

**CHERRY VALLEY WATER
AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2021**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the City Council
Cherry Valley, Arkansas 72324

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Department's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Department's preparation and fair

presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinions

As more fully described in Note I to the financial statements, for the year ended June 30, 2021 the Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department has not determined the cost of its defined benefit pension plan in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require the cost of employee pension to be recognized when the accumulated benefit obligation exceeds the fair value of plan assets. Quantification of the effects of that departure on the financial statements is not practicable.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter discussed in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department as of June 30, 2021, the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison schedule on pages 5 through 7 and 24 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

As discussed in Note A, the accompanying financial statements of the Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department are intended to present the financial position, and the changes in financial position and the cash flows of the City that is attributable to the transactions of the Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Cherry Valley, Arkansas, as of June 30, 2021, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 21, 2021, on our consideration of the Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance.

That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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September 21, 2021

**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2021**

Within this section of the Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department's financial report, the Department's management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Department for the year ended June 30, 2021. The Department's financial performance is discussed and analyzed with the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Using this annual report

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position provide information about the Department as a whole and present a longer term view of the Department's finances. The Statement of Cash Flows provides a summary of the changes in cash and cash equivalents for the year. Information is included in the notes to financial statements to disclose accounting policies and additional financial detail amounts shown in the financial statements. A report on internal control is also included.

Reporting on Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department as a whole

Our analysis of the Department as a whole follows in the next section. The Department operates as a business-type activity providing water utilities to its customers. Its revenues must be sufficient to cover the cost of operations, payments of indebtedness, and cost of improvements to the system. One of the most important questions asked about the Department's finances is "Is the Department as a whole better off as a result of this year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position report information about the Department as a whole, and its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Department's net position and changes in them. You can think of the Department's net position (the difference between assets and liabilities) as one way to measure the Department's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the net position are one indicator of whether the financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as the condition of the water and sewer system, to assess the overall health of the Department.

**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (cont'd)
June 30, 2021**

Financial Highlights:

| | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Beginning Net Position | \$ 718,416 | \$ 652,075 |
| Increase (decrease) in Net Position | 27,994 | 66,341 |
| Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle | <u>34,280</u> | |
| Ending Net Position | <u><u>\$ 780,690</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 718,416</u></u> |

Assets, liabilities, and net position for 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

| | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Current assets | \$ 164,569 | \$ 157,099 |
| Restricted assets | 197,117 | 211,994 |
| Capital Assets | <u>1,267,010</u> | <u>1,275,542</u> |
| Total Assets | <u><u>1,628,696</u></u> | <u><u>1,644,635</u></u> |
| Current liabilities | 117,012 | 116,164 |
| Long-term liabilities | <u>730,994</u> | <u>800,797</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u><u>848,006</u></u> | <u><u>916,961</u></u> |
| Net Position | | |
| Invested in capital assets | 491,110 | 456,503 |
| Restricted for debt service | 95,872 | 95,252 |
| Unrestricted | <u>193,708</u> | <u>166,661</u> |
| Total Net Position | <u><u>\$ 780,690</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 718,416</u></u> |

The following schedule presents a summary of revenues and expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

| | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Operating Revenues | \$ 255,306 | \$ 284,733 |
| Operating Expenses | <u>197,327</u> | <u>187,555</u> |
| Operating Income | 57,979 | 97,178 |
| Other Income (Expenses) | <u>(29,985)</u> | <u>(30,837)</u> |
| Change in Net Position | <u><u>\$ 27,994</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 66,341</u></u> |

**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (cont'd)
June 30, 2021**

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At year end June 30, 2021, the Department had \$ 1,267,010 invested in capital assets. This represents a net decrease of \$ 8,533 which is the result of depreciation expense of \$ 68,763 recognized for the year and additions of \$ 60,231.

Debt

At year end June 30, 2021, the Department had \$ 775,900 in outstanding notes payable. This represents a decrease of \$ 43,139 which is the result of principal payments made. No new debt was incurred during the year ended June 30, 2021.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The Department has no plans for any major changes for the upcoming year.

CONTACTING THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our customers, suppliers, and creditors with a general overview of the Department's finances and to show the Department's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Adam Love, Cherry Valley Mayor 870-588-3323.

