



**Trailer Estates Fire Control District  
Bradenton, Florida**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

September 30, 2022



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# REPORT



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Board of Commissioners  
Trailer Estates Fire Control District  
Bradenton, Florida

### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and the major fund of Trailer Estates Fire Control District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

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

## **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

## **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 and 14 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 30, 2023, 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, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Bradenton, Florida

June 30, 2023

## Trailer Estates Fires Control District Management's Discussion and Analysis

The following is a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Trailer Estates Fire Control District (the "District") for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.

### Overview of the Financial Statements

Government accounting falls under the auspices of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Trailer Estates financial statements encompass and include the following financial elements:

A Statement of Net Position provides the reader with detail about the assets of Trailer Estates, as well as its outstanding liabilities. The difference between assets and liabilities is reported as net position. The Statement of Net Position appears on page 7.

The Statement of Activities, provided on page 8, presents information showing how the net position changed during the fiscal year.

The fund financial statements are presented collectively with the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities and report additional and detailed information about the District's operations for its general fund. The General Fund Budget to Actual Statement is provided on page 14.

The Notes to the Financial Statements for the District provide background information that meets governmental accounting reporting requirements and gives the reader additional information that may not be readily seen in the basic financial statements. The notes can be found on pages 9 to 13 and are an integral part of the financial statements.

### Financial Highlights and Analysis of Financial Statements

- The District's assets exceeded its liabilities (net position) at September 30, 2022 by \$0 compared to \$362,211 at September 30, 2021. Net income has decreased from the prior year loss of \$40,746 to a current year net loss of \$630,157. This is primarily due to the District transferring ownership of their real and personal property, and legitimate liabilities to the Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District near year end per Bill # HB1049, approved by the Florida House of representatives.
- The District's exceeded its revenue projections at September 30, 2022 due to Auxiliary sales proceeds of \$36,527.

### General Fund Highlights

- Revenues from assessments remained largely consistent from the prior year. Operational expenditures were up due to the need to pay Cedar Hammock Fire Control District to provide support services for the full year, as opposed to the prior year when Cedar Hammock only provided a few months of services.
- No budget amendments were made during the year.

## Trailer Estates Fires Control District Management's Discussion and Analysis

<b>Net Position</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Current assets	\$ -	\$ 318,185
Capital assets	-	76,660
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 394,845</b>
Current liabilities	\$ -	\$ 32,634
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,634</b>
Unrestricted	-	285,551
Net investment in capital assets	-	76,660
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 362,211</b>

<b>Changes in Net Position</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Revenues		
Assessments	\$ 94,001	\$ 89,544
Contributions	189	5,727
Investment income	19	525
Auxiliary sale proceeds	36,527	34,875
Loss on sale of Assets	-	(33,977)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>130,736</b>	<b>96,694</b>
Program expenses		
Operations	481,640	149,777
Depreciation	11,307	18,193
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>492,947</b>	<b>167,970</b>
Other financing source		
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	30,530
Transfer to Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District	(267,946)	-
<b>Total other financing sources</b>	<b>(267,946)</b>	<b>30,530</b>
<b>Decrease in net position</b>	<b>\$ (630,157)</b>	<b>\$ (40,746)</b>

### Capital Assets

Capital assets, net of depreciation, is as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Land	\$ -	\$ 7,070
Buildings and improvements	-	52,067
Furniture and equipment	-	17,523
<b>Total capital assets</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 76,660</b>

The District had no additions in the current period. Depreciation expense for the current year was \$11,307. The District also disposed of \$280,733 of assets with \$204,073 of accumulated depreciation associated with the disposal of all of the District's capital assets. The disposals were a result of the District transferring all of its capital assets to the Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District on 9/30/2022 per Bill # HB1049 as mentioned above.

## **Trailer Estates Fires Control District Management's Discussion and Analysis**

### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

The District has been dissolved as of September 30, 2022 and no budget was created due to the lack of future operations.

### **Requests for Information:**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Trailer Estates finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information may be addressed to Treasurer, Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District, P.O. Box 6298, Bradenton, FL 34281.



# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



**Trailer Estates Fire Control District  
Governmental Funds Balance Sheet/  
Statement of Net Position**

September 30,

2022

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
<b>Assets</b>			
Total assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Total liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Fund Balances/Net Position</b>			
Fund balances:			
Fund balance - unassigned	-	-	-
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets		-	-
Unrestricted		-	-
Total net position	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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

**Trailer Estates Fire Control District**  
**Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures**  
**and Changes in Fund Balance/Statement of Activities**

Year ended September 30,

2022

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Assessments	\$ 94,001	\$ -	\$ 94,001
Contributions	189	-	189
Investment income	19	-	19
Auxiliary sale proceeds	36,527	-	36,527
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>130,736</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,736</b>
<b>Expenditures/expenses:</b>			
Current:			
Operations	148,341	-	148,341
Depreciation	-	11,307	11,307
Loss on disposal of assets	-	65,353	65,353
<b>Total expenditures/expenses</b>	<b>148,341</b>	<b>76,660</b>	<b>225,001</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(17,605)	17,605	-
Other financing source			
Transfer to Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District	(267,946)	-	(267,946)
<b>Total other financing sources</b>	<b>(267,946)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(267,946)</b>
Net change in fund balance/net position	(285,551)	-	(362,211)
Fund balance/net position:			
Beginning of the year	285,551	76,660	362,211
<b>End of the year</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 94,265</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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

## Trailer Estates Fire Control District Notes to the Financial Statements

### **Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

#### ***Reporting Entity***

The Trailer Estates Fire Control District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the county of Manatee, in the State of Florida, created by a special legislative act (Chapter 63-1587, Laws of Florida) in 1963. It is exempt from federal income tax. As of September 30, 2022 the District has ceased all operations in accordance with HB 1049, which closed the district.

The District is an independent special district located within Manatee County. The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners does not exercise any control over the District. Control is primarily determined based upon financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. The District's main purpose is to provide fire service and emergency medical services.

Operating within the District is the Auxiliary, which is intended to aid, assist and help in any way which may be in the interest of the District. The Auxiliary, with the mutual consent of the Board of Fire Commissioners, reserves the right of full jurisdiction over such funds as may come into its possession.

#### ***Basis of Presentation***

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

#### ***Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements***

The basic financial statements consist of the government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. Government-wide financial statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements report on the governmental entity as a whole, and provide a consolidated financial picture of the government. The Statement of Net Position reports all financial and capital resources of governmental type activities.

The fund financial statements are presented collectively with the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities and report additional and detailed information about District operations for its General Fund.

The District reports its sole fund as major. The *General Fund*, a governmental fund, is used to account for all revenues and expenditures applicable to the general operations of the District that are not required either legally or by generally accepted accounting principles to be accounted for in another fund.

## Trailer Estates Fire Control District Notes to the Financial Statements

### **Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

#### ***Basis of Accounting***

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses/expenditures 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 recognized in the period in which they are earned and expenses are recognized in the period incurred. Expenses for these operations include all costs related to providing the service or product.

The governmental fund financial statements, that show the General Fund, are reported using a current financial resources measurement focus on a modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, considered to be sixty days. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

The statements presented combine the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements. An adjustment column is used to reconcile from the modified accrual basis to the accrual basis statements. The Statement of Net Position adjustments are only for Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation. The Statement of Activities adjustments are also only for Capital Assets. It is adding depreciation expense for the related assets, and removing the remaining assets as a loss on disposal.

#### ***Budgets and Budgetary Accounting***

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

The Secretary-Treasurer will prepare a preliminary budget to be presented to the Board of Commissioners as soon as practical at the close of the fiscal year. Public hearings are conducted by the District to obtain taxpayer comments. The budget is approved by the Board.

Tax bills are rendered and are due on November 1. Payments of assessments due are allowed various discounts if paid in the months of November to February. Assessments become delinquent on April 1.

Tax certificates are sold by the County Tax Collector on June 1.

No expenditures in excess of total fund appropriations are allowable without Board of Commissioners approval. The Board of Commissioners may legally amend the budget.

The budget of the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

Appropriations lapse at year end.

