GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL REPORTS

YEAR ENDED September 30, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Supervisors Gerber Groves Water Control District P.O. Box 790 LaBelle, Florida 33975-0790

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Gerber Groves Water Control District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District'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 an opinion 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 the <u>Government Auditing</u> <u>Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit 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 District'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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also 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.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Gerber Groves Water Control District as of September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position 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 ("MD&A") on pages i-v be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not 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 - management discussion and analysis ("MD&A") 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 required supplementary information - management discussion and analysis ("MD&A") because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Gerber Groves Water Control District's basic financial statements. The required supplementary information other than the MD&A - budgetary comparison information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The required supplementary information other than the MD&A - budgetary comparison information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the

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basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the required supplementary information other than MD&A - budgetary comparison information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Exhibit - Management's Response to Independent Auditor's Report to Management is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is required by <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Section 218.415, Florida Statutes

In accordance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, we have also issued a report dated February 19, 2021 on our consideration of Gerber Groves Water Control District's compliance with provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and to provide an opinion on compliance with the aforementioned Statute. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Sections 218.39 and 218.415, Florida Statutes in considering Gerber Groves Water Control District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated February 19, 2021 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contract 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Purran & Compuny, P.A.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A. Fort Myers, Florida February 19, 2021

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)

Gerber Groves Water Control District

Management's Discussion and Analysis

This discussion and analysis of the Gerber Groves Water Control District (the "District") financial statements is designed to introduce the basic financial statements and provide an analytical overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. The basic financial statements are comprised of the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements and footnotes. We hope this will assist readers in identifying and understanding significant changes in the District's financial position.

District Highlights

At the close of fiscal year 2020:

- The District's assets exceeded its liabilities, resulting in net position (net assets) of \$1,446,262. The District's total net position increased \$76,634, or 6 percent, in comparison to the prior year.
- The District had \$680,691 of unrestricted net position (net assets) that can be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations.
- Total revenues decreased \$60,972, or 8 percent, in comparison to the prior year. This was substantially due to a decrease in collection of prior taxes of \$52,307, reduction of miscellaneous income of \$7,826 and a decrease of interest income of \$31 in the current year. Per acre maintenance tax remained at \$100 per acre, consistent with the prior year.
- Total expenses decreased \$75,410, or 12 percent, in comparison to the prior year, most significantly due to an increase in general operating expenses field operations, in the year ended September 30, 2020.

At the close of fiscal year 2019:

- The District's assets exceeded its liabilities, resulting in net position (net assets) of \$1,364,928. The District's total net position increased \$62,196, or 5 percent, in comparison to the prior year.
- The District had \$606,055 of unrestricted net position (net assets) that can be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations.
- Total revenues increased \$66,568, or 10 percent, in comparison to the prior year. This was substantially due to increase of taxes of \$72,948, reduction of miscellaneous income of \$12,250 and increase of interest income of \$1,340 in the current year. Per acre maintenance tax remained at \$100 per acre, consistent with the prior year.
- Total expenses increased \$44,817, or 7 percent, in comparison to the prior year, most significantly due to an increase in general operating expenses in the year ended September 30, 2019.

Government-wide Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities found on pages 4 and 5) are intended to allow a reader to assess a government's operational accountability. Operational accountability is defined as the extent to which the government has met its operating objectives efficiently and effectively, using all resources available for that purpose, and whether it can continue to meet its objectives for the foreseeable future. Government-wide financial statements concentrate on the District as a whole and do not emphasize fund types.

The Statement of Net Position (Page 4) presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. The District's capital assets (property, plant and equipment) are included in this statement and reported net of their accumulated depreciation.

The Statement of Activities (Page 5) presents revenue and expense information showing how the District's net position changed during the fiscal year. Both statements are measured and reported using the economic resource measurement focus (revenues and expenses) and the accrual basis of accounting (revenue recognized when earned and expense recognized when a liability is incurred).

Governmental Fund Financial Statement

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of governmental funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The District only utilizes one fund, a general fund.

Governmental fund financial statements (found on pages 6 and 8) are prepared on the modified accrual basis using the current financial resources measurement focus. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in the preceding statements and begin on page 10. These notes are essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The government-wide financial statements were designed so that the user could determine if the District is in a better or worse financial condition from the prior year.