**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021**

ASSETS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Current Assets | |
| Cash | \$ 63,894 |
| Cash in Escrow | 7,069 |
| Certificates of Deposit | 43,298 |
| Accounts Receivable | 47,034 |
| Unbilled Receivables | 3,274 |
| Total Current Assets | <u>164,569</u> |
| Restricted Assets | |
| Cash | 169,682 |
| Certificates of Deposit | 27,435 |
| Total Restricted Assets | <u>197,117</u> |
| Property, Plant and Equipment | |
| Land | 55,709 |
| Waterworks Improvement Project | 636,744 |
| Building | 44,636 |
| Water Plant | 813,674 |
| Sewer Plant | 933,074 |
| Equipment | 282,007 |
| | <u>2,765,844</u> |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(1,498,834)</u> |
| Net Property, Plant and Equipment | <u>1,267,010</u> |
| Total Assets | <u><u>\$ 1,628,696</u></u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021**

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 5,380 |
| Garbage Payable | 5,105 |
| Due to General Fund | 33,864 |
| Accrued Interest Payable | 2,460 |
| Current Maturities of Long Term Debt | 44,906 |
| | <u>91,715</u> |
| Payable From Restricted Assets | |
| Customer Meter Deposits | <u>25,297</u> |
| Long Term Liabilities | |
| Notes payable, less current portion | <u>730,994</u> |
| Total Long Term Liabilities | <u>730,994</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>848,006</u> |
| Net Position | |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | 491,110 |
| Restricted for Debt Service | 95,872 |
| Unrestricted | 193,708 |
| Total Net Position | <u>780,690</u> |
| Total Liabilities and Net Position | <u><u>\$ 1,628,696</u></u> |

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**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Operating Revenues:

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Water Sales | \$ 191,424 |
| Sewer Sales | 59,364 |
| Miscellaneous | 4,518 |
| Total Operating Revenues | <u>255,306</u> |

Operating Expenses:

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Auto and Truck | 4,289 |
| Contract Services | 41,858 |
| Depreciation | 68,763 |
| Dues and fees | 4,715 |
| Education | 3,834 |
| Insurance | 15,903 |
| Labor and Fringe Benefits | 19,659 |
| Operating Maintenance and Supplies | 20,724 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,189 |
| Postage | 1,464 |
| Professional fees and dues | 2,160 |
| Utilities | 11,769 |
| Total Operating Expense | <u>197,327</u> |

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | <u>57,979</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|

Non-operating Revenues (Expenses):

| | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Interest Income | 515 |
| Interest Expense | <u>(30,500)</u> |
| Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses) | <u>(29,985)</u> |
| Change in Net Position | <u>27,994</u> |
| Beginning Net Position | 718,416 |
| Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle | <u>34,280</u> |
| Ending Net Position | <u><u>\$ 780,690</u></u> |

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**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Cash Flows From Operating Activities | |
| Receipts from customers | \$ 249,098 |
| Payments to suppliers | (110,327) |
| Payments to employees | (19,659) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | <u>119,112</u> |
| Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities | |
| Principal paid on capital debt | (43,139) |
| Purchase of equipment | (60,231) |
| Interest paid on capital debt | (30,639) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related activities | <u>(134,009)</u> |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities | |
| Interest income | 515 |
| Certificates of Deposit (purchases) maturities | (173) |
| Transfers to cash in escrow | (1) |
| Net transfers (to) from restricted accounts | <u>14,757</u> |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | <u>15,098</u> |
| Increase (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 201 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | <u>63,693</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year | <u><u>\$ 63,894</u></u> |

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**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash
Provided by Operating Activities

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Operating Income (Loss) | \$ 57,979 |
| Depreciation | 68,763 |
| Net change in pension liability | |
| (Increase) Decrease in: | |
| Accounts Receivable | (6,985) |
| Unbilled Receivables | (110) |
| Increase (Decrease) in: | |
| Accounts Payable | (1,476) |
| Garbage Payable | 54 |
| Customer Meter Deposit | 887 |
| | <u>\$119,112</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE A – ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Financial Reporting Department –Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department is a department of the City of Cherry Valley, Arkansas. The accompanying financial statements present only the Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department and do not include all funds, account groups, and programs controlled by the City of Cherry Valley. Other activities, funds, and account groups and programs are included in a government wide audit performed by the Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit.

Activities of the Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department are governed by the Mayor and members of the City Council. The Water and Sewer Department serves the City of Cherry Valley and the rural residents of the surrounding area.

Basis of accounting – The Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department uses the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that could affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – The Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department considers all cash, savings accounts, and certificate of deposits purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. However, all cash balances designated as restricted are excluded from Cash Equivalents.

Accounts Receivable - Accounts receivable arise from sales of water and sewer services to local customers. Accounts receivable are presented at estimated net realizable value. The direct charge-off method is used to record bad debt expense. No material difference results from use of the direct charge-off method rather than the allowance method as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2021**

**NOTE A- ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNFICANT
ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**

Property and Equipment – Property and equipment is stated at cost. Expenditures for major renewals and betterments are capitalized, while minor repairs, replacements, and maintenance which does not improve or extend the life of such assets are charged to operations as incurred. Depreciation is provided by the straight-line method over the estimated lives of the assets, which range from 5 years for computer and transportation equipment to 50 years for water and sewer system.

