Town of Esto

Financial Statements

September 30, 2022

Town of Esto

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To the Mayor and Town Council of The Town of Esto, Florida

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Town of Esto as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Esto's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Town of Esto, as of September 30, 2022, and 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.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Esto and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Esto's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud
 or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include
 examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
 statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Town of Esto's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
 raise substantial doubt about the Town of Esto's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable
 period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3-8 and 24-25 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 9, 2023, on our consideration of the Town of Esto's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the Town of Esto's 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 Town of Esto's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Ferguson, Sugemore & Associates

Ferguson, Sizemore & Associates Certified Public Accountants Dothan, Alabama August 9, 2023

Management's Discussion and Analysis

The Town of Esto's (the "Town") discussion and analysis is a narrative overview designed to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the Town's financial activity, (c) identify changes in the Town's financial position (revealing the ability to address future challenges), (d) identify any material deviations from the financial plan (the approved budget), and (e) identify individual fund issues or concerns.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) focuses on the activities of the Town for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022. Please consider the information in this MD&A in conjunction with the transmittal letter at the front of this report and the Town's financial statements.

Financial Highlights

The Town of Esto received grant funding and made system improvements.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with an overview of the Town's finances, in a manner to resemble private-sector business. In these statements, all governmental and business-type activities are consolidated into columns, which are added to a total for the Town or primary government.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. This statement combines and consolidates governmental fund's current financial resources (short-term spendable resources) with capital assets and long-term debt. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information focused on both gross and net costs and shows how the Town's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. This is intended to summarize and simplify the user's analysis of cost of various governmental services and/or subsidy to various business-type activities. Revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Town that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to typically recover all or a significant portion of the cost of operation, including depreciation, through user fees and charges for services (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Town include general government, public safety, streets and highways, culture, and recreation. The business-type activities of the Town reflect private sector type operations (water sales).

Fund Financial Statements

Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the fund financial statements presentation more familiar. This focus is on major funds, rather than (the previous model's statements prior to implementation of GASB 34 in fiscal year 2003) fund types. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary are the three categories of fund types.

The fund financial statement allows the demonstration of sources and uses and/or budgeting compliance associated therewith. Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financial decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The governmental major fund is presented on a sources and uses of liquid resources basis. This is the manner in which the financial plan (the budget) is typically developed. The flow and availability of liquid resources is a clear and appropriate focus of any analysis of a government. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources.

The Town maintains one governmental fund. Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, which is considered to be a major fund.

The Town maintains one proprietary fund for water services. Proprietary funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. While the total column on the business-type fund financial statements is the same as the business-type column on the government-wide financial statement, the governmental major funds total column requires a reconciliation because of the difference measurement focus (current financial resources versus total economic resources) which is reflected on the page following each statement. The flow of current financial resources will reflect debt proceeds and inter-fund transfers as other financial sources as well as capital expenditures and debt principal payments as expenditures. The reconciliation will eliminate these transactions and incorporate the capital assets and long-term obligations into the governmental activities column (in the government-wide statements).

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provided in this report convey additional essential information that will magnify the understanding of data in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The Town's net position decreased by \$125,445 during the audit period. Management will continue to monitor net position because the variance is a useful indicator of the Town's financial position.

	 Govern	nmer	ntal	Business-Type					Total Primary					
	 Acti	vitie	s		Acti	vitie	5	Government						
	 2022		2021		2022 2021			2022		2021				
Current assets	\$ 185,586	\$	193,565	\$	42,806	\$	58,508	\$	228,392	\$	252,073			
Capital assets	988,085		1,071,188		1,999,714		2,024,422		2,987,799		3,095,610			
Total assets	 1,173,671		1,264,753		2,042,520 2,082,930			3,216,191		3,347,683				
Current liabilities	43,999		43,189		21,494		17,574		65,493		60,763			
Long-term liabilities	 62,085		68,160		29,006		33,708		91,091		101,868			
Total liabilities	 106,084		111,349		50,500		51,282		156,584		162,631			
Net assets:														
Investment in capital	976,745		1,059,848		1,970,708		1,990,714		2,947,453		3,050,562			
Restricted	-		-		10,900		10,905		10,900		10,905			
Unrestricted	90,842		93,556		10,412		30,029		101,254		123,585			
Total net assets	\$ 1,067,587	\$	1,153,404	\$	1,992,020	\$	2,031,648	\$	3,059,607	\$	3,185,052			

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Position compared to prior year.

