees (the Board) and the management of Huron River Joint Fire District, Huron County, Ohio (the District) on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the District's cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 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, 2017 and 2016 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the District. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report.

Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

Cash and Investments

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2016 beginning fund balance recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to documentation in the prior year agreed-upon procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2017 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2016 balances in the Fund Ledger Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2017 bank account balances with the District's financial institutions. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2017 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2017 bank reconciliation:
 - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January bank statement. We found no exceptions.

- b. We traced the amounts and dates to the Payment Register Detail Report, to determine the debits were dated prior to December 31. There were no exceptions.
6. We inspected investments held at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 to determine that they:
 - a. Were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 135.13, 135.14 or 135.144. We found no exceptions.
 - b. Mature within the prescribed time limits noted in Ohio Rev. Code Section 135.13 or 135.14. There were no exceptions.

Property Taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We haphazardly selected a property tax receipt from one *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* (the *Statement*) for 2017 and one from 2016:
 - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the Revenue Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Revenue Receipt Register Report to confirm the receipt was allocated to the proper fund as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Revenue Receipt Register Report to confirm whether the receipt was recorded proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
2. We inspected the Revenue Receipt Register Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2017 and 2016. The Revenue Receipt Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We confirmed the amounts paid from the Ohio Department of Taxation (the Department) to the District during 2017 and 2016 with the Department. We found no exceptions. We also confirmed the amounts paid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the District during 2017 with FEMA. We found no exceptions.
 - a. We inspected the Revenue Ledger Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the Revenue Ledger Report to determine whether the receipts were 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, 2015.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the Revenue Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2017 or 2016 or debt payment activity during 2017 or 2016. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2017 or 2016.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2017 and one payroll check for five employees from 2016 from the Wage Detail Report and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate or salary recorded in the Wage Detail Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the Wage Detail Report to determine the fund and account code to which the check was posted were reasonable based on the employee's duties as documented in the employee's personnel file and/or minute record. We also confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. For any new employees selected in procedure 1 we compared the following information contained in the employee's personnel file was consistent with the information used to compute gross and net pay related to this check:
 - a. Name
 - b. Authorized salary or pay rate
 - c. Department to which the check should be charged
 - d. Retirement system participation and payroll withholding
 - e. Federal, State, and Local income tax withholding authorization and withholding.
 - f. Any other deduction authorizations (deferred compensation, etc.)
 - g. Fund to which the check should be charged.

We found no exceptions related to the procedures above.

3. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2017 to confirm remittances were timely paid, and if the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period of 2017. We observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes and Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2018	December 6, 2017	\$1,581	\$1,581
State income taxes	January 31, 2018	January 23, 2018	166	166
Local income tax	January 31, 2018	January 3, 2018	228	228
School District income tax	January 31, 2018	January 23, 2018	293	293
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2018	January 3, 2018	238	238

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2017 and ten from the year ended December 31, 2016 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 Payment Register Detail Report and to the names and amounts on 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 Section 5705.41(D). We found no exceptions.

Compliance – Budgetary

1. We compared the total estimated receipts from the *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources*, required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report for the General and FEMA ATF Grant funds for the year ended December 31, 2017 and for General Fund for the year ended December 31, 2016. The amounts agreed.
2. We inspected the appropriation measures adopted for 2017 and 2016 to determine whether, for the General and FEMA ATF Grant funds, the Board appropriated separately for “each office, department, and division, and within each, the amount appropriated for personal services,” as is required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38(C). We found no exceptions.
3. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for the following funds: General and FEMA ATF Grant funds for 2017 and the General Fund for 2016. The amounts on the appropriation measures agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report.
4. Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.36(A)(5) and 5705.39 prohibit appropriations from exceeding the certified resources. We compared total appropriations to total certified resources for the General and FEMA ATF Grant funds for the year ended December 31, 2017 and for the General Fund for the year ended December 31, 2016. There were no funds for which appropriations exceeded certified resources.
5. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total appropriations for the General and FEMA ATF Grant funds for the year ended December 31, 2017 and for the General Fund for the year ended December 31, 2016, as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. There were no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.
6. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 requires establishing separate funds to segregate externally-restricted resources. We inspected the Revenue Receipt Register Report for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

We also inquired of management regarding whether the District received new restricted receipts. The District established the FEMA ATF Grant Fund during 2017 to segregate Federal Emergency Management Agency receipts and disbursements, in compliance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09.

7. For funds existing in prior years, we inspected the fund activity to determine whether the fund is still being used for the statutorily-approved purpose and that all required funds were established. We noted all required funds were established and no funds for which the statutorily-approved purpose was no longer valid were included on the accounting records.
8. We inspected the 2017 and 2016 Revenue Status Reports and Appropriation Status Reports for evidence of interfund transfers which Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.14 - .16 restrict. We found no evidence of transfers these Sections prohibit, or for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.16 would require approval by the Tax Commissioner (effective after June 30, 2017) or Court of Common Pleas (effective through June 30, 2017).
9. We inquired of management and inspected the Appropriation Status Reports to determine whether the District elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. The District did not establish these reserves.
10. We inspected the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 for negative cash fund balances. Ohio Rev. Code Section 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 a negative cash fund balance.

Other Compliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 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, in addition to filing extensions granted for extenuating circumstances, allow for refiling complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the HINKLE System for December 31, 2017 and 2016 fiscal year ends included in 2015-2016 or 2016-2017 agreed-upon procedure engagements, subsequent to the District's deadline where the initial filing was filed on time but incomplete. We confirmed the District filed its 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, 2017 and 2016 in the HINKLE system. There were no exceptions.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively on the 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.

This report is to provide assistance in the evaluation of the District's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in its cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

July 30, 2018



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HURON RIVER JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

HURON COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED
AUGUST, 16 2018