The following is a condensed summary of net position for the primary government at September 30:

Assets:	2019	2020
Current and other assets	\$ 669,603	\$ 771,442
Capital Assets, Net	1,715,567	1,683,038
Total Assets	2,385,170	2,454,480
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	119,228	129,317
Non-current liabilities	896,314	878,901
Total Liabilities	1,015,542	1,008,218
Net Position:		
Net Investment in capital assets	763,573	765,571
Restricted	-	-
Unrestricted	606,055	680,691
Total net position	\$ 1,369,628	\$ 1,446,262

For the year ended September 30, 2020, current and other assets represent 31 percent of total assets. Current assets are comprised of unrestricted cash and investments balances of \$750,948, receivables/other of \$5,038, prepaid expenses of \$6,739 and deposits of \$8,717. There was no restricted cash. The balances of unrestricted cash represent amounts that were available for spending at the District's discretion.

The net investment in capital assets represent 53 percent of net position and are comprised of land, buildings, improvements, equipment, furniture, and vehicles, net of accumulated depreciation, and the outstanding related debt used to acquire the assets. There was \$951,994 and \$917,467 outstanding debt related to capital assets at September 30, 2019 or 2020, respectively.

The following schedule reports the revenues, expenses, and changes in net position for the District at September 30:

Revenues:	2019	2020
General Revenue		
Maintenance taxes	\$ 700,656	\$ 648,349
Intergovernmental	1,693	885
Miscellaneous		
Investement Earnings	4,891	4,860
Other	8,532	706
Total Revenues	715,772	654,800
Expenses:		
General Government	95,196	85,159
Water Control	558,380	493,007
Total Expenses	653,576	578,166
Increase (decrease) in net position	62,196	76,634
Net Position - Beginning of the Year	1,307,432	1,369,628
Net Position - End of the Year	\$ 1,369,628	\$ 1,446,262

Summary of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Years Ended September 30

Total revenues decreased \$60,972 or 8 percent, in comparison to the prior year. Total expenses increased \$75,410, or 12 percent, in comparison to the prior year.

Budgetary Highlights

Budget versus actual comparisons are reported in the Required Supplementary Information Other Than Management Discussion and Analysis section. The District's total actual expenditures for the year were within budget.

There were two amendments to the original budget during the year to adjust the carryforward amount to the prior year audited balance and to increase budgeted revenue and expenditures by \$16,618 net.

Capital Assets

Non-depreciable capital assets include land and construction in progress. Depreciable assets include buildings, improvements other than buildings, office equipment, machinery & equipment and vehicles.

The following is a schedule of the District's capital assets at September 30:

	Capital Assets September 30		
	2019 2020		
Capital Assets			
Land	\$ 400,880 \$ 400,880		
Construction in progress	<u> </u>		
Total Capital Assets not depreciated	400,880 400,880		
Buildings	37,450 37,450		
Machinery & equipment	2,269,599 2,336,002		
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	2,307,049 2,373,452		
Accumulated Depreciation			
Buildings	(25,150) (25,750)		
Machinery & equipment	(967,212) (1,065,544)		
Total accumulated depreciation	(992,362) (1,091,294)		
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 1,715,567</u> <u>\$ 1,683,038</u>		

During the year ended September 30, 2012, the District purchased a 2012 Dodge pickup truck for \$24,000. During the year ended September 30, 2013, the District purchased culverts and built 2 canal structures for \$99,498. During the year ended September 30, 2014, the District purchased no capital assets. During the year ended September 30, 2015, the District expended \$246,818 to replace two (2) irrigation pumps. During the year ended September 30, 2016, the District expended \$425,118 to replace fuel tanks and to start a \$1,500,000 pump station replacement. During the year ended September 30, 2017, the District continued to complete the pump station replacement and expended \$648,120. During the year ended September 30, 2018, the District purchased a pickup truck for \$23,222. During the year ended September 30, 2019, the District bought a new pump for \$41,208 and received a donated pick-up truck valued at \$5,000. During the year ended September 30, 2020, the District made pump station improvements for \$66,403.

Debt Administration

The District, during the year ended September 30, 2016, acquired a \$1,500,000 note payable to fund the cost of the pump station replacement. At September 30, 2019 and 2020, the District has drawn a total of \$1,058,014 and \$1,058,014, respectively. At September 30, 2019 and 2020, the District has note payable balances of \$951,994 and \$917,467 after a principal payment of \$34,527.

During the years ended September 30, 2019 and 2020, the District did not record an accrued compensated absence payable for vacation time earned but not paid, as the amounts were \$0 or considered immaterial, respectively.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget Rates

The following were factors considered when next year's budget (2020-2021) was prepared:

- Maintenance assessments were set at \$90 per acre for fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. The Tax Rates for fiscal years 2020, 2019 and 2018 were \$100 per acre.
- No significant changes in administration or operating costs are projected, except the District Superintendent position was eliminated. All maintenance costs will be contracted out in the future.
- Principal and interest payments of \$70,000 are projected for fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. The first principal payment on the loan was due and was paid on March 1, 2019.

