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

Ashland County Agricultural Society  
Ashland County  
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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, 2021 and 2020 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, 2021 and 2020 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, 2021 and 2020, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. 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, 2021 and November 30, 2020 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the December 1, 2019 beginning fund balance recorded to the November 30, 2019 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the December 1, 2020 beginning fund balance recorded to the November 30, 2020 balance. We found no exceptions.

3. We agreed the 2021 and 2020 bank reconciliation as of November 30, 2021 and 2020 to the total fund cash balances reported in the Balance Sheet Report and the financial statements filed by the Society in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed as of November 30, 2020. We noted the November 30, 2021 fund cash balance reported in the Balance Sheet Report was \$45 higher than the fund cash balance reported in the bank reconciliation and financial statements filed in the Hinkle System.
4. We confirmed the November 30, 2021 bank account balances with the Society's financial institutions. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the November 30, 2021 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the November 30, 2021 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent December bank statement. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the Profit and Loss Detail Report and determined the debits were dated prior to November 30. We found no exceptions.

#### **Intergovernmental Cash Receipts**

1. We selected a total of five receipts from the Distribution Transaction Detail Report (State DTL) and the Ashland County Auditor's Check History Register from 2021 and a total of five from 2020.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above named reports to the amount recorded in the Profit and Loss Detail Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the Profit and Loss Detail to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper account codes. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We inspected the Profit and Loss Detail Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

#### **Admission/Grandstand Receipts**

We selected two days of admission/grandstand cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2021 recorded in the Profit and Loss Detail 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, 2021 recorded in the privilege fee contracts binder and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount to the amount recorded in the Profit and Loss Detail Report. The amounts agreed.
- b. Agreed the rate charged with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the Profit and Loss Detail 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, 2021 and 10 rental cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2020 recorded in the rental contracts binder and:

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

**Other Receipts**

We selected 10 other receipts from the year ended November 30, 2021 and 10 other receipts from the year ended November 30, 2020 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the Profit and Loss Detail Report to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
- b. Inspected the Profit and Loss Detail 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 audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of November 30, 2019.
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 2021 or 2020 or debt payment activity during 2021 or 2020. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2021 or 2020.

**Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2021 and one payroll check for five employees from 2020 from the Profit and Loss Detail Report and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Profit and Loss Detail Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary).
    - i. We inspected the employee's personnel files for the Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization.
    - ii. We agreed these items to the information used to compute gross and net pay related to this check.
 We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended November 30, 2021 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 2021. 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)	December 30, 2021	December 3, 2021	\$2,667.12	\$2,667.12
State income taxes	December 15, 2021	December 3, 2021	\$232.55	\$232.55
Local income tax	December 15, 2021	December 3, 2021	\$260.89	\$260.89

We found no exceptions.

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

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the Profit and Loss Detail Report for the year ended November 30, 2021 and 10 from the year ended November 30, 2020 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 Profit and Loss Detail 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:
  - a. The Society did not have any completed public records requests during the engagement period.
  - b. The Society did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.
  - c. The Society did not have any public records requests 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 inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have a policy manual during the engagement period therefore the public records policy could not be included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
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, 2021 and 2020 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Faber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

October 25, 2022



# 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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