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**ZANESVILLE - NEWTON TOWNSHIP JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Zanesville-Newton Township Joint Economic Development District  
Muskingum County  
401 Market Street  
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Directors and the management of the Zanesville-Newton Township Joint Economic Development District, Muskingum 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, 2018 and 2017 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, 2018 and 2017 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

1. The City of Zanesville is custodian for the District's deposits, and therefore the City's deposit and investment pool holds the District's assets. We compared the District's fund balances reported on its December 31, 2018 Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Change in Fund Balance report filed on the Hinkle System to the balances reported in City of Zanesville's accounting records. The amounts agreed.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2017 beginning fund balances recorded in the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Change in Fund Balance report filed on the Hinkle System to the December 31, 2016 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2018 beginning fund balances recorded in the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Change in Fund Balance report filed on the Hinkle System to the December 31, 2017 balances in the City's accounting records. We found no exceptions.

### Income Taxes

1. We confirmed the income tax amounts paid from the City of Zanesville to the District during 2018 and 2017, with the City. We found no exceptions.
  - a. We inspected the Detailed Receipt Transactions Reports to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We inspected the Detailed Receipt Transactions Reports to determine the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Income Taxes (Continued)**

2. As required by Section 10 of the Amendment of the Zanesville-Newton Township Joint Economic Development District Contract, we inspected the Detailed Receipt Transactions Report for 2018 and 2017 to determine whether each year included all four quarterly receipts from the City of Zanesville. There were no exceptions.

### **Debt**

1. The prior agreed-upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2016.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the Detailed Receipt Transactions Report and Detailed Expense Transaction Report for evidence of debt issued during 2018 or 2017 or debt payment activity during 2018 or 2017. We noted no new debt issuances nor any debt payment activity during 2018 or 2017.

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

1. From the Issued Refunds Report, we re-footed checks recorded as Refund disbursements. We found no exceptions.
2. The only disbursements from the District were to those entities to which portions of the income tax collections were due, refunds issued to individuals or businesses for which income taxes due were overpaid, and the payment of audit costs. From the Detailed Receipt Transactions Reports and Detailed Expense Transactions Report, we confirmed that District income taxes collected were disbursed in the proportions as noted in Compliance – Bylaws section below. We selected all disbursements from the Issued Refunds Report for refund disbursements and all disbursements of audit costs from the Detail Expense Transactions Report and determined whether:
  - a. The disbursement was 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 on the Issued Refunds Report or Detail Expense Transactions Report. 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.

### **Compliance – Bylaws**

We confirmed District income taxes collected were disbursed in the following manner in accordance with the Amendment of the JEDD Contract:

- a. 5% of the income tax collections received that would represent a 1.7% income tax rate of the total 1.9% rate in effect to Newton Township.
- b. 95% of the income tax collections received that would represent a 1.7% income tax rate of the total 1.9% rate in effect to the City of Zanesville.
- c. 33% of the income tax collections received that would represent 0.2% income tax rate of the total 1.9% rate in effect to Newton Township.
- d. 67% of the income tax collections received that would represent 0.2% income tax rate of the total 1.9% rate in effect to the City of Zanesville.

We found no exceptions.

**Other Compliance**

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, 2018 and 2017 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 JEDD'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 it's the evaluation of the District's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber  
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Columbus, Ohio

November 7, 2019

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**ZANESVILLE-NEWTON TOWNSHIP JEDD**

**MUSKINGUM 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  
NOVEMBER 26, 2019**