Request for information

This financial report is designed to provide the reader an overview of the District. Questions regarding any information provided in this report should be directed to:

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GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION September 30, 2020

	Governmental Activities	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	\$ 588,966	
Investments - certificates of deposit	161,982	
Due from other governments	5,013	
Interest receivable	25	
Prepaid insurance	6,739	
Deposits	8,717	
Total current assets	771,442	
Non-current assets:		
Capital assets:		
Non-depreciable land	400,880	
Depreciable buildings, equipment and machinery		
(net of \$1,091,294 accumulated depreciation)	1,282,158	
Total non-current assets	1,683,038	
TOTAL ASSETS	2,454,480	
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	68,610	
Accrued expenses	22,141	
Note payable - current portion	38,566	
Total current liabilities	129,317	
Non-current liabilities:	-)	
Accrued compensated absences	<u>_</u>	
Note payable, net of current portion	878,901	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,008,218	
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	765,571	
Unrestricted	680,691	
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 1,446,262</u>	

GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended September 30, 2020

	Total Governmental Activities
EXPENSES	
Governmental Activities	
General Government	
Administration	
Operating expenses	\$ 85,159
Total General Government	85,159
Water Control	
Personnel services	63,004
Operating expenses	297,994
Depreciation	98,932
Interest and fiscal charges	33,077
Total Water Control	493,007
Total Governmental Activities	578,166
GENERAL REVENUES	
Maintenance taxes	648,349
Joint trust contributions	885
Interest income	4,860
Miscellaneous income	706
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	654,800
INCREASE IN NET POSITION	76,634
NET POSITION - Beginning of the year	1,369,628
NET POSITION - End of the year	\$ 1,446,262

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GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND September 30, 2020

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 588,966	\$ 588,966
Investments	161,982	161,982
Due from other governments	5,013	5,013
Interest receivable	25	25
Prepaid insurance	6,739	6,739
Deposits	8,717	8,717
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 771,442	\$ 771,442
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 68,610	\$ 68,610
Accrued expenses	22,141	22,141
TOTAL LIABILITIES	90,751	90,751
FUND BALANCE		
Nonspendable	15,456	15,456
Assigned	200,000	200,000
Unassigned	465,235	465,235
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	680,691	680,691
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND		
FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 771,442</u>	\$ 771,442

GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION September 30, 2020

		 Amount
Total fund balance for governmental fund		\$ 680,691
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental fund		
Capital assets not being depreciated:		
Land	400,880	 400,880
Capital assets being depreciated:		
Building, equipment and machinery	2,373,452	
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,091,294)	 1,282,158
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period		
and therefore are not reported in the governmental fund:		
Compensated absences	-	
Note payable	(917,467)	
		 (917,467)
Total net position of governmental activities		\$ 1,446,262

GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND Year Ended September 30, 2020

				Total
		General	Gov	vernmental
		Fund		Funds
REVENUES				
Maintenance taxes	\$	648,349	\$	648,349
Joint trust contributions		885		885
Interest income		4,860		4,860
Miscellaneous income		706		706
TOTAL REVENUES		654,800		654,800
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General government Administration				
Operating expenditures		85,159		85,159
operating expenditures		85,159		85,159
Physical environment		05,157		05,157
Field operations				
Personnel services		63,004		63,004
Operating expenditures		297,994		297,994
		360,998		360,998
Capital outlay		66,403		66,403
Debt service				
Principal reduction		34,527		34,527
Interest and fiscal charges		33,077		33,077
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		580,164		580,164
EXCESS OF REVENUES				
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		74,636		74,636
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proceeds from note payable		-		-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		-		-
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER)				
EXPENDITURES		74,636		74,636
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		606,055		606,055
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>\$</u>	680,691	\$	680,691

GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended September 30, 2020

		A	mount
Net change in fund balance (excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures) - total governmental fund		\$	74,636
The increase (excess of revenue over expenses) in net position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:			
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.			
Expenditures for capital assets Less: current year depreciation	66,403 (98,932)		
			(32,529)
The issuance of debt is reported as a financing source in governmental funds and this contributes to the change in fund balance. In the Statement of Net Position, however, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not effect the Statement of Activities. Similarly, repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds but reduces the liability in the Statement of Net Position.			
Borrowings (proceeds from issuance): Less: note payable Repayments (principal retirement): Plus: note payable			24.525
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.			34,527
Decrease in compensated absences			
Increase in net position of governmental activities		\$	76,634

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Nature of Activities

Gerber Groves Water Control District (the "District") is an independent special district created in October 1964, by Circuit Court Order No. 2662, which was amended by the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court in Hendry County on October 7, 1966, under the provisions of Florida Statutes, Chapter 298, for the purpose of preserving and protecting water resources by drainage, irrigation, or water control management for approximately 6,418 acres in Hendry County. The formal date the District was established was January 5, 1965. The District is governed by an elected three (3) member Board of Supervisors serving staggered three (3) year terms. Board members are elected by landowners on a one acre/one vote basis.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these basic financial statements.