## Trailer Estates Fire Control District Notes to the Financial Statements

### Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### ***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts on deposit in banks. The District's cash and cash equivalent balances at year end were held in qualified public depositories and were fully collateralized at September 30, 2022. The District does not have any policies related to various types of credit risk.

#### ***Capital Assets***

Capital assets include land, buildings and improvements, and furniture and equipment. The District capitalizes all items over \$500. Depreciation has been provided using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives of the classes of depreciable capital assets are:

Buildings and improvements	30 years
Furniture and equipment	5 to 15 years

#### ***Fund Balance***

Governmental funds report fund balances and are classified either as nonspendable, or as spendable. Spendable fund balances are further classified based on the extent to which there are external and internal constraints on the spending of these fund balances. These classifications are described as follows:

*Nonspendable Fund Balance* – Amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

*Restricted Fund Balance* – Amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations or imposed by laws through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Committed Fund Balance* – Amounts that are constrained for specific purposes imposed by the District's formal action of highest level of decision making authority, which is an ordinance.

*Assigned Fund Balance* – Amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by the Board of Directors.

*Unassigned Fund Balance* – Represents the residual positive fund balance within the General Fund, which has not been assigned to other funds and has not been restricted, committed, or assigned. In funds other than the General Fund, unassigned fund balances are limited to negative residual balances.

The District considers restricted funds to be used first when an expenditure is incurred and both restricted and unrestricted funds are available, followed by committed, assigned, and unassigned as applicable.

## Trailer Estates Fire Control District Notes to the Financial Statements

### Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Note 2: GOING CONCERN

Residents of the District voted by Referendum in November of 2021 to dissolve the District effective September 30, 2022. On May 27, 2022 HB 1049 was signed by the Governor. On September 30, 2022, pursuant to Section 17 of Chapter 2005-350, Laws of Florida, the real and personal property of the district have been transferred by gift by the board of commissioners to the Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District.

### Note 3: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance from independent third parties. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year. No settlements have exceeded the District's insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

### Note 4: CAPITAL ASSETS

Changes in capital assets during the year ended September 30, 2022 consist of:

	BALANCE 10/1/2021	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	BALANCE 9/30/2022
<b>Nondepreciable assets:</b>				
Land	\$ 7,070	\$ -	\$ 7,070	\$ -
<b>Depreciable assets:</b>				
Cost				
Buildings and Improvements	162,098	-	162,098	-
Furniture and Equipment	111,565	-	111,565	-
Totals	273,663	-	273,663	-
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and Improvements	110,031	4,321	114,352	-
Furniture and Equipment	94,042	6,986	101,028	-
Totals	204,073	11,307	215,380	-
Net depreciable assets	69,590	(11,307)	58,283	-
<b>Net Capital Assets</b>	<b>\$ 76,660</b>	<b>\$ (11,307)</b>	<b>\$ 65,353</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

On September 30, 2022 all assets that the District still possessed had ownership transferred to the Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District per Bill HB # 1049.

**Trailer Estates Fire Control District  
Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Note 5: ADJUSTMENTS ON STATEMENT OF NET POSITION/STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds (\$0 cost less \$0 accumulated depreciation). \$ -

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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are 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 as depreciation expense.

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Depreciation expense	\$	11,307
Loss on disposal of capital assets	\$	(65,353)

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**Note 6: CONCENTRATIONS OF REVENUE**

A significant portion of the District’s revenues are derived from tax assessments. Tax assessments revenue accounted for 72% of total revenues for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, Additionally, Auxiliary sale proceeds accounted for 28% of total revenues for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.

**Note 7: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Effective 10/1/2022 the Trailer Estates Fire Control District ceased to exist. All assets and legitimate liabilities of the dissolved District had ownership transferred to the Trailer Estates Park and Recreation district.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 30, 2023 which is the date the financial statements are available to be issued.



## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



## Trailer Estates Fire Control District Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund

For the fiscal year ended September 30,

2022

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Assessments	\$ 92,780	\$ 92,780	\$ 94,001	\$ 1,221
Contributions	-	-	189	189
Investment income	1,200	1,200	19	(1,181)
Auxiliary sale proceeds	-	-	36,527	36,527
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>93,980</b>	<b>93,980</b>	<b>130,736</b>	<b>36,756</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
Volunteer fees	3,800	3,800	-	3,800
Professional services	14,500	14,500	46,819	(32,319)
Utilities	7,560	7,560	4,181	3,379
Administration	3,000	3,000	521	2,479
2020 resolution	-	-	475	(475)
Engine, truck, rescue	14,520	14,520	(35)	14,555
Fire fighter physicals	2,100	2,100	-	2,100
Repair and maintenance	6,500	6,500	4,816	1,684
Office	3,000	3,000	295	2,705
Education and dues	4,000	4,000	141	3,859
Insurance	35,000	35,000	9,167	25,833
Building Fuel - Propane	-	-	228	(228)
Readiness to Serve Fee	-	-	60,000	(60,000)
Emergency Incident Fee	-	-	12,625	(12,625)
Miscellaneous	-	-	9,108	(9,108)
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>93,980</b>	<b>93,980</b>	<b>148,341</b>	<b>(54,361)</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-	(17,605)	(17,605)
Other financing source				
Transfer to Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District	-	-	(267,946)	267,946
<b>Total other financing sources</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(267,946)</b>	<b>267,946</b>
<b>Fund Balance – beginning of the year</b>	<b>362,211</b>	<b>362,211</b>	<b>285,551</b>	<b>76,660</b>
<b>Fund Balance – end of the year</b>	<b>\$ 362,211</b>	<b>\$ 362,211</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 362,211</b>

## **Trailer Estates Fire Control District Notes to Required Supplementary Information (Budgetary Comparisons)**

### **Excess of Actual Expenditures Over Budget**

The General fund was over budget by \$54,361 due to the District's increased costs as a result of increased legal expenses and the need to pay Cedar Hammock Fire Control District for services. These increased expenditures resulted from the District working toward dissolution. The budgetary control is at the Fund level.

## ADDITIONAL REPORTS

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

To the Board of Commissioners  
Trailer Estates Fire Control District

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 sole major fund of Trailer Estates Fire Control District, ("the District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2023.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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 financial statements. 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*.

## **Trailer Estates Fire Control District Response to Findings**

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described above. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.*

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Bradenton, Florida  
June 30, 2023

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

Board of Commissioners  
Trailer Estates Fire Control District  
Bradenton, Florida

We have examined Trailer Estates Fire Control District's ("the District") compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, during the year ended September 30, 2022. Management of the District is responsible for the District's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the examination engagement.

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

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, during the year ended September 30, 2022.

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



CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Bradenton, Florida  
June 30, 2023

## **MANAGEMENT LETTER**

Board of Commissioners  
Trailer Estates Fire Control District  
Bradenton, Florida

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of Trailer Estates Fire Control District, (“the District”), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2023.

### **Auditors’ 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 Auditors’ Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards; and Independent Accountants’ 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 in those reports and schedule, which are dated June 30, 2023, 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 financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report

### **ML 2022-001 BUDGET COMPLIANCE**

Criteria: According to Florida State Statute 166.241, a special district may not expend or contract for any expenditures in any fiscal year except pursuant to the adopted budget.

Condition: The district had general over-expenditures in the current year of \$54,361.

Cause: The over-expenditures were the result of the district paying Cedar Hammock Fire Control District to provide fire control services and this was not included in the budget.

Effect: The District was out of compliance with Florida Statutes.

Recommendation: No recommendations are necessary due to the district being dissolved as of September 30, 2022.

Management's Response: As noted by the auditors, the over-expenditure was the result of the District paying Cedar Hammock Fire Control District for fire control services that the District did not budget. No actions will be taken due to the district being dissolved as of September 30, 2022.

### **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. See Note 1 in the notes to the financial statements.

### **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 results of our determination as to whether or not the 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 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(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the District. 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. We performed an assessment as of the fiscal year end and noted that a deteriorating financial condition has occurred as a result of the plan to cease operations.

