HENDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Annual Financial Report

September 30, 2020

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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major funds of Hendry Soil and Water Conservation 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 opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the 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 entity'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 entity'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.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major funds of Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District, as of September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-7 and other required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents (collectively, the "required supplementary information") be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 1, 2021, on our consideration of Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Bay Miller, Kisker + Perny, P.A.

LaBelle, Florida June 1, 2021

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District ("District") provides a narrative overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. Please read it in conjunction with the District's Independent Auditor's Report, basic financial statements, accompanying notes, and supplementary information to the basic financial statements.

This District is governed by a five member Board of Supervisors. The Board members are elected by the registered voters of Hendry County for a four-year term. The Board has agreements with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) to provide technical assistance to the District and the surrounding area. The District's clerical duties are performed by a Hendry County-funded employee and the District pays a contractor to oversee conservation activities and has hired a technician to monitor and inspect grant related activities. The District is classified as a dependent special district under the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Special District Accountability Program.

FINANCIAL AND DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the end of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, by \$229,976.
- The District's total net position increased by \$17,311.
- The District's total revenue (on an accrual basis) was \$703,845 for the year ended September 30, 2020.
- Total expenses (on an accrual basis) for all of the District's activities were \$686,534 for the year.

District Highlights

• The District is administering and monitoring soil and water conservation grant programs for a funding source while earning administration fees. The District has hired a technician to perform inspections of grant projects completed by farmers and producers.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's financial statements. The District'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 a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the residual amount being reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Government-Wide Financial Statements (continued)

The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenue and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements include all governmental activities that are principally supported by charges for services and intergovernmental (grant) revenues. The District does not have any business-type activities. The governmental activities of the District include the general government (management) and conservation of soil and water.

Fund Financial Statements

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 District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District has one fund category: governmental funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a District's near-term financial requirements.

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 District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation on pages 11 and 13 to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains two governmental funds for external reporting. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund (Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) Grants Fund) which are considered to be major funds.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget. (See page 29)

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Assets exceeded liabilities by \$229,976 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. The largest asset of the District includes cash and investments which is approximately 89% of the District's assets.

The District uses capital assets to provide services to its clients, therefore these assets are not available for future spending. It is anticipated that the remaining unrestricted net position of the District in the amount of \$216,835 will be used for future conservation projects.

The following table highlights the net position as of September 30, 2020, and 2019:

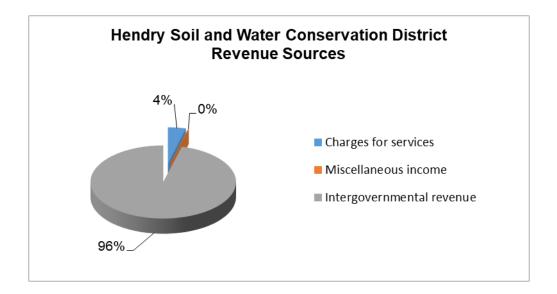
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 395,557	\$ 364,915
Accounts receivable	25,998	11,410
Due from other governments	9,495	14,757
Capital assets	13,141	16,895
Deferred outflows of resources	27,725	24,570
Total assets and deferred outflows	471,916	432,547
Accounts payable	27,294	13,240
Unearned revenue	166,685	170,500
Net pension liability	47,168	33,954
Deferred inflows of resources	793	2,188
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	241,940	219,882
Net position		
Investment in capital assets	13,141	16,895
Unrestricted	_216,835	195,770
Total net position	\$ 229,976	\$ 212,665

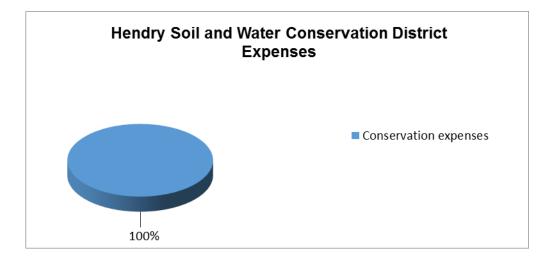
The following table highlights the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2020, and 2019:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenues		
General revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 27,997	\$ 27,970
Intergovernmental (grant) revenue	674,763	605,338
Miscellaneous income	1,085	1,537
Total revenues	703,845	634,845
Program expenses		
Conservation	686,534	653,736
Total expenses	686,534	653,736
Increase (decrease) net position	17,311	(18,891)
Net position, beginning of year	212,665	231,556
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 229,976</u>	\$ 212,665

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (continued)

The following graphs represent the sources of revenues and expenses for the fiscal year:





BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District adopted the fiscal year 2019/2020 budget for the general fund in August, 2019. Total expenditures budgeted for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, were \$132,000 and total revenues budgeted were \$145,200.