The basic financial statements of the District are comprised of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to the financial statements

Reporting Entity

The District adheres to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 14, "Financial Reporting Entity", as amended by GASB Statement Number 39 "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units" and GASB Statement Number 61, "the Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus -An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34". These Statements require the basic financial statements of the District (the primary government) to include its component units, if any. A component unit is a legally separate organization for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Based on the criteria established in GASB Statement Number 14, as amended, there are no components required to be included. Therefore, there are no component units included and/or required to be included in the District's basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the activities of the District and do not emphasize fund types. These governmental activities comprise the primary government. General governmental and intergovernmental revenues support the governmental activities. The purpose of the government-wide financial statements is to allow the user to be able to determine if the District is in a better or worse financial position than the prior year. The effect of all interfund activity between governmental funds has been removed from the government-wide financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions" (GASB 33).

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets in the government-wide financial statements, rather than reported as expenditures. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as other financing sources. Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as expenditures.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital improvements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Government-wide Financial Statements, continued

Program revenues are considered to be revenues generated by services performed and/or by fees charged such as permits, allowing drainage into the District systems. The District had no such revenues for the year ended September 30, 2020.

Fund Financial Statements

The District adheres to GASB Number 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions". As such, it is the District's intent to hold unassigned fund balance in an amount ranging between three (3) months to six (6) months operating expenditures. Assigned fund balance is held to respond to an emergency condition. Nonspendable fund balance represents amounts not considered liquid, such as prepaid amounts and deposits.

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity or retained earnings, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Fund financial statements for the District's governmental funds are presented after the government-wide financial statements. The governmental fund financial statements display information about its only major fund individually, for governmental funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

Governmental Funds, continued

The District's major funds are presented in separate columns on the governmental fund financial statements. The definition of a major fund is one that meets certain criteria set forth in GASB Statement Number 34, "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments" (GASB 34). The funds that do not meet the criteria of a major fund are considered non-major funds and are combined into a single column on the governmental fund financial statements.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures, or expenses, are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Maintenance taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period and soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting, continued

Revenues susceptible to accrual are maintenance assessments, interest on investments, and intergovernmental revenues. Maintenance assessments are recorded as revenues in the fiscal year in which they are levied, provided they are collected in the current period or within sixty (60) days thereafter. Interest on invested funds is recognized when earned. Intergovernmental revenues that are reimbursements for specific purposes or projects are recognized when all eligibility requirements are met.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include: (1) principal and interest on long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due; and (2) expenditures are generally not divided between years by the recording of prepaid expenditures.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds.

Non-current Government Assets/Liabilities

GASB 34 requires non-current governmental assets, such as land and buildings, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as notes and line of credit payable, to be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

Major Funds - Governmental

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund and its only fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District.

Budgetary Information

The District has elected to report budgetary comparison of major funds as required supplementary information (RSI).

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment and machinery, are reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

The District follows a capitalization policy, which calls for capitalization of all fixed assets that have a cost or donated value of \$1,000 or more and have a useful life in excess of one year.

All purchased capital assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. Public domain (infrastructure) capital assets consisting of certain improvements other than building, including canals, culverts and excavations are capitalized. The District has segregated the cost of land and the cost of land under and surrounding its canals into the "land" category of capital assets. Since the District continually maintains its canals and drainage systems it owns, the District elected not to depreciate such systems. No debt-related interest expense is capitalized as part of capital assets in accordance with GASB 34.

Maintenance, repairs and minor renovations are not capitalized.

Expenditures that materially increase values, change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement, the cost is eliminated from the respective accounts.

Expenditures for capital assets are recorded in the fund statements as current expenditures. However, such expenditures are not reflected as expenditures in the government-wide financial statements but rather are capitalized and depreciated.

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

Asset	Years
Buildings	30
Equipment and Machinery	5-20

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The District has adopted an annual budget for the General Fund.