By far the largest portion of the Town's net position reflects the total investment in capital assets (e.g. land, building, machinery and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Town uses these assets to provide services to citizens. These assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to pay for or liquidate these liabilities. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net position* may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Normal Impacts Affecting the Statement of Net Position

There are six basic (normal) transactions that will affect the comparability of the Statement of Net Position summary presentation.

Net Results of Activities – which will impact (increase/decrease) current assets and unrestricted net position.

Borrowing for Capital – which will increase current assets and long-term debt.

Spending Borrowed Proceeds on New Capital – which will reduce current assets and increase capital assets. There is a second impact, an increase in invested in capital assets and an increase in related net debt which will not change the invested in capital assets, net of debt.

Spending of Non-Borrowed Current Assets on New Capital – which will (a) reduce current assets and increase capital assets and (b) reduce unrestricted net position and increase invested in capital assets, net of debt.

Principal Payment on Debt – which will (a) reduce current assets and reduce long-term debt and (b) reduce unrestricted net position and increase invested in capital assets, net of debt.

Reduction of Capital Assets Through Depreciation – which will reduce capital assets and invested in capital assets, net of debt.

The government's net position decreased by \$125,445 during the current fiscal year. This increase resulted primarily from capital grants.

While the results of operations is a significant measure of the Town's activities, the explanation of changes in unrestricted net position provides a clear measure of change in the Town's financial position.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of year-end are given in the table below. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, infrastructure, water system, and equipment.

	 Govern	nmer	ntal		Busines	s-T	уре		Total I	Primary																			
	 Acti	vities			Acti	vities	5		nt																				
	2022		2021		2022		2021	2022			2021																		
Land	\$ 117,762	\$	117,762	\$	1,250	\$	1,250	\$	119,012	\$	119,012																		
Buildings	418,961		418,961		-		-		418,961		418,961																		
Water system	-		-		2,175,388		2,130,939		2,175,388		2,130,939																		
Infrastructure	512,051		512,051		-				512,051		512,051																		
Equipment	683,462		683,462	617,048		617,048		617,048		617,048		617,048		617,048		617,048		617,048		617,048		617,048			617,048		1,300,510		1,300,510
	\$ 1,732,236	\$	1,732,236	\$ 2,793,686		\$ 2,793,686 \$ 2,7		\$ 4,525,922		\$ -	4,481,473																		

Debt Outstanding

As of fiscal year ends, the Town's outstanding debt was as follows:

	Govern	nmental	Busines	s-Type	Total Primary						
	Actr	vities	Activ	vities	G	overnment					
	2022	2021	2022	2022 2021		2021					
Notes payable	\$ 62,085	\$ 68,160	\$ 29,006	\$ 33,708	\$ 91,0	91 \$ 101,868					

Statement of Activities

The following schedule compares the revenues and expenses for the current and previous year.

		ernmental ctivities		iess-Type	Total Primary Government			
2022								
Revenues:								
Charges for services	\$	2,537	\$	68,041	\$	70,578		
Operating grants		87,887		-		87,887		
Capital grants		-		-		-		
General revenue:								
Taxes		79,419		-		79,419		
Interest		796		-		796		
Miscellaneous		17,198		-		17,198		
Expenses:								
Governmental activities:								
General government		99,399		-		99,399		
Mayor and council		1,600		-		1,600		
Public safety		26,297		-		26,297		
Highways and streets		20,931		-		20,931		
Cultural and recreation		-		-		-		
Depreciation		83,103		69,157		152,260		
Interest		2,651		-		2,651		
Business-type activities:		,				,		
Water department		-		78,185		78,185		
Transfers		(39,675)		39,675		-		
Net change	\$	(85,819)	\$	(39,626)	\$ ((125,445)		
2021								
Revenues:								
Charges for services	\$	2,069	\$	67,914	\$	69,983		
Operating grants	Ψ	49,511	Ψ	-	Ŷ	49,511		
Capital grants		-		150,193		150,193		
General revenue:				100,170		100,120		
Taxes		68,429		-		68,429		
Interest and licenses		790		-		790		
Miscellaneous		24,186		_		24,186		
Expenses:		,100				,		
Governmental activities:								
General government		66,369		_		66,369		
Mayor and council		2,100		_		2,100		
Public safety		24,335		-		24,335		
Highways and streets		18,570		-		18,570		
Cultural and recreation		-		-				
Depreciation		83,103		64,850		147,953		
Interest		2,394		1,086		3,480		
		2,374		1,000		5,100		