Additional budget comparison information is presented on page 29.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of September 30, 2020, amounted to \$13,141 (net of accumulated depreciation). There were no capital additions during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

The following table summarizes the District's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019.

	<u>2020</u>	2019
Vehicles	<u>\$ 13,141</u>	<u>\$ 16,895</u>
Total capital assets, September 30,	<u>\$ 13,141</u>	<u>\$ 16,895</u>

Debt Administration

The following table presents the District's total outstanding debt for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2020, and 2019:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Accounts payable	\$ 27,294	\$ 13,240
Unearned revenue	166,685	170,500
Net pension liability	47,168	33,954
Total outstanding debt, September 30,	<u>\$ 241,147</u>	<u>\$ 217,694</u>

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our readers with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District's Program Manager, Noreen Berden, 1085 Pratt Boulevard, LaBelle, FL 33935, Telephone No. (863) 674-5700.

HENDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Statement of Net Position September 30, 2020

	vernmental
Assets Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Due from other governments Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 395,557 25,998 9,495 13,141
Total assets	 444,191
Deferred outflows of resources Deferred outflows related to pension plans	 27,725
Total assets and deferred outflows	 471,916
Liabilities Accounts payable Unearned revenue Net pension liability	 27,294 166,685 47,168
Total liabilities	 241,147
Deferred inflows of resources Deferred inflows related to pension plans	 793
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	 241,940
Net position Investment in capital assets Unrestricted	 13,141 216,835
Total net position	\$ 229,976

HENDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Statement of Activities For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

		Program	Revenues	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Functions/Programs	Program Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities Physical environment Conservation Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 686,534</u> <u>\$ 686,534</u>	<u>\$27,997</u> <u>\$27,997</u>	<u>\$674,763</u> <u>\$674,763</u>	<u>\$ 16,226</u>
General revenues Investment earnings Change in net position Net position - beginning of year Net position - end of year				1,085 17,311 212,665 \$229,976

HENDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Balance Sheet Governmental Funds September 30, 2020

	Conorol Fund	Grants	Total
	General Fund	Fund	Total
Assets Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Due from other governments	\$ 222,621 25,998 <u>5,050</u>	\$ 172,936 - 4,445	\$
Total assets	<u>\$ 253,669</u>	177,381	431,050
Liabilities and fund balance Accounts payable Unearned revenue	\$	26,381 151,000	27,294 166,685
Total liabilities	16,598	177,381	193,979
Fund balance: Unassigned	237,071	<u>-</u>	237,071
Total fund balance	237,071	<u> </u>	237,071
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$253,669</u>	<u>\$ 177,381</u>	\$ 431,050

HENDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position September 30, 2020

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HENDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	Ger	neral Fund	 Grants Fund		Total
General Revenues					
Charges for services	\$	27,997	\$ -	\$	27,997
Intergovernmental revenue		82,703	592,060		674,763
Miscellaneous income		1,085	 -		1,085
Total general revenues		111,785	 592,060		703,845
Expenditures/expenses Current Physcial environment					
Conservation		82,056	 592,060	_	674,116
Total expenditures		82,056	 592,060	_	674,116
Excess of revenues over expenditures		29,729	-		29,729
Fund balance - beginning of year		207,342	 	_	207,342
Fund balance - end of year	\$	237,071	\$ -	\$	237,071

HENDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2020

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ 29,729
Depreciation on capital assets is not recognized in the governmental fund financial statements, but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.	(3,754)
Net change in the net pension related outflows/inflows and net liability	 (8,664)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 17,311

The accounting methods and procedures adopted by Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District (the District) conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental entities. The following notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the District's Annual Financial Report.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Reporting Entity

Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District was created under general law on May 29, 1944, by a petition of the State Soil Conservation Board. The District was organized in accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 582. The District is governed by an elected board of five individuals from Hendry County. The clerical activities of the District are performed by an employee of Hendry County and the District pays a contractor to oversee conservation activities and has hired a technician to oversee grant activities in accordance with various Memorandums of Understanding and Agreements between the District and other governmental agencies.