The District follows these procedures in establishing budgetary data for the General Fund.

- 1. During the spring or summer of each year, the Financial Manager and/or Treasurer submits to the Board of Supervisors a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on the upcoming October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer/landowner comments.
- 3. The budget is adopted by approval of the Board of Supervisors.
- 4. Budget amounts, as shown in these basic financial statements, are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board of Supervisors.
- 5. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 6. The level of control for appropriations is exercised at the fund level.
- 7. Appropriations lapse at year-end.
- 8. The Board of Supervisors approved two amendments to the budget during fiscal year September 30, 2020. The amendments adjusted the prior year carryforward to the amount reflected in the September 30, 2019 audited financial statements and adjusted the budgeted revenue and expenditure amounts to estimated actual results. The effect of these amendments was an increase to budgeted revenues and expenditures by \$16,618.

Compensated Absences

The District's employees accumulate sick and annual leave based on the number of years of continuous service. Upon termination of employment, employees can receive payment of accumulated annual leave, if they meet certain criteria. Accumulated annual leave at September 30, 2020, was recorded in the basic financial statements.

Encumbrances

Encumbrances accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the District because, at present, it is not necessary in order to assure effective budgetary control or to facilitate effective cash planning and control.

Due From Other Governments

No allowance for losses on uncollectible accounts has been recorded since the District considered all amounts to be fully collectible.

Net assets

In the government-wide financial statements no net assets have been identified as restricted. Restricted net assets are those net assets that have constraints as to their use externally imposed by creditors, through debt covenants, by grantors, or by law.

Fund balances

The governmental fund financial statements the District maintains include nonspendable, assigned and unassigned fund balances. Nonspendable fund balances are those that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Criteria include items that are not expected to be converted into cash, such as prepaid expenses and deposits.

The District's assigned fund balances are a result of the District's Board approval. The District's intent is to maintain a minimum assigned fund balance level of \$200,000. This assigned fund balance will serve as the District's disaster reserve as recommended by the District's engineer.

Management Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the District to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, fund equity, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through February 19, 2021, which is the date the basic financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE B - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

At September 30, 2020, cash was \$588,966.

Deposits

The District's deposit policy allows deposits to be held in demand deposit or money market accounts in compliance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 218.415(17). Deposits, at times during the fiscal year, exceeded FDIC insurance limits and were covered by collateral pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act (Chapter 280, F.S.).

At September 30, 2020, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$588,966 in the General Fund and the bank balance was \$592,563. These deposits were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act of the State of Florida. All deposits were held in a qualified public depository at September 30, 2020.

Investments

Florida Statutes and the District's investment policy authorize investments in certificates of deposit (CD). Certificates of deposit balances whose values exceed the amount of federal depository insurance are collateralized pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act of the State of Florida. The District had one CD at September 30, 2020, with a carrying amount of \$161,982 and a bank balance of \$161,982.

Cash and Investment Policy

The District has adopted a cash and investment policy consistent with Florida Statute Chapter 218.415(17).

NOTE C - CAPITAL ASSETS ACTIVITY

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2020:

	Balance				Balance
	October 1	Increases/	Decreases/	Adjustments/	September 30
	2019	Additions	Retirements	Reclassifications	2020
Capital Assets Not					
Being Depreciated:					
Land	\$ 400,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,880
Total Capital Assets Not					
Being Depreciated	400,880		-		400,880
Capital Assets					
Being Depreciated:					
Buildings	37,450	-	-	-	37,450
Equipment & Machinery	2,269,599	66,403			2,336,002
Total Capital Assets					
Being Depreciated	2,307,049	66,403			2,373,452
Less Accumulated Depreciation:					
Buildings	(25,150)	(600)	-	-	(25,750)
Equipment & Machinery	(967,212)	(98,332)			(1,065,544)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(992,362)	(98,932)	-	-	(1,091,294)
Total Capital Assets Being					
Depreciated, Net	1,314,687	(32,529)			1,282,158
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 1,715,567	\$ (32,529)	\$-	<u>\$</u> -	1,683,038
			Less:	Long Term Debt	(917,467)

Net Investment in Capital Assets \$ 765,571

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions during the year ended September 30, 2020:

	Α	mount
Water Control	\$	98,932
Total Depreciation Expense	\$	98,932

NOTE D - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligations for the year ended September 30, 2020:

		Balance]	Balance	А	mounts
	C	October 1			Ret	irements/	Sep	otember 30	Du	e Within
		2019	A	dditions	Ad	justments		2020	0	ne Year
Note Payable	\$	951,994	\$	-	\$	34,527	\$	917,467	\$	38,566
Compensated Absences								-		
	\$	951,994	\$	_	\$	34,527	\$	917,467	\$	38,566