Business-type activities:			
Water department	-	52,416	52,416
Transfers	(34,761)	34,761	
Net change	<u>\$ (86,647)</u>	<u>\$ 134,516</u>	\$ 47,869

Business-type activities decreased the Town's net position a total of \$39,626 during the audit period.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$141,586. Of this total fund balance, \$141,586 constitutes the *unassigned fund balance*, which is available for spending at the government's discretion.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$98,112, while total fund balance was also \$98,112. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. This is very useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The Town's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Economic Factors

The Town relies on taxes (sales, property, gasoline, franchise, etc.) and fees (licenses, permits, etc.) for its governmental activities. The primary source of revenue is state revenue sharing. There are a limited number of state-shared revenues and recurring and non-recurring (one-time) grants from both state and federal governments.

In the business-type and certain governmental activities (water fees), the user pays a related fee or charge associated with the service.

The level of taxes, fees, and charges for services have a direct bearing on the Town's ability to (a) annex additional land into its corporate limits and (b) encourage development to choose to be located in the Town's jurisdiction

Financial Information Contact

The Town's financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors) with a general overview of the Town's finances and to demonstrate the Town's accountability. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Clerk at 3312 2nd Avenue South, Esto, Florida.

Town of Esto Statement of Net Position September 30, 2022

	Governmental	Business-Type	
	Activities	Activities	Total
Assets			
Cash	\$ 179,370	\$ 21,636	\$ 201,006
Accounts receivable	-	9,508	9,508
Due from other governments	6,216	-	6,216
Noncurrent restricted assets	-	11,662	11,662
Capital assets			
Land	117,762	1,250	119,012
Buildings and improvements	143,131	-	143,131
Water system	-	2,175,388	2,175,388
Improvements	275,830	-	275,830
Infrastructure	512,051	-	512,051
Machinery and equipment	683,462	617,048	1,300,510
Accumulated depreciation	(744,151)	(793,972)	(1,538,123)
Total capital assets	988,085	1,999,714	2,987,799
Total Assets	1,173,671	2,042,520	3,216,191
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,766	8,541	12,307
Customer deposits	-	10,900	10,900
Payroll liabilities	2,947	2,053	5,000
Deferred grant revenue	37,286	-	37,286
Long-term liabilities			
Portion due or payable within one year			
Notes payable	6,271	4,845	11,116
Portion due or payable after one year			
Notes payable	55,814	24,161	79,975
Total Liabilities	106,084	50,500	156,584
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	976,745	1,970,708	2,947,453
Restricted for:			
Customer deposits	-	10,900	10,900
Unrestricted	90,842	10,412	101,254
Total Net Position	\$ 1,067,587	\$ 1,992,020	\$ 3,059,607

Town of Esto Statement of Activities September 30, 2022

		Program Revenues						Net (Expense) Revenue and						
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Fines, and		perating		pital			anges in N		tion		
			arges for		ants and		ts and		vernmental	Busines	51			
Activities	Expenses	S	ervices	Cor	ntributions	Contri	ibutions	A	ctivities	Activ	ities	Total		
Governmental:														
General government	\$ 182,502	\$	5	\$	87,887	\$	-	\$	(94,610)	\$	-	\$	(94,610)	
Mayor and council	1,600		-		-		-		(1,600)		-		(1,600)	
Public safety	26,297		2,532		-		-		(23,765)		-		(23,765)	
Highways and streets	20,931		-		-		-		(20,931)		-		(20,931)	
Cultural and recreation	-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
Interest and fiscal charges	2,651		-		-		-		(2,651)		-		(2,651)	
Total governmental activities	233,981		2,537		87,887		-		(143,557)				(143,557)	
Business-type:														
Water	147,342		68,041		-		-		-	(7	9,301)		(79,301)	
Total business-type activities	147,342		68,041		-		-		-	(7)	9,301)		(79,301)	
Total Town of Esto	\$ 381,323	\$	70,578	\$	87,887	\$	-		(143,557)	(7)	9,301)		(222,858)	
	General rev	enues:												
	Property ta	axes							18,275		-		18,275	
	Franchise a	and pu	blic service	taxes					15,715		-		15,715	
	Other taxes	s							45,429		-		45,429	
	Interest inc	come							796		-		796	
	Miscellane	eous							17,198		-		17,198	
	Transfers								(39,675)	3	9,675		-	
	Total ge	neral r	evenues and	trans	sfers				57,738	3	9,675		97,413	
	Change	e in ne	position						(85,819)	(3	9,626)		(125,445)	
	Net position	ı - begi	nning						1,153,406	2,03	1,646		3,185,052	
	Net position	ı - endi	ng					\$	1,067,587	\$ 1,99	2,020	\$	3,059,607	