The District is a dependent special district as classified in the Special District Accountability Program of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The board members are elected by popular vote of the registered voters of Hendry County. The first election was held on July 22, 1944.

The financial resources reflected in the financial statements are primarily from various federal and state grants and administrative fees charged by the District which provide the funds necessary to finance the activities and projects of the District. The District has entered into agreements with the National Resource and Conservation Service to help landowners develop Best Management Practices (BMP) for the conservation of soil and water resources. Also, the District has entered into agreements with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) to monitor conservation projects. The District earns administrative fees for monitoring the various projects funded by grants provided by these funding agencies.

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements. Under the provisions of those standards, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the District is considered to be financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that, if excluded, the financial statements of the District would be considered incomplete or misleading. There are no entities considered to be component units of the District, therefore, the financial statements include only the operations of the District.

Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

The District's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the District as a whole) and fund financial statements. Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type. The District's activities and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Basic Financial Statements - Government-wide Statements (continued)

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the governmental activities column is presented on a consolidated basis, and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The District's net position is reported in three parts - invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. The District first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of the District's functions and activities. The functions are also supported by general governmental revenues. The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues (administration fees and other miscellaneous income), operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the District's functions and activities.

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in the District's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the District are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises it assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, reserves, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. Nonmajor funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB Statement No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of either fund category or the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The General Fund and Special Revenue Fund are governmental funds and are considered major funds in these financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the District:

Governmental Funds

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the District:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements (continued)

Governmental Funds (continued)

Special Revenue Fund

The Special Revenue Fund (FDACS Grants Fund) is used to account for revenue, the use of which is restricted or designated for specific (conservation of soil and water) purposes.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Full Accrual

The governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Modified Accrual

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after the year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

Deposits and Investments

For financial reporting purposes, the District considers cash and cash equivalents to be cash on hand, cash in banks, certificates of deposits, regardless of maturity, and short-term investments with maturities less than three months when acquired.

District investments with a maturity of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost or amortized cost. District investments with a maturity greater than one year are stated at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31.

The District does not have an adopted investment policy since it follows Florida Statute 218.45 for investment decisions. Florida Statutes authorize investments that include money market accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit at banks certified as qualified public depositories by the State of Florida, repurchase agreements, Florida PRIME, obligations of the U.S. Government, governmental agencies guaranteed by the U.S. Government, and certain bond mutual funds.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Deposits and Investments (continued)

The District follows state statutes for allowable investments. However, state statutes do not specifically address the risks disclosed in GASB No. 40. No policy exists for the following risks: credit risk, custodial risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk.

Investments consist of interest-bearing bank accounts at financial institutions that qualify as public depositories. These funds are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by collateral pursuant to the Florida Securities for Public Deposits Act (Florida Statutes 280).

Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following useful lives:

Buildings	15 - 30 years
Machinery and equipment	5 - 10 years
Improvements	10 - 20 years
General infrastructure	10 - 50 years

GASB Statement No. 34 requires the District to report and depreciate new capital assets and infrastructure assets. Neither their historical cost nor related depreciation had historically been reported in the financial statements prior to September 30, 2003. The District is classified as a Phase 3 Government in accordance with the definitions contained in GASB 34. A Phase 3 Government is not required to report their major general infrastructure assets retroactively. The District elected to report their general infrastructure assets on a prospective basis beginning September 30, 2003.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Net Position and Fund Balance

Government-Wide Net Position

Government-Wide net position is divided into three categories:

- Net investment in capital assets consist of the historical cost of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less any debt that remains outstanding and was used to finance those assets.
- Restricted consist of amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, higher levels of government, and contributors), through constitutional provisions, by enabling legislation, or contributor restrictions.
- Unrestricted all other net position is reported in this category.