Restricted Assets - The Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department is required under the terms of various bond ordinances to establish and maintain prescribed cash balances that can only be used for specific purposes.

Risk Management - The Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department minimizes risk of loss through purchase of commercial insurance coverage.

Compensated Absences - No accrual has been made for compensated absences because the amounts would not be material.

Operating Revenues and Expenses – Operating Revenues and Expenses consists of those revenues that result from ongoing operations, and are primarily charges for services. Nonoperating revenues and expenses consist of those revenues and expenses that are related to financing and investing type activities and result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary services. When an expense is incurred for purposes for which there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available, it is the Department's policy to apply those expenses to restricted net assets to the extent such as are available and then to unrestricted net assets.

Sales Tax – The Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department collects sales taxes on water sold, and remits taxes collected monthly to the State of Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration. Water fees are presented in the accompanying financial statements net of sales taxes.

**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS
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NOTE B – DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

The Department's policy is for deposits to be secured by collateral valued at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance. The Department's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Department. The categories are described as follows:

Category 1- Insured or collateralized by the Department or by its agent in the Department's name.

Category 2- Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or by its agent in the Department's name.

Category 3- Uncollateralized.

At June 30, 2021, cash deposits categorized by level of risk are as follows:

| Carrying Amount | Category | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <u>\$ 311,378</u> | <u>\$ 307,314</u> | <u>\$ 4,064</u> | |

NOTE C- PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of property, plant and equipment for the Department is presented below:

| | June 30 2020 | Additions | Deletions | June 30 2021 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Land | \$ 55,709 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 55,709 |
| Construction in Progress | - | | | - |
| Waterworks Improvement | 636,744 | | | 636,744 |
| Building | 44,636 | | | 44,636 |
| Water Plant | 819,014 | 4,341 | - | 823,355 |
| Sewer Plant | 877,184 | 55,890 | | 933,074 |
| Equipment | 272,326 | - | | 272,326 |
| | <u>\$ 2,705,613</u> | <u>\$ 60,231</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 2,765,844</u> |

CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS
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NOTE D- NOTES PAYABLE

The following is a summary of the Cherry Valley Water Department's Notes Payable:

| | |
|---|------------|
| 2.75 % Bond Payable to ANRC due in semiannual installments of \$ 19,579 through 2035, secured by pledge of future revenues and water and sewer system | \$ 450,068 |
|---|------------|

| | |
|--|---------|
| 5.25% Note Payable to USDA Rural Development due in monthly payments of \$ 2,885, through 2034, secured by pledge of future revenue and water and sewer system | 325,832 |
|--|---------|

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>\$ 775,900</u> |
| Less Current Maturities | <u>(44,906)</u> |
| | <u><u>\$ 730,994</u></u> |

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NOTE D- LONG –TERM LIABILITIES (CONT'D)

A summary of future payments required at June 30, 2021 is as follows:

| For the years ending June 30, | Principal | Interest | Total |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2022 | 44,906 | 28,872 | \$ 73,778 |
| 2023 | 46,617 | 27,161 | 73,778 |
| 2024 | 48,360 | 25,418 | 73,778 |
| 2025 | 50,259 | 23,519 | 73,778 |
| 2026 | 52,198 | 21,580 | 73,778 |
| For the five year periods ending June 30, | | | |
| 2031 | 293,099 | 75,791 | 368,890 |
| 2036 | 240,461 | 16,937 | 257,398 |
| | <u>\$ 775,900</u> | <u>\$ 219,278</u> | <u>\$ 995,178</u> |

A summary of long-term debt activity is as follows:

| Balance 7/1/2020 | Additions | Reductions | Balance 6/30/2021 |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <u>\$ 819,039</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 43,139</u> | <u>\$ 775,900</u> |

CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
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NOTE E – RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

The Debt Service Reserve and Depreciation Reserve cash accounts have been established pursuant to agreements with U.S. Rural Development. These accounts are to maintain monthly transfers as defined by loan agreements and are restricted for retirement of long-term debt, and repairs.

