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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Mahoning County Agricultural Society
Mahoning County
P.O. Box 250
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of Mahoning County Agricultural Society (the Society), on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the Society's cash basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 2019 and 2018 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, 2019 and 2018 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Society. 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 November 30, 2019 and November 30, 2018 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the December 1, 2017 beginning fund balances recorded to the November 30, 2017 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the December 1, 2018 beginning fund balances recorded to the November 30, 2018 balances. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the November 30, 2019 and 2018 fund cash balance reported in the Balance Sheet and the financial statements filed by the Society in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the November 30, 2019 bank account balances for the Society through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the November 30, 2019 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the November 30, 2019 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 check register, to determine the debits were dated prior to November 30. There were no exceptions.

6. We selected one reconciling credit from the November 30, 2019 bank reconciliation: The Society had one reconciling credit in the amount of \$299 (premium account) that did not clear the subsequent month's bank statement; the amount could not be identified in the detailed receipts or disbursements reports.
7. We inspected investments held at November 30, 2019 and November 30, 2018 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.

Admission/Grandstand Receipts

We selected one day of admission/grandstand cash receipts from the year ended November 30 2019 and one day of admission/grandstand cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2018 recorded in the Receipt Ledger 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, 2019 and 10 privilege fee cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2018 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

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

Debt

1. The prior audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of November 30, 2017.
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 2019 or 2018 or debt payment activity during 2019 or 2018. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2019 or 2018.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2019 and one payroll check for five employees from 2018 from the Payroll Register and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Payroll Register 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, 2019 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 2019. 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	December 31, 2019	November 25, 2019	\$5,011.60	\$5,011.60
State income taxes	December 16, 2019	November 25, 2019	\$913.34	\$913.34
Local income tax	December 31, 2019	November 25, 2019	\$111.68	\$111.68

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the Expenditure Report for the year ended November 30, 2019 and 10 from the year ended November 30, 2018 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 Expenditure 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 inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have a public records policy during the engagement period.
2. We selected one public records request from the engagement period and inspected the request to determine the Society was compliant. We found no exceptions.
3. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.
4. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
5. We inquired whether the Society has a records retention schedule, and observed that it is readily available to the public. We found no exceptions.
6. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have a public records policy during the engagement period therefore could not provide it to the records custodian/manager.
7. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have a public records policy during the engagement period therefore it could not be included in a policy manual.
8. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have a public records policy during the engagement period therefore it could not be displayed in all the branches of the Society.
9. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.

10. 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.
11. 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 are to be held. We found no exceptions.
12. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period 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.
13. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period 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 Section 121.22(G).
 - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code Section 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 Entity 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, 2019 and 2018 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.
2. For all credit card accounts we obtained:
 - copies of existing internal control policies,
 - a list of authorized users, and
 - a list of all credit card account transactions.
 - a. We inspected the established policy obtained above and determined it is:
 - i. in compliance with the HB 312 statutory requirements, and
 - ii. implemented by the entity.We found no exceptions.
 - b. We selected 1 credit card transaction from each credit card account for testing. For selected transactions we inspected documentation to determine that:
 - i. Use was by an authorized user within the guidelines established in the policy, and
 - ii. Each transaction was supported with original invoices and for a proper public purpose.We found no exceptions.
 - c. We selected 3 credit card statements from each credit card account for testing. For selected statements we inspected documentation to determine that:
 - i. No unpaid beginning balance was carried forward to the current billing cycle,
 - ii. Ending statement balance was paid in full, and
 - iii. Statement contained no interest or late fees.We found 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 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.

This report is to provide 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, 2019 and 2018, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

June 1, 2020

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MAHONING COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

MAHONING 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

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JUNE 23, 2020**