Town of Esto Balance Sheet September 30, 2022

			Ve	olunteer					
				Fire		Capital	Recr	eation	
		General	Dep	partment	Imp	provement	Center		 Total
Assets									
Cash	\$	135,091	\$	2,393	\$	41,886	\$	-	\$ 179,370
Due from other governments		6,216		-		-		-	 6,216
Total assets	\$	141,307	\$	2,393	\$	41,886	\$	-	\$ 185,586
Liabilities									
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	2,961	\$	805	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 3,766
Payroll liabilities		2,947		-		-		-	2,947
Deferred grant revenue		37,287		-		-		-	37,287
Total liabilities		43,195		805		-		-	 44,000
Fund Balances									
Assigned		-		-		-		-	-
Unassigned		98,112		1,588		41,886		-	 141,586
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	141,307	\$	2,393	\$	41,886	\$	_	\$ 185,586

Town of Esto Reconciliation of the Govermental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position September 30, 2022

Total Fund Balance for Governmental Funds		\$ 141,586
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial		
resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Those assets consist of:		
Land	\$117,762	
Buildings and improvements	143,131	
Improvements	275,830	
Infrastructure	512,051	
Machinery and equipment	683,462	
Accumulated depreciation	(744,151)	988,085
Long-term liabilities applicable to the Town's governmental		
activities are not due and payable in the current period and		
accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Balances as of		
year end are:		
Note Payable	(8,106)	
		((2,0)5)
Note Payable	(53,979)	 (62,085)
Total Net Position of Govermental Activities		1,067,586

Town of Esto Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance September 30, 2022

	G	eneral	 olunteer Fire partment	Capital provement	Recre Cen		 Total
Revenues							
Taxes	\$	79,419	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 79,419
Charges for services		-	2,532	-		-	2,532
Grants		37,286	-	-		-	37,286
Interest income		796	-	-		-	796
Intergovernmental revenue		50,606	-	-		-	50,606
Miscellaneous income		5,993	 11,205	 -		-	 17,198
		174,100	 13,737	 -		-	 187,837
Expenditures							
Current:							
General government		93,987	-	5,412		-	99,399
Mayor and council		1,600	-	-		-	1,600
Public safety		-	26,297	-		-	26,297
Highways and streets		20,931	-	-		-	20,931
Cultural and recreation		-	-	-		-	-
Capital outlay		-	-	-		-	-
Debt service:							
Principal payments		3,941	-	2,133		-	6,074
Interest and fiscal charges		307	 -	 2,344		-	 2,651
		120,766	 26,297	 9,889		-	 156,952
Excess of Expenditures Over Revenues		53,334	(12,560)	(9,889)		-	30,885
Other Financing Sources							
Proceeds from long-term debt		-	-	-		-	-
Proceeds from short-term debt		-	-	-		-	-
Transfers		(50,079)	9,536	868		-	(39,675)
Total other financing sources		(50,079)	 9,536	 868		-	 (39,675)
Net Change in Fund Balance		3,255	(3,024)	(9,021)		-	(8,790)
Fund Balance - Beginning		94,857	4,612	50,907		-	150,376
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Fund Balance - Ending	\$	98,112	\$ 1,588	\$ 41,886	\$		\$ 141,586

Town of Esto Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities September 30, 2022