The following is a summary of the long-term obligations at September 30, 2020:

	Amount
\$1,500,000 note payable (Series 2016 - dated February 29, 2016) to a financial institution bearing interest at an annual rate of 3.55%. Interest shall be payable in arrears on March 1 each year, commencing March 1, 2017. Principal will be payable on March 1 annually commencing March 1, 2019 based on the amount drawn by the District during the first 24 months. The entire unpaid principal and interest accrued shall be due and payable in full on March 1, 2038. The note payable is collateralized by all revenue of the District.	\$ 917,467
Noncurrent portion of compensated absences. Employees of the District are entitled to annual leave based on length of service and job classification.	917,467
Less: Current Portion	(38,566)
	\$ 878,901

NOTE D - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS, CONTINUED

The annual debt service requirements for the note payable at September 30, were as follows:

Years Ending September 30	Note Payable Principal		Interest Payable		Total
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2021	\$ 38,566	\$	31,394	\$	69,960
2022	38,759		31,201		69,960
2023	40,135		29,825		69,960
2024	41,560		28,400		69,960
2025	43,035		26,925		69,960
2026-2030	239,206		110,594		349,800
2031-2035	284,788		65,012		349,800
2036-2038	 191,418		13,579		204,997
	\$ 917,467	\$	336,930	\$	1,254,397

Interest expenditures for the year ended September 30, 2020 was \$33,077.

NOTE E - MAINTENANCE TAXES

Maintenance taxes are levied after formal adoption of the District's budget and become due and payable on November 1 of each year and are delinquent on April 1 of the following year. Discounts on maintenance taxes are allowed for payments made prior to the April 1 delinquent date. Tax certificates are sold to the public for the full amount of any unpaid taxes and must be sold no later than June 1 of each year. The billing, collection and related record keeping of all maintenance taxes is performed for the District by the Hendry County Tax Collector. No accrual for the maintenance tax levy becoming due in November 2020 is included in the accompanying financial statements, since such taxes are collected to finance the expenditures of the subsequent period.

Procedures for collecting delinquent taxes, including applicable tax certificate sales and tax deed sales, are provided for by Florida Statutes. The enforceable lien date is approximately two years after taxes become delinquent and occurs only upon request of a holder of a delinquent tax certificate.

NOTE E - MAINTENANCE TAXES, CONTINUED

Important dates in the maintenance tax cycle are as follows:						
Assessment roll certified	July 1					
Assessment resolution approved	No later than 93 days following certification of assessment roll					
Taxes due and payable (Levy date)	November, with various discount provisions through March 31					
Maintenance Taxes payable - maximum						
discount (4 percent)	30 days after levy date					
Beginning of fiscal year for which taxes						
have been levied	October 1					
Due Date	March 31					
Taxes become delinquent (lien date)	April 1					
Tax certificates sold by the Hendry						
County Tax Collector	Prior to June 1					

Under the provisions of Chapter 298.54 of the Florida Statutes, the Board of Supervisors of the District levied a uniform maintenance tax of \$100 per acre of land within the District to pay the operating costs for the year ended September 30, 2020. These costs include field operations, surveys, engineering, legal and accounting fees and other expenses as judged necessary by the Board.

NOTE F - SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM

The District is a member of the Florida League of Cities self-insurers program including general/professional liability, auto, property, and workers' compensation. The program purchases excess and other specific coverages from third party carriers. Members of the program are billed annually for their portion of the program and are not assessable for unanticipated losses incurred by the program. Maximum liability coverage is \$300,000. The District also pays for the required Supervisor fidelity bonds. Premiums paid during the year ended September 30, 2020 totaled \$25,108.

NOTE G - RELATED PARTIES

A Board member of the District is the majority shareholder of a corporation that provides canal maintenance to the District at approximated market rates. The corporation is also a significant landowner within the District.

During the year ended September 30, 2020, the District paid the corporation \$37,149 for these services including \$2,479 payable at September 30, 2020.

NOTE H - CONTINGENCIES

The District is involved from time to time in certain routine litigation, the substance of which, either as liabilities or recoveries, would not materially affect the financial position of the District. Although the final outcome of the lawsuits, assertions, and claims, or the exact amount of costs and/or potential recovery, is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the District's legal counsel, the resolution of these matters will not have a materially adverse affect on the financial condition of the District. As a general policy, the District plans to vigorously contest any such matters.