Governmental Fund Balances

Governmental fund balances consist of the following:

- Nonspendable amounts that are not in spendable form (such as prepaid expenses or long term investments) or are required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- Committed amounts constrained to specific purposes by the District itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (i.e. Board members) and its highest level action (i.e. Resolution). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.
- Assigned amounts the District intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the Board of Supervisors.
- Unassigned amounts that are available for any purpose. Positive amounts are reported only in the General Fund.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) amounts are available, it is policy of the District to generally consider restricted amounts to have been reduced first. When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used, it is the policy of the District that committed amounts would be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts. In both instances, when a proposed expenditure is made with specific balances identified as the source of the funding, that specific fund balance will be used.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

<u>Revenues</u>

Substantially all governmental fund revenues are accrued. Administrative fees are billed and collected within the same period in which the administrative services are provided. Subsidies and grants which finance either capital or current operations are reported as nonoperating revenue based on GASB Statement No. 33. In applying GASB Statement No. 33 to grant revenues, the provider recognizes liabilities and expenses and the recipient recognizes receivables and revenue when the applicable eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Resources transmitted before the eligibility requirements are met are reported as advances by the provider and deferred revenue by the recipient.

Expenditures

Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred. Inventory costs are reported for governmental activities in the period the inventory items are used, rather than in the period purchased.

Capitalization Policy

The capitalization policy of the District is to capitalize all assets with a cost of \$750 or more with an expected life of two years or more.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section of deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditures) until then. The significant components of the deferred outflows of resources shown in the statement of net position for the year ended September 30, 2020 are as follows:

	<u>2020</u>
Florida Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan	\$18,674
Florida Retirement System Health Insurance Plan	9,051
Total deferred outflows related to pension plans	<u>\$27,725</u>

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (continued)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The significant components of the deferred inflows of resources shown in the statement of net position for the year ended September 30, 2020 are as follows:

	<u>2020</u>
Florida Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan	\$-0-
Florida Retirement System Health Insurance Plan	793
Total deferred inflows related to pension plans	<u>\$ 793</u>

See Note 5 for additional information concerning the breakdown of deferred outflows/inflows for the year ended September 30, 2020.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. The Secretary submits to the Board of Supervisors a proposed operating budget for the General Fund for the upcoming fiscal year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. The budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution.
- 3. All budget changes must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- 4. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
- 5. The District did not make any budget amendments during the year ended September 30, 2020.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed in the District's accounting system.

Implementation of GASB Statement No. 75

Effective September 30, 2018, the District adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)*" (Statement No. 75). This accounting standard requires the District to report its actuarially determined net OPEB liability, which was determined to be zero, in the government-wide financial statements of the District as of September 30, 2018, September 30, 2019 and September 30, 2020.

NOTE 2 – CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits in Banks

At September 30, 2020, the carrying amount of the District's noninterest-bearing and interestbearing bank accounts was \$395,557 and the banks' balances were \$398,852. The difference was due to checks that had been written but not yet paid by the bank and deposits in transit.

These deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by collateral pursuant to the Florida Security for Public Deposits Act (Florida Statutes Chapter 280). Under this Act, financial institutions that qualify as public depositories pledge securities that have a market value equal to 50% - 125% of the average daily balance for each month of all public deposits in excess of applicable deposit insurance. The Public Depository Security Trust Fund has a procedure to allocate and recover losses in the event of default or insolvency. When public deposits are made in accordance with Chapter 280, no public depositor shall be liable for any loss thereof.

Investments

Due to the District's use of short-term interest-bearing bank accounts in financial institutions that are covered by federal depository insurance or collateral pledged under Florida Statutes Chapter 280, it is considered that credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk to these assets are nominal or nonexistent.

During the year, investments consisted of interest-bearing bank accounts that had a carrying amount and market value of \$222,621 as of September 30, 2020.

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2019	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2020
Machinery and equipment	\$ 26,282	\$-	\$ -	\$ 26,282
Less accumulated depreciation	9,387	3,754	<u> </u>	13,141
	<u>\$ 16,895</u>	<u>\$ (3,754)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 13,141</u>

NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Schedule of Changes in Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt at October 1, 2019	\$33,954
Increase in accrual for net pension liability	13,214
Long-term debt at September 30, 2020	<u>\$47,168</u>

NOTE 5 - MULTI-EMPLOYER DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description

The District's full-time employee participates in the Florida Retirement System (FRS). As provided by Chapters 121 and 112, Florida Statutes, the FRS provides two cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plans administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, including the FRS Pension Plan ("Pension Plan") and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy ("HIS Plan"). Under Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, the FRS also provides a defined contribution plan ("Investment Plan") alternative to the FRS Pension Plan, which is administered by the State Board of Administration ("SBA"). As a general rule, membership in the FRS is compulsory for all employees working in a regularly established position for a state agency, county government, district school board, state university, community college, or a participating city or special district within the State of Florida. The FRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code. Amendments to the law can be made only by an act of the Florida State Legislature.