Net Changes in Fund Balances - Total Govermental Funds	\$ (8,790)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. These differences are reflected as follows: Depreciation expense Capital outlay	(83,103)
Repayment of long-term debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds but reduces the liability in the statement of net position, and loan proceeds are treated as revenue in the governmental funds but increases the liability in the statement of net position, as reflected as follows: Proceeds from short-term and long-term debt Principal payments	 6,074
Change in Net Position	\$ (85,819)

Town of Esto Statement of Net Position - Proprietary Fund September 30, 2022

Assets	
Current Assets	ф <u>21 (2)</u>
Cash	\$ 21,636
Accounts receivable	9,508
Grant receivable	
Total Current Assets	31,144
Non-Current Assets	
Restricted cash	11,662
Capital assets	
Land	1,250
Water system	2,175,388
Machinery and equipment	617,048
Accumulated depreciation	(793,972)
Total Non-Current Assets	2,011,376
Total Assets	2,042,520
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	8,541
Payroll liabilities	2,053
Current portion of long-term debt	4,845
Current portion of long-term debt	,T,0+J
Total Current Liabiltilies	15,439
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Notes payable, less current portion	24,161
Customer deposits	10,900
-	
Total Non-Current Liabiltilies	35,061
Total Liabilities	50,500
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	1,970,708
Restricted for:	, ,,
Customer deposits	10,900
Unrestricted	10,412
Total Net Position	\$ 1,992,020
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Town of Esto Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position - Proprietary Fund September 30, 2022

Operating Revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 68,041
Other income	 -
	 68,041
Operating Expenses	
Chemicals	527
Fuel	2,198
Insurance	10,458
Lab testing	1,303
Miscellaneous	4,031
Office expenses	3,521
Payroll taxes	1,446
Postage	363
Professional fees	5,142
Repairs and maintenance	20,695
Salaries	14,388
Small tools and supplies	570
Utility service expense	6,596
Water operator	6,000
Depreciation	69,157
Total Operating Expenses	146,395
Operating Loss	(78,354)
Non-Operating Revenue (Expense)	
Grant revenue	-
Interest expense	 (947)
Total Non-Operating Revenue (Expense)	(947)
Income before transfers	(79,301)
Tranfers	 39,675
Change in Net Position	(39,626)
Net Position - Beginning	2,031,646
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Net Position - Ending	\$ 1,992,020

Town of Esto Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Fund September 30, 2022

Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
Receipts from customers	\$ 65,447
Payments to suppliers/vendors	(52,925)
Payments to employees	(20,388)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	 (7,866)
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activites	
Intergovernmental grant revenue	10,800
Principal payments on long-term debt	(4,702)
Interest payments on long-term debt	(947)
Acquisitions of capital assets	(44,449)
Net Cash Used by Non-Capital Financing Activities	 (39,298)
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activites	
Intergovernmental revenues	-
Transfers	39,675
Net Cash Provided by Non-Capital Financing Activities	 39,675
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(7,489)
Beginning Balance	29,125
Ending Balance	\$ 21,636
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash	
Used by Operating Activities:	
Operating Loss	\$ (78,354)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash	
Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation expense	69,157
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	(830)
Noncurrent restricted assets	(1,759)
Accounts payable	2,254
Payroll liabilities	1,671
Customer deposits	 (5)
Net Cash Used By Operating Activities:	\$ (7,866)

Note A – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Town of Esto (the "Town") was incorporated in 1963 under the provisions of the State of Florida. The Town operates under a Mayor-Council form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety, street maintenance, water and sewer services, public improvements, and general administrative services.

The accounting policies of the Town conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

<u>Financial Reporting Entity – Basis of Presentation</u> The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the Town.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government (the Town). These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the Town. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business-type activities of the Town and for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and proprietary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Non-operating revenues, such as subsidies and investments earnings, result from non-exchange transactions or ancillary activities.

The Town reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund: This is the Town's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting & Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, if the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, sales taxes, excise taxes, grants, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Town considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

All governmental and business-type activities and proprietary funds of the Town follow FASB Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins, unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements.

Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets or Equity

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town considers cash and cash equivalents in proprietary funds to be cash on hand, certificates of deposit, and demand deposits.

Capital Assets and Depreciation

Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Some of the Town's general infrastructure, namely roads and bridges, are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated <u>Useful Lives</u>
Buildings and improvements	10-50
Equipment	5-20
Improvements	25-50
Water system	40-50

Compensated Absences

It is the Town's policy to permit employees to accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation leave, which will be paid to employees upon separation from the Town's service. In governmental and proprietary funds, the cost of vacation leave is recognized when earned.