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

### **Specific Information**

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, the Trailer Estates Fire Control District reported:

- a. The total number of District employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year as 0.
- b. The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year as 0.
- c. All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$0.
- d. All compensation earned or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$0.
- e. Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the District that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported, together with the total expenditures for such project as none.
- f. A budget variance based on the adopted budget under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the district amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes as none.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)7, Rules of the Auditor General, the Trailer Estates Fire Control District reported:

- a. The mileage rate or rates imposed by the District as \$0.
- b. The total amount of ad valorem taxes collected by or on behalf of the District as \$0.
- c. The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds as \$0.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)8, Rules of the Auditor General, the Trailer Estates Fire Control District reported:

- a. The rates or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District as \$79.23.
- b. The total amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District as \$94,001.
- c. The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds as \$0.

### **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 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 the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, the Board of Commissioners, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.*

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Bradenton, Florida  
June 30, 2023



# REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS



June 30, 2022

The Board of Directors and Management of  
Trailer Estates Fire Control District

We are pleased to present the results of our audit of the 2022 financial statements of Trailer Estates Fire Control District (the District).

This report to Board of Directors and management summarizes our audit, the report issued and various analyses and observations related to the District's accounting and reporting. The document also contains the communications required by our professional standards.

Our audit was designed, primarily, to express an opinion on the District's 2022 financial statements. We considered the District's current and emerging business needs, along with an assessment of risks that could materially affect the financial statements, and aligned our audit procedures accordingly. We conducted the audit with the objectivity and independence that you expect. We received the full support and assistance of the District's personnel.

At Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC (CRI), we are continually evaluating the quality of our professionals' work in order to deliver audit services of the highest quality that will meet or exceed your expectations. We encourage you to provide any feedback you believe is appropriate to ensure that we do not overlook a single detail as it relates to the quality of our services.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of the District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We appreciate this opportunity to work with you. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 941-281-7242 or [tgruters@cricpa.com](mailto:tgruters@cricpa.com).

Very truly yours,



Timothy Gruters, CPA  
Partner



As discussed with the District and management during our planning process, our audit plan represented an approach responsive to the assessment of risk for the Company. Specifically, we planned and performed our audit to:

- Perform audit services, as requested by the District and management, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, in order to express an opinion on the District's financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2022;
- Communicate directly with the District and management regarding the results of our procedures;
- Address with the District and management any accounting and financial reporting issues;
- Anticipate and respond to concerns of the District and management; and
- Address other audit-related projects as they arise and upon request.



We have audited the financial statements of Trailer Estates Fire Control District for the year ended September 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2022. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit:

<b>MATTER TO BE COMMUNICATED</b>	<b>AUDITORS' RESPONSE</b>
<p><b>Auditors' responsibility under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (and if applicable, Government Auditing Standards and the Uniform Guidance)</b></p>	<p>As stated in our engagement letter dated September 16, 2022, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.</p> <p>As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the District. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.</p>
<p><b>Client's responsibility</b></p>	<p>Management, with oversight from those charged with governance, is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the fair presentation in the statements of activities and functional expenses, and the statements of financial position in conformity with the applicable framework. Management is responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud.</p>
<p><b>Planned scope and timing of the audit</b></p>	<p>Our initial audit plan was not significantly altered during our fieldwork.</p>
<p><b>Management judgments and accounting estimates</b>  <i>The process used by management in forming particularly sensitive accounting estimates and the basis for the auditors' conclusion regarding the reasonableness of those estimates.</i></p>	<p>Please see the following section titled "Accounting Policies, Judgments and Sensitive Estimates and CRI Comments on Quality."</p>
<p><b>Potential effect on the financial statements of any significant risks and exposures</b>  <i>Major risks and exposures facing the District and how they are disclosed.</i></p>	<p>No such risks or exposures were noted.</p>