The State of Florida annually issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the FRS. The latest available report may be obtained by writing to the State of Florida Division of Retirement, Department of Management Services, P.O. Box 9000, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-9000, or from the Web site: http://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforceoperations/retirement/publications.

NOTE 5 - MULTI-EMPLOYER DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

Plan Description (continued)

The Pension Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a Deferred Retirement Option Program ("DROP") for eligible employees. There are five classes of membership: Regular Class, Special Risk Class, Special Risk Administrative Class, Elected Officer's Class and Senior Management Service Class. The District's employee (technician) belongs to the Regular Class.

Benefits Provided

Benefits under the Pension Plan are computed on the basis of age, average final compensation, and service credit. For Pension Plan members enrolled before July 1, 2011, Regular class members who retire at or after age 62 with at least six years of credited service or 30 years of service regardless of age are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 1.6% of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary, for each year of credited service. Vested members with less than 30 years of service may retire before age 62 and receive reduced retirement benefits.

For plan members enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the vesting requirement is extended to eight years of credited service and increases normal retirement to age 65 or 33 years of service regardless of age. Also, the final average compensation for these members will be based on the eight highest years of salary.

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member is initially enrolled in the Pension Plan before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is three percent per year. If the member is initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of three percent determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by three percent. Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

In addition to the above benefits, the DROP program allows eligible members to defer receipt of monthly retirement benefit payments while continuing employment with a FRS employer for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate. Deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. There are no required contributions by DROP participants.

NOTE 5 - MULTI-EMPLOYER DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

Benefits Provided (continued)

As a participant in the FRS, the District is also a participant in the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program (HIS), which is a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plan established and administered in accordance with Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of the state administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, eligible retirees and beneficiaries receive monthly HIS payments equal to the number of years of service credited at retirement multiplied by \$5. The minimum payment is \$30 and the maximum is \$150 per month, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. To be eligible to receive an HIS benefit, a retiree under one of the state administered retirement systems must provide proof of eligible health insurance coverage, which can include Medicare.

Contributions

Effective July 1, 2011, all enrolled members of the FRS, other than DROP participants, are required to contribute three percent of their salary to the FRS. In addition to member contributions, governmental employers are required to make contributions to the FRS based on state-wide contribution rates established by the Florida Legislature. These rates are updated as of July 1 of each year. The employer contribution rates for the Regular Service Class for the periods from October 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, and from July 1, 2020, through September 30, 2020, respectively, were 8.47% and 10.00%. These employer contribution rates include 1.66% HIS Plan subsidy for the period October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020.

The District's contributions to the Pension Plan (including the employee's 3% required contribution) and HIS Plan totaled \$5,697 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

<u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows</u> of Resources Related to Pensions

At September 30, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$33,704 and \$13,464 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for the FRS Pension Plan and HIS Plan, respectively. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District's 2019-20 fiscal year contributions relative to the 2018-19 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2020, the District's proportionate share for the FRS Pension Plan and HIS Plan were .000077763% and .000110272%, respectively.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, the District recognized pension expense of \$13,213.

NOTE 5 - MULTI-EMPLOYER DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

Actuarial assumptions for both defined benefit plans are reviewed annually by the Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumption Conference. The FRS Pension Plan has a valuation performed annually. The HIS program has a valuation preformed biennially that is updated for GASB reporting in the year a valuation is not performed. The most recent experience study for the FRS Pension Plan was completed in 2019 for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2018.

The total pension liability for each of the defined benefit plans was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020, using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Inflation increases for both plans is assumed at 2.40%. Payroll growth, including inflation, for both plans is assumed at 3.25%. Both the discount rate and the long term expected rate of the return used for FRS Pension Plan investments is 6.80%. The Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

Because the HIS program uses a pay-as-you-go funding structure, a municipal bond rate of 2.21% was used to determine the total pension liability for the program. Mortality assumptions for the both the FRS Pension Plan and the HIS Program were based on the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2018.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred in 2020:

FRS: The long-term expected rate of return was decreased from 6.90% to 6.80%. HIS: The municipal bond rate used to determine total pension liability decreased from 3.50% to 2.21%, and the mortality assumption was changed from the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB tables to the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2018.

Sensitivity Analysis

The following represents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.80% for the FRS Pension Plan and 2.21% for the HIS Plan, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate.