Note B – Capital Assets

	Balance							Balance
	Begi	nning Of Year	Increases		Decreases		End of Year	
Governmental Activities								
Non-Depreciated Assets:								
Land	\$	117,762	\$	-	\$	-	\$	117,762
Depreciated Assets:								
Buildings		143,131		-		-		143,131
Infrastructure		512,051		-		-		512,051
Improvements		275,830		-		-		275,830
Equipment		683,462		-			683,462	
		1,614,474		-		-	1	,614,474
Accumulated Depreciation								
Buildings		65,680		4,858		-		70,538
Infrastructure		103,119		27,832		-		130,951
Improvements		173,127		7,802		-		180,929
Equipment		319,122		42,611		-		361,733
		661,048		83,103		-		744,151
Net Depreciated Assets		953,426		(83,103)				870,323
Total - Governmental Assets	\$	1,071,188	\$	(83,103)	\$	-	\$	988,085

	Balance Beginning Of Year		Increases		Decreases		Balance End of Year	
Business-Type Activities								
Non-Depreciated Assets:								
Land	\$	1,250	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,250
Construction in progress		-		-		-		-
Depreciated Assets:								
Water system		2,130,939		44,449		-		2,175,388
Equipment		617,048	-				617,048	
		2,747,987		44,449		-		2,792,436
Accumulated Depreciation								
Water system		694,540		45,922		-		740,462
Equipment		30,275		23,235		-		53,510
		724,815		69,157		-		793,972
Net Depreciated Assets		2,023,172		(24,708)		-		1,998,464
Total - Business-Type Assets	\$	2,024,422	\$	(24,708)	\$	-	\$	1,999,714

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

General government	\$ 83,103
Water fund	\$ 69,157

Depreciation expense charged to separately identifiable business-type activities is evident on the face of the fund financial statements, and therefore is not included here.

Note C – Use of Estimates

In preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosures of contingencies at the date of the financial statements and revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note D – Long Term Obligations

The Town's governmental activities had two outstanding obligations at year-end.

The "Tractor" lease bears interest at 2.99%. The lease is payable in 84 monthly payments of \$354 and is due December 15, 2024. The balance remaining on this lease at year-end was \$8,106.

The "Land" note, with Peoples Bank of Graceville, bears interest at 4.25%. The note is payable in 120 monthly installments of \$373 and is due November 15, 2039. The balance of this note at yearend was \$53,979. The note is secured by real property.

		Tractor Lease				_	Land	Note	e
Fiscal Year Ending	5	Principal		Principal Interest		Р	rincipal	Interest	
2	2023	\$	4,061	\$	187	\$	2,210	\$	2,266
2	2024		4,045		203		2,306		2,170
2	2025		-		-		2,406		2,070
2	2026		-				2,510		1,966
Thereafter			_		-		44,547		14,391
		\$	8,106	\$	390	\$	53,979	\$	22,863

Maturities of these obligations are as follows:

The Town's business-type activity had one loan at year-end.

The "Well Rehab" note, with the National Rural Water Association, bears interest at 3.00%. The note is payable in 120 monthly payments of \$471 and is due April 1, 2028. The balance of this note at year-end was \$29,006.

Well Rehab Principal Fiscal Year Ending Interest 4,845 2023 \$ \$ 804 4,992 2024 657 2025 5,144 505 5,301 2026 348 5,462 2027 187 2028 3,262 33 \$ 2,534 \$ 29,006

Maturities of this obligation is as follows:

Note E – Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Town's management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through August 9, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Town of Esto Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Governmental Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

	Proprietary Fund						
		Budget		Actual	/	Variance	
Revenues							
Taxes	\$	58,283	\$	79,419	\$	21,136	
Charges for services		14,851		2,532		(12,319)	
Grants		-		37,286		37,286	
Interest income		-		796		796	
Intergovernmental revenue		25,350		50,606		25,256	
Miscellaneous income		13,900		17,198	_	3,298	
Total Revenues		112,384		187,837		75,453	
Expenditures							
General government		83,870		99,399		(15,529)	
Mayor and council		-		1,600		(1,600)	
Public safety		24,514		26,297		(1,783)	
Highways and street		-		20,931		(20,931)	
Principal payments		9,000		6,074		2,926	
Interest expense		-		2,651		(2,651)	
		117,384		156,952		(39,568)	
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues							
Over (Under) Expenditures		(5,000)		30,885		35,885	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Operating transfers		-		(39,675)		(39,675)	
		-		(39,675)		(39,675)	
Excess of Expenditures over Revenues and							
Other Financing Uses		(5,000)		(8,790)		(3,790)	
Net Position - Beginning of Year		150,376		150,376			
Net Position - End of Year	\$	145,376	\$	141,586	\$	(3,790)	

