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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Four County Solid Waste District
Defiance County
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Directors and the management of Four County Solid Waste District (the District), on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the District's cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 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, 2016 and 2015 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. Williams County is custodian for the District's deposits and investments, and therefore the County's deposit and investment pool holds the District's assets. We compared the District's General Fund balance reported on its December 31, 2016 Cash Balance Report to the balance reported in Williams County's accounting records. The amounts agreed.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2015 beginning fund balance recorded in the Department Budget Report to the December 31, 2014 balance in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2016 beginning fund balance recorded in the Department Budget Report to the December 31, 2015 balance in the Department Budget Report. We found no exceptions.

Tipping Fees and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We confirmed the amounts paid from Defiance County Landfill and Republic Services to the District during 2016 and 2015. They confirmed payment of the following amounts to the District:

Company	2016 Payments	2015 Payments
Defiance County Landfill	\$145,066	\$150,078
Republic Services	110,427	110,550

- a. We compared the amount confirmed with the amount the District recorded in its receipt records. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the Receipt Transaction History Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Receipt Transaction History Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We obtained the total tonnage reports from the Defiance County Landfill for April 2015 and September 2016 and from Republic Services for May 2015 and September 2016.
We recalculated the dollar amount sent to the District based on the rates in force during the period and agreed to the amounts posted to the District's ledgers. We observed no exceptions.
 3. We confirmed the amounts paid from the Defiance County Landfill, Republic Services, and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to the District during 2016 and 2015. We found no exceptions.
 - a. We inspected the Receipt Transaction History Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the Receipt Transaction History Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2014.
2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Receipt Transaction History Report and Expense Transaction History Report for evidence of debt issued during 2016 or 2015 or debt payment activity during 2016 or 2015. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2016 or 2015.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Expense Transaction History Report for the year ended December 31, 2016 and ten from the year ended December 31, 2015 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 Expense Transaction History 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 Sections 5705.28(B)(2) and 5705.41(D). We found no exceptions.
- e. The disbursement was allowable under Ohio Rev. Code Section 3734.57(G), and the District's policies and procedures. 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 Sections 5705.28(B)(2) and 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Department Budget Report for the General Fund for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. The amounts agreed.

2. We inspected the appropriation measures adopted for 2016 and 2015 to determine whether, for the General Fund, the Directors appropriated separately for "each office, department, and division, and within each, the amount appropriated for personal services," as is required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.28(B)(2) and 5705.38(C). We found no exceptions.
3. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.28(B)(2), 5705.38, and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Department Budget Report for 2016 and 2015 for the General Fund. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Department Budget Report.
4. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.28(B)(2)(c) prohibits appropriations from exceeding the estimated revenue available for expenditure (receipts plus beginning unencumbered cash). We compared total appropriations to total estimated revenue for the General Fund for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. We observed no funds for which appropriations exceeded estimated revenue.
5. Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.28(B)(2) and 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, 2016 and 2015 for the General Fund, as recorded in the Department Budget Report. We observed that expenditures did not exceed appropriations.
6. 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 the required funds were established. All the required funds were established and no funds for which the statutorily approved purpose was no longer valid were included on the accounting records.
7. We inspected the Department Budget Report for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 for negative cash fund balance. 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. We observed no funds having a negative cash fund balance.

Other Compliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires entities to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. We confirmed the District filed their complete financial statements as defined by AOS Bulletin 2016-007 within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. 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 for the use of the District to assist in evaluating its receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.

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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

June 12, 2017



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FOUR COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

DEFIANCE 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
JULY 18, 2017**