# NORTH HILLS WATER DISTRICT

## SUMMIT COUNTY

JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010

AGREED UPON PROCEDURES



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees North Hills Water District 253 West Aurora Road Northfield, Ohio 44067

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the North Hills Water District, Summit County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. 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 North Hills Water District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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

North Hills Water District Summit County 253 West Aurora Road Northfield, Ohio 44067

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees and the management of North Hills Water District (the District) and the Auditor of agreed, solely to assist the Board in evaluating receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Management is responsible for recording transactions; and management and the Board are responsible for complying with the compliance requirements. 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*. 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 tested the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed the January 1, 2009 beginning balance recorded in the General Ledger to the December 31, 2008 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions.
- 3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2010 and 2009 cash balances reported in the General Ledger. The amounts agreed for 2010, but there was a discrepancy for the 2009 balance of \$941.83.
- 4. We confirmed the December 31, 2010 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, 2010 bank reconciliation without exception.
- 5. We selected five outstanding checks haphazardly from the December 31, 2010 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each check to the debit appearing in the subsequent bank statement. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and date written to the check register, to determine the checks were dated prior to December 31. We noted no exceptions.
- 6. We tested investments held at December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 to determine that they were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code Section 6119.16. We found no exceptions.

#### Property Taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

- 1. We selected a property tax receipt from one *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* (the Statement) for 2010 and one from 2009:
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the General Ledger. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether the receipt was allocated to the proper fund(s) as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We determined whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
- 2. We scanned the General Ledger to determine whether it included the proper number of tax receipts for 2010 and 2009:
  - a. Two personal property tax receipts
  - b. Two real estate tax receipts

We noted the General Ledger included the proper number of tax settlement receipts for each year.

- 3. We selected two receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2010 and two from 2009 (the only ones available).
  - a. We compared the amount from the DTL to the amount recorded in the General Ledger. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund(s). We found no exceptions.
  - c. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

#### Debt

- 1. We inquired of management, and scanned the General Ledger for evidence of debt issued during 2010 or 2009 or outstanding as of December 31, 2010 or 2009. All debt noted agreed to the summary we used in step 2.
- 2. We obtained a summary of debt activity for 2010 and 2009 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedule to payments reported in the General Ledger. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the District made the payments. We found no exceptions.

#### Payroll Cash Disbursements

- 1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2010 and one payroll check for five employees from 2009 from the General Ledger and determined whether the following information in the minute records 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. Account to which the check should be charged.
  - d. Retirement system participation and payroll withholding.
  - e. Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization and withholding.
  - f. Any other deduction authorizations (deferred compensation, etc.)

We found no exceptions related to steps a. – f. above

- 2. We tested the checks we selected in step 1, as follows:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary amount used in computing gross pay to supporting documentation (legislatively approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
  - b. We determined whether the account codes to which the check was posted was reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employees' personnel files and minute record. We also determined whether the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
- 3. We scanned the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2010 to determine whether remittances were timely paid, and that the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld during the final withholding period during 2010. We noted the following:

Withholding	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Withheld	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes	January 31, 2011	12/29/10	\$1,197.00	\$1,197.00
State income taxes	January 15, 2011	12/29/10	\$94.44	\$94.44
OPERS retirement (withholding plus employer share)	January 30, 2011	12/29/10	\$673.02	\$673.02

#### Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

- 1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the General Ledger for the year ended December 31, 2010 and ten from the year ended 2009 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 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.

#### **Compliance – Budgetary**

- We compared the total from the *Certificate of the Total Amount From All Sources Available For Expenditures and Balances*, required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Budget vs. Actual reports for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. The amounts agreed.
- 2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2010 and 2009 to determine whether, the Trustees 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 Budget vs. Actual reports for 2010 and 2009. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Budget vs. Actual reports.
- 4. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 prohibits appropriations from exceeding the certified resources. We compared total appropriations to total certified resources for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 for the General Fund. Appropriations did not exceed certified resources.
- 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 years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, as recorded in the Budget vs. Actual reports. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.
- 6. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 requires establishing separate funds to segregate externally-restricted resources. We scanned the General Ledger for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2010 and 2009. We also inquired of management regarding whether the District received new restricted receipts. We noted no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 would require the District to establish a new fund.
- We scanned the 2010 and 2009 General Ledger for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$5,000 which Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.14 -- .16 restrict. We found no evidence of transfers these Sections prohibit, or for which Section 5705.16 would require approval by the Tax Commissioner and Court of Common Pleas.
- 8. We inquired of management and scanned the General Ledger to determine whether the District elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. We noted the District did not establish these reserves.

### Compliance – Contracts & Expenditures

1. We inquired of management and scanned the General Ledger report for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 for expenditures, other than for the acquisition of real estate and interests in real estate, the discharge of noncontractual claims, personal services, the joint use of facilities or the exercise of powers with other political subdivisions, or the product or services of public utilities, which exceeded twenty-five thousand dollars.

We identified no purchases subject to the aforementioned bidding requirements.

#### Management's Response:

The monthly bank reconciliations included adjustments from the prior 2007/2008 audit period that have been included upon the monthly reconciliation statements. Management corrected the 2009 and 2010 monthly reconciliation and the cash remains in balance.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the District's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and those charged with governance and the Auditor of State, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. February 22, 2011 This Page is Intentionally Left Blank.



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SUMMIT 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 Babbett

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

CERTIFIED APRIL 14, 2011

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