Town of Esto Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

	Proprietary Fund							
		Budget		Actual	/	/ariance		
Revenues								
Charges for services	\$	65,000	\$	68,041	\$	3,041		
Miscellaneous income		-		-		-		
Total Revenues		65,000		68,041		3,041		
Expenditures								
Salaries and benefits		-		21,834		(21,834)		
Services and supplies		65,000		56,351		8,649		
Depreciation		-		69,157		(69,157)		
		65,000		147,342		(82,342)		
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues								
Over (Under) Expenditures		-		(79,301)		(79,301)		
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Grant revenue		-		-		-		
Operating transfers		-		39,675		39,675		
		-		39,675		39,675		
Excess of Expenditures over Revenues and								
Other Financing Uses		-		(39,626)		(39,626)		
Net Position - Beginning of Year		2,031,646		2,031,646				
Net Position - End of Year	\$	2,031,646	\$	1,992,020	\$	(39,626)		



Independent Auditors' 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 Mayor and Town Council of The Town of Esto, Florida

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 financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Esto, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Esto's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 9, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Esto'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 Town of Esto's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Esto'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 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Esto's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, non-compliance 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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.

Ferguson, Lyemore & Resources

Ferguson, Sizemore & Associates Certified Public Accountants Dothan, Alabama August 9, 2023



Independent Accountants' Report on Compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of The Town of Esto, Florida

We have examined the compliance of the Town of Esto with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, for the year ended September 30, 2022. Management is responsible for the Town's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Town's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Town complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Town complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgement, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Town's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Town of Esto complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, for the year ended September 30, 2022.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the State of Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Ferguson, Sugemore & Casourtes

Ferguson, Sizemore & Associates Certified Public Accountants Dothan, Alabama August 9, 2023



Independent Auditors' Management Letter

To the Honorable Council President and Council of The Town of Esto, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Esto, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated August 9, 2023.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditors' 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*. Disclosures in that report, which is dated August 9, 2023, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida and, unless otherwise required to be reported in the report on compliance and internal controls or schedule of findings and questioned costs, this letter is required to include the following information:

Prior Audit Findings

- Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no prior audit findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management, accounting practices, and internal control. In connection with our audit, we do not feel any such communication with management is necessary, nor has any such communication with management been made.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address violations of provisions of contracts and grant agreements or abuse that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires, based on professional judgment, the reporting of the following matters that are inconsequential to the financial statements, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors: (1) violations of laws, rules, regulations, and contractual provisions or abuse that have occurred, or were likely to have occurred, and would have an immaterial effect on the financial statements; (2) improper expenditures or illegal acts that

would have an immaterial effect on the financial statements; and (3) control deficiencies that are not significant deficiencies, including, but not limited to; (a) improper or inadequate accounting procedures (e.g., the omission of required disclosures from the financial statements); (b) failures to properly record financial transactions; and (c) other inaccuracies, shortages, defalcations, and instances of fraud discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

- Section 10.554(1)(i)6., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The Town of Esto, Florida was established by an incorporating charter under the Florida Statutes. The Town of Esto, Florida has no component units.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)7.a, Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement be included as to whether or not the local governmental entity has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Town of Esto, Florida did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)7.b, Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether the annual financial report for the Town of Esto, Florida for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), Florida Statutes, is in agreement with the annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. In connection with our audit, we determined that these two reports were in agreement.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)7.c and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we apply financial condition assessment procedures. In connection with our audit, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the entity's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

This management letter is intended solely for the information of the Town of Esto, Florida and management, and the Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Ferguson, Symme & Paroutes

Ferguson, Sizemore & Associates Certified Public Accountants Dothan, Alabama August 9, 2023