During the audit, net taxes received was confirmed by the Hendry County Tax Collector, however the gross amount collected appeared to be higher than the assessed amount. This is potentially due to a significant amount of delinquent taxes being collected during the year ended September 30, 2020. Although it is not certain, nor possible to estimate an amount, there is a possibility the District may have to return funds to the Hendry County Tax Collector if there was an overpayment of taxes distributed.

NOTE I - COVID 19

In early March 2020, the World Health Organization classified the coronavirus outbreak "COVID-19" as a global pandemic, and it, unfortunately, continues to spread. Business continuity, including supply chains and consumer demand across a broad range of industries and countries, have been severely impacted, as governments and their citizens take significant and unprecedented measures to mitigate the consequences of the pandemic. On April 1, 2020, Florida Governor, Ron DeSantis ordered all Floridians to stay home, to lock down the State against the Coronavirus.

NOTE I - COVID 19, CONTINUED

The District has adapted its operations to accommodate the current environment. However, the full impact of the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve as of the date of this report. This pandemic has adversely affected global economic activity and greatly contributed to instability in financial markets. Management is actively monitoring the local situation on its financial condition, liquidity, operations, donors, industry, and workforce. Given the daily evolution of COVID-19 and the global and local responses to curb its spread, the District is not able to estimate the future effects of COVID-19 on its results of operation, financial condition, or liquidity for fiscal year 2020-21. REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION OTHER THAN MD&A

GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - SUMMARY STATEMENT Year Ended September 30, 2020

	General Fund						
REVENUES	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)			
Maintenance taxes	\$ 641,800	\$ 648,349		\$ -			
Joint trust contributions	\$ 041,000	\$ 046,349	885	885			
Interest income	-	-	4,860	4,860			
Miscellaneous income	-	6,450		(5,744)			
Prior year budget carryforward	602,436	606,055		(606,055)			
TOTAL REVENUES	1,244,236	1,260,854		(606,054)			
EXPENDITURES							
Current							
General government							
Administration							
Operating expenditures	98,290	85,159	85,159	-			
Physical environment							
Field operations							
Personnel services	111,800	63,004	63,004	-			
Operating expenditures	356,710	297,994	297,994				
	468,510	360,998	360,998	-			
Capital outlay	-	66,403	66,403	-			
Debt service:							
Principal reduction	35,000	34,527	34,527	-			
Interest and fiscal charges	40,000	29,977	33,077	(3,100)			
Contingency	602,436	683,790		683,790			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,244,236	1,260,854	580,164	680,690			
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES							
Proceeds from issuance of note payable				<u> </u>			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			<u> </u>				
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES							
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	74,636	\$ 74,636			
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING			606,055				
FUND BALANCE - ENDING			\$ 680,691				

GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - DETAILED STATEMENT Year Ended September 30, 2020

	General Fund							
	Original Budget		Final Budget			Actual		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES								
Maintenance taxes	\$	641,800	\$	648,349	\$	648,349	\$	-
Joint trust contributions		-		-		885		885
Interest income		-		-		4,860		4,860
Miscellaneous income		-		6,450		706		(5,744)
Prior year budgeted carryforward		602,436		606,055		-		(606,055)
TOTAL REVENUES		1,244,236		1,260,854		654,800	_	(606,054)
EXPENDITURES								
Current								
General government								
Administration								
Operating expenditures								
Accounting and administrative fees		15,840		15,840		15,840		-
Audit		13,500		10,500		10,500		-
Tax collection fees/discounts		27,000		25,596		25,596		-
License and permits		500		420		420		-
Rentals		1,400		1,393		1,393		-
Telephone services		1,400		1,414		1,414		-
Insurance - general		24,000		25,108		25,108		-
Legal notices		300		-		-		-
Office expense		500		168		167		1
Postage and delivery		350		126		126		-
Legal fees/Professional fees		13,500		4,594		4,595		(1)
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION								
CARRIED FORWARD		98,290	_	85,159	_	85,159	_	

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GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - DETAILED STATEMENT, CONTINUED