	FRS Pension Plan Net Pension Liability	
1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
<u>5.80%</u>	<u>6.80%</u>	<u>7.80%</u>
\$53,819	\$33,704	\$ 16,903
	HIS Plan Net Pension Liability	
1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
<u>1.21%</u>	<u>2.21%</u>	<u>3.21%</u>
\$15,564	\$13,464	\$11,745

NOTE 5 - MULTI-EMPLOYER DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources

In accordance with GASB 68, paragraphs 54 and 71, changes in the net pension liability are recognized in pension expense in the current measurement period, except as indicated below. For each of the following, a portion is recognized in pension expense in the current reporting period, and the balance is amortized as deferred outflows or deferred inflows of resources using a systematic and rational method over a closed period, as defined below:

Differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic and demographic factors – amortized over the average expected remaining service life of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (active and inactive employees)

Changes of assumptions or other inputs – amortized over the average expected remaining service life of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (active and inactive employees)

Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions – amortized over the average expected remaining service life of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (active and inactive employees)

Differences between expected and actual earnings on pension plan investments – amortized over five years

Contributions to the pension plans from employers are not included in collective pension expense, however, employee contributions are used to reduce pension expense.

The average expected remaining service life of all employees provided with pensions through the pension plans at June 30, 2020, was 5.9 years for FRS and 7.2 years for HIS. On September 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pension plans from the following sources:

Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

	Deferred Outflows of <u>Resources</u>	Deferred Inflows of <u>Resources</u>
Difference between expected and		
actual experience	\$ 1,290	\$-
Changes in assumptions	6,101	-
Changes in employer's proportion	8,423	-
Net difference between projected and		
actual earnings on pension plan		
investments	2,007	-
Contributions subsequent	853	
Balance as of September 30, 2020	<u>\$ 18,674</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 5 - MULTI-EMPLOYER DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources (continued)

Health Insurance Subsidy Plan

	Deferred Outflows of <u>Resources</u>	Deferred Inflows of <u>Resources</u>
Difference between expected and		
actual experience	\$ 551	\$ 10
Changes in assumptions	1,448	783
Changes in employer's proportion	6,870	-
Net difference between projected and		
actual earnings on pension plan		
investments	11	-
Contributions subsequent	171	
Balance as of September 30, 2020	<u>\$ 9,051</u>	<u>\$ 793</u>

Deferred outflows of resources of \$1,024, related to employer contributions paid subsequent to the measurement date and prior to the District's fiscal year end for the FRS Pension Plan and HIS Plan, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent reporting period. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension expense will be recognized as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	FRS Plan	<u>HIS Plan</u>
2021	\$ 3,672	\$ 2,238
2022	5,720	1,660
2023	4,862	454
2024	2,906	1,053
2025	661	1,435
Thereafter	<u> </u>	1,247
Total	<u>\$17,821</u>	<u>\$ 8,087</u>

The Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Contributions, which are required supplementary information, are presented immediately following the notes to the financial statements on pages 31 and 32.

NOTE 6 - NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE

Restrictions of the net position and classifications of the fund balance of the District are created to either (1) satisfy intentions that require a portion of the net position/fund balance be segregated, or (2) identify the portion of the net position/fund balance that is not appropriable for future expenditures. There were no restrictions of the net position/fund balance as of September 30, 2020.

NOTE 7 - OVER EXPENDITURES

The following expenditure exceeded its budgeted amount at September 30, 2020, as shown in the Budget Comparison Schedule on page 29:

Expenditure type	Over expenditure
General Fund Current Physical environment Conservation Other conservation expenses	\$ 1,941

HENDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual - General Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues Charges for services	\$ 22,000	\$ 27,997	\$
Intergovernmental revenue Interest income	122,000 <u>1,200</u>	82,703 1,085	(39,297) (115)
Total revenues	145,200	111,785	(33,415)
Expenditures Current Physical environment Conservation			
Contract labor	122,000	70,115	51,885
Other conservation expenses Total expenditures	<u> 10,000</u> <u> 132,000</u>	<u>11,941</u> 82,056	(1,941) 49,944
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ 13,200</u>	29,729	<u>\$ 16,529</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year		207,342	
Fund balance, end of year		\$237,071	

HENDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund September 30, 2020

NOTE A - BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved Annual Budget for the General Fund. The District's budgeting process is based on estimates of cash receipts and cash expenditures which are approved by the Board. The budget approximates a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (generally accepted accounting principles).