Restricted Accounts at June 30, 2021 consists of the following:

CASH:

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Current meter deposits | \$ 44,889 |
| Revenue Sinking | 88,519 |
| Water Sales Tax | 14,053 |
| Depreciation reserve | 14,868 |
| Sewer debt reserve | 7,353 |
| | <u>169,682</u> |

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Depreciation reserve | <u>27,435</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Restricted Accounts | <u><u>\$ 197,117</u></u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|

NOTE F – ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION

At June 30, 2021 accumulated depreciation balances by type of property, plant and equipment are as follows:

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Building | \$ 22,598 |
| Water Plant | 560,530 |
| Waterworks Improvement | 114,614 |
| Sewer Plant | 549,242 |
| Equipment | 251,850 |
| | <u><u>\$ 1,498,834</u></u> |

**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
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NOTE G - GARBAGE AND MOSQUITO PAYABLE

Garbage and Mosquito Control Revenues are collected and billed by the Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department on behalf of the City of Cherry Valley. Transfers are made monthly to the City of Cherry Valley General Fund.

NOTE H – CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Accounts Receivable arise from water and sewer sales to residents of the City of Cherry Valley. The Department maintains cash deposits from customers to collateralize Accounts Receivable.

NOTE I – RETIREMENT PLAN

All eligible employees participate in the Arkansas Employees Retirement System (APERS), a statewide cost-sharing multiple employer pension plan established by the authority of the Arkansas General Assembly. APERS provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits for eligible employees and elected officials of state and local governmental entities in Arkansas. Contribution requirements are set forth by Arkansas Statute, and the Entity is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. For the years ended June 30, 2021, the Entity's contributions were \$ 1,863 .

Because the plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the cost of employee's pensions to be recognized over the employee's respective service periods and a liability to be recognized when the accumulated benefit obligation exceeds the fair value of assets. APERS has provided the necessary information for the entire City of Cherry Valley. We were unable to determine the specific amounts allocable to the Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department.

NOTE J – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of this report, no items were noted which would require disclosure.

CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
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NOTE K – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

As of July 1, 2020, the Entity has elected to no longer apply the provisions of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. The cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle is as follows:

| | Effect on Net Postion |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Deferred outflows | \$ (3,298) |
| Deferred inflows | 12,557 |
| Net Pension Liability | <u>25,021</u> |
| Net Effect | <u><u>\$ 34,280</u></u> |

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the City Council
Cherry Valley, Arkansas

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the business-type activities as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cherry Valley, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 21, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Cherry Valley, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cherry Valley, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cherry Valley, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs that we consider to be significant deficiencies. (#2021-01)

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Cherry Valley, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Cherry Valley, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department's Response to Findings

Cherry Valley, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Cherry Valley, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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September 21, 2021

**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS**

June 30, 2021

21-01 Segregation of duties

CONDITION: The Cherry Valley Water and Sewer Department does not have enough employees for the appropriate segregation of duties necessary for effective internal control.

CRITERIA: Segregation of duties provides for independent review and approval of all transactions at various stages of the transaction process. Adequate segregation of duties is an essential part of effective internal control structure.

EFFECT: Inadequate segregation of duties reduces the Department's internal control over financial reporting, processing of transactions, and safeguarding of assets.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department's management should review all transactions, and accounting records, and reconciliations, in order to compensate for the limited number of employees. Such review should be performed at least monthly and documented.

RESPONSE: Additional employees for the purpose of improving internal controls would not be cost beneficial. Currently, all employees are supervised by management, and financial records reviewed monthly by the council.

**CHERRY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

| | Budget | Actual | Variance |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Revenues: | | | |
| Water | \$ 240,000 | \$ 255,306 | \$ 15,306 |
| Interest | - | 515 | 515 |
| Total Revenues | <u>240,000</u> | <u>255,821</u> | <u>15,821</u> |
| Expenses: | | | |
| Contract Services | | 41,858 | 41,858 |
| Depreciation | - | 68,763 | 68,763 |
| Dues and fees | | 4,715 | 4,715 |
| Interest | | 30,500 | 30,500 |
| Labor and Fringe | 18,422 | 19,659 | 1,237 |
| Operating Maintenance and Expense | 6,579 | 20,724 | 14,145 |
| Utilities | 14,031 | 11,769 | (2,262) |
| Garbage Collection | 59,000 | | (59,000) |
| Sales Tax | 20,808 | | (20,808) |
| Insurance | 6,557 | 15,903 | 9,346 |
| Water Education | 3,000 | 3,834 | 834 |
| Fuel | 4,070 | 4,289 | 219 |
| Legal | 83,873 | 2,160 | (81,713) |
| Miscellaneous | 4,273 | 2,189 | (2,084) |
| Public Authority | 137 | | (137) |
| Uniforms | 500 | | (500) |
| Postage | 1,676 | 1,464 | (212) |
| Reimbursement | 8,052 | | (8,052) |
| Total Expenses | <u>230,978</u> | <u>227,827</u> | <u>(3,151)</u> |
| Change in Net Position | <u>\$ 9,022</u> | <u>\$ 27,994</u> | <u>\$ 18,972</u> |