Year Ended September 30, 2020

	General Fund						
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)			
EXPENDITURES, CONTINUED	Budget	Budget	Actual	(Uniavorable)			
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION BROUGHT FORWARD	98,290	85,159	85,159	<u>-</u>			
Physical environment Field operations							
Personnel services							
Salaries and labor	107,000	58,687	58,687	-			
Payroll taxes	4,800	4,317	4,317	<u> </u>			
TOTAL - PERSONNEL SERVICES	111,800	63,004	63,004				
Operating expenditures							
Engineering service	9,200	7,040	7,040	-			
Electric	126,000	94,575	94,575	-			
BWCD ISF - cost sharing	24,000	31,952	31,952	-			
Canal maintenance	70,000	74,070	74,070	-			
Pump maintenance	26,000	29,922	35,844	(5,922)			
Road maintenance	32,500	22,000	22,000	-			
Equipment maintenance	25,000	15,538	9,616	5,922			
Fuel	40,000	22,522	22,522	-			
Operating supplies	4,010	375	375				
	356,710	297,994	297,994	<u> </u>			
TOTAL - FIELD OPERATIONS	468,510	360,998	360,998				
Capital outlay	-	66,403	66,403	-			
Debt service:	25.000	24.525	24.525				
Principal reduction	35,000	34,527	34,527	-			
Interest and fiscal charges Contingency	40,000 602,436	29,977 683,790	33,077	(3,100) 683,790			
Contingency	677,436	814,697	134,007	680,690			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,244,236	1,260,854	580,164	680,690			
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,211,250	1,200,001		000,070			
Proceeds from issuance of note payable							
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES							
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	74,636	<u>\$ 74,636</u>			
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING			606,055				
FUND BALANCE - ENDING			\$ 680,691				

ADDITIONAL REPORTS



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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 BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Supervisors Gerber Groves Water Control District P.O. Box 790 LaBelle, Florida 33975-0790

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing</u> <u>Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, the basic financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Gerber Groves Water Control District (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020 and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated February 19, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a

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material misstatement of the basic 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined previously. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Gerber Groves Water Control District'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 that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing</u> <u>Standards</u>.

Purpose of This Report

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

Lucion & Company, P.A.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A. Fort Myers, Florida February 19, 2021

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES

Board of Supervisors Gerber Groves Water Control District P.O. Box 790 LaBelle, Florida 33975-0790

We have examined Gerber Groves Water Control District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2020. Management is responsible for Gerber Groves Water Control District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Gerber Groves Water Control District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about Gerber Groves Water Control District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on Gerber Groves Water Control District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, Gerber Groves Water Control District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2020.

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

Pursen & Company, P.A.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A Fort Myers, Florida February 19, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

Board of Supervisors Gerber Groves Water Control District P.O. Box 790 LaBelle, Florida 33975-0790

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Gerber Groves Water Control District (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020 and have issued our report thereon dated February 19, 2021.

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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General. We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters based on an audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated February 19, 2021, should be considered in conjunction with this report to management.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, which governs the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter includes the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditor's reports:

- 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 findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no financially significant prior year comments.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. No such recommendations were noted to improve financial management.

- Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or 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)4., 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 the management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The District discloses this information in the notes to the financial statements.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a., Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement be included as to whether or not the local government 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 District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.
- Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, we have applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the District'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. In connection with our audit, we determined that the District did not meet any of the criteria of a deteriorating financial condition described in Auditor General Rule Section 10.554(1)(i)(6).c.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)5.b.2, Rules of the Auditor General, if a deteriorating financial condition(s) is noted then a statement is so required along with the conditions causing the auditor to make such a conclusion. No such conditions were noted.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c., Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement indicating a failure, if any, of a component unit special district to provide financial information necessary to a proper reporting of the component unit within the audited financial statements of this entity (F.S. Section 218.39(3)(b)). There are no known component special districts required to report within these financial statements.
- Section 10.556(10)(a), Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the scope of our audit to determine the entity's compliance with the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that the District complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes as reported in our Independent Accountant's Report on Compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes dated February 19, 2021, included herein.

• Section 10.557(3)(m), Rules of the Auditor General, requires a notarized affidavit regarding impact fees signed and sworn to be the Chief Financial officer be included in the audit report. Such affidavit is not included as the District does not levy impact fees..

PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS THAT CONTINUE TO APPLY:

There were no financially significant prior year comments noted.

CURRENT YEAR COMMENTS:

There were no financially significant current year comments noted.

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this management letter is a public record and its distribution is not limited. Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to indicate that this letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Supervisors, management, the Auditor General of the State of Florida and other federal and state agencies. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Puseon & Company, P.A.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A. Fort Myers, Florida February 19, 2021

EXHIBIT

February 19, 2021

Auditor General State of Florida 111 West Monroe Street Tallahassee, Florida 33299-1450

Re: Response to Management Letter – Fiscal Year 2019-2020

In response to the management letter contained in the independent audit by Tuscan & Company of the Gerber Groves Water Control District we provide the following:

Per prior year, there were no financially significant comments noted.

Per current year, there were no financially significant comments noted.

Sincerely,

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Kyndel R. Murray Administrative Manager