The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Actual General Fund expenditures did not exceed appropriations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

Actual General Fund expenditures for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, were less than appropriations due primarily to anticipated costs which were not incurred in the current fiscal year.

NOTE B - EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

At September 30, 2020, the following item within the General Fund had expenditures exceeding its budgeted amount.

Expenditure type	Over expenditure
General Fund	
Current	
Physical environment	
Conservation	
Other conservation expenses	\$ 1,941

HENDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Last Four Fiscal Years (1)

FRS Plan

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Proportion of net pension liability	0.000021659%	0.000052649%	0.000067503%	0.000077763%
Proportion share of the net pension liability	\$ 6,407	\$ 15,858	\$ 23,247	\$ 33,704
Covered employee payroll	6,000	29,478	34,432	38,272
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as				
a percentage of its covered employee payroll	106.78%	53.76%	67.52%	88.06%
Plan fiduciary net position of the total pension				
liability (2)	83.89%	84.26%	82.61%	78.85%

HIS Plan

	<u>2017</u>		<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>	
Proportion of net pension liability	0.000	030494%	0.00	0074087%	0.00	0095689%	0.00	0110272%
Proportion share of the net pension liability	\$	3,261	\$	7,841	\$	10,707	\$	13,464
Covered employee payroll		6,000		29,478		34,432		38,272
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as								
a percentage of its covered employee payroll		54.35%		26.60%		31.10%		35.18%
Plan fiduciary net position of the total pension								
liability (2)		1.64%		2.15%		2.63%		3.00%

(1) GASB 68 requires information for 10 years, however, the District had no employees prior to 2017.

(2) The plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability is published in Note 4 of the FRS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

HENDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION Schedule of Contributions Last Four Fiscal Years (1)

FRS Plan

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 879	\$ 2,738	\$ 3,351	\$ 3,914
	879	2,738	3,351	3,914
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered employee payroll Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	\$ 6,000	\$ 29,478	\$ 34,432	\$ 38,272
	14.65%	9.29%	9.73%	10.23%
HIS Plan				
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the contractually	\$ 464	\$ 489	\$ 572	\$ 635
required contribution	464	489	572	635
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered employee payroll Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	\$ 6,000	\$ 29,478	\$ 34,432	\$ 38,272
	7.73%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%

(1) GASB 68 requires information for 10 years, however, the District had no employees prior to 2017.

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

Board of Supervisors Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District LaBelle, 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 and the major funds of Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 1, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District's internal control.

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FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS 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 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 such that there is a reasonable possibility a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. 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 Hendry Soil and Water Conservation 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 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.

Bay Miller, Kicker & Porry, P.A.

LaBelle, Florida June 1, 2021

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

Board of Supervisors Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District LaBelle, Florida

We have examined Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District's compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, in accordance with Rule 10.556(10)(a) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Hendry Soil and Water Conservation 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the District complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, 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 Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Supervisors, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Board of Supervisors Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District LaBelle, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated June 1, 2021.

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; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures (if any) in those reports and schedule, which are dated June 1, 2021, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

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 findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address Finding 2019-1 made in the preceding annual financial audit report concerning the District's total expenditures in excess of appropriations.

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Official Title and Legal Authority

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 this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The name and legal authority for the District is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. There were no component units related to Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District.

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Hendry Soil and Water Conservation 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(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District. It is management's responsibility to monitor Hendry Soil and Water Conservation 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.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material, but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Supervisors, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Bay, Miller, Kisker + Perry P.A.

LaBelle, Florida June 1, 2021

HENDRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT P.O. Box 248 LaBelle, Florida 33975

June 1, 2021

AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO AUDITOR'S REPORT AND MANAGEMENT LETTER

Ms. Sherrill F. Norman, CPA Auditor General State of Florida 111 W. Madison Street Claude Denson Pepper Building Tallahassee, FL 32399-1450

Re: Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Dear Ms. Norman:

The Rules of the Auditor General require the audit report to include a written statement of explanation, including corrective action to be taken, or a rebuttal regarding any deficiencies cited in the auditor's reports and management letter.

There were no deficiencies cited in the current year auditor's reports or management letter.

Sincerely,

Bruce Hendry

Bruce Hendry, Chairman Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District