MATTER TO BE COMMUNICATED	AUDITORS' RESPONSE
<p><b>Significant accounting policies, including critical accounting policies and alternative treatments within generally accepted accounting principles and the auditors' judgment about the quality of accounting principles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The initial selection of and changes in significant accounting policies or their application; methods used to account for significant unusual transactions; and effect of significant policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.</i></li> <li>• <i>The auditor should also discuss the auditors' judgment about the quality, not just the acceptability, of the District's accounting policies as applied in its financial reporting. The discussion should include such matters as consistency of accounting policies and their application, and clarity and completeness of the financial statements, including disclosures.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Critical accounting policies and practices applied by the District in its financial statements and our assessment of management's disclosures regarding such policies and practices (including any significant modifications to such disclosures proposed by us but rejected by management), the reasons why certain policies and practices are or are not considered critical, and how current and anticipated future events impact those determinations;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Alternative treatments within GAAP for accounting policies and practices related to material items, including recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure alternatives, that have been discussed with client management during the current audit period, the ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the auditor; Furthermore, if the accounting policy selected by management is not the policy preferred by us, discuss the reasons why management selected that policy, the policy preferred by us, and the reason we preferred the other policy.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2022. We noted no transactions entered into by the organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.</p>
<p><b>Significant difficulties encountered in the audit</b>  <i>Any significant difficulties, for example, unreasonable logistical constraints or lack of cooperation by management.</i></p>	<p>We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.</p>



MATTER TO BE COMMUNICATED	AUDITORS' RESPONSE
<p><b>Disagreements with management</b>  <i>Disagreements, whether or not subsequently resolved, about matters significant to the financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. This does not include those that came about based on incomplete facts or preliminary information.</i></p>	<p>We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.</p>
<p><b>Other findings or issues</b>  <i>Matters significant to oversight of the financial reporting practices by those charged with governance. For example, an entity's failure to obtain the necessary type of audit, such as one under Government Auditing Standards, in addition to GAAS.</i></p>	<p>None noted.</p>
<p><b>Matters arising from the audit that were discussed with, or the subject of correspondence with, management</b>  <i>Business conditions that might affect risk or discussions regarding accounting practices or application of auditing standards.</i></p>	<p>None noted.</p>
<p><b>Corrected and uncorrected misstatements</b>  <i>All significant audit adjustments arising from the audit, whether or not recorded by the District, that could individually or in the aggregate have a significant effect on the financial statements. We should also inform the Board of Directors about uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented, that were determined by management to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Any internal control deficiencies that could have prevented the misstatements.</i></p>	<p>See "Summary of Audit Adjustments" section.</p>
<p><b>Major issues discussed with management prior to retention</b>  <i>Any major accounting, auditing or reporting issues discussed with management in connection with our initial or recurring retention.</i></p>	<p>Discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.</p>
<p><b>Consultations with other accountants</b>  <i>When management has consulted with other accountants about significant accounting or auditing matters.</i></p>	<p>To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.</p>



MATTER TO BE COMMUNICATED	AUDITORS' RESPONSE
<p><b>Written representations</b>  <i>A description of the written representations the auditor requested (or a copy of the representation letter).</i></p>	<p>See "Management Representation Letter" section.</p>
<p><b>Internal control deficiencies</b>  <i>Any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control that came to the auditors' attention during the audit.</i></p>	<p>See "Internal Control Findings".</p>
<p><b>Fraud and illegal acts</b>  <i>Fraud involving senior management or those responsible for internal controls, or causing a material misstatement of the financial statements, where the auditor determines there is evidence that such fraud may exist. Any illegal acts coming to the auditors' attention involving senior management and any other illegal acts, unless clearly inconsequential.</i></p>	<p>We are unaware of any fraud or illegal acts involving management or causing material misstatement of the financial statements.</p>
<p><b>Other information in documents containing audited financial statements</b>  <i>The external auditors' responsibility for information in a document containing audited financial statements, as well as any procedures performed and the results.</i></p>	<p>Our responsibility related to documents (including annual reports, websites, etc.) containing the financial statements is to read the other information to consider whether:                      Such information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements; and                      We believe such information represents a material misstatement of fact.                      We have not been provided any such items to date and are unaware of any other documents that contain the audited financial statements.</p>
<p><b>Significant unusual accounting transactions</b>  <i>Auditor communication with governance to include auditors' views on policies and practices management used, as well as the auditors' understanding of the business purpose.</i></p>	<p>No significant unusual accounting transactions were noted during the year.</p>



MATTER TO BE COMMUNICATED	AUDITORS' RESPONSE
<p><b>Supplementary Information in relation to the financial statements as a whole</b>  <i>The auditors' responsibility for supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, as well as any procedures performed and the results.</i></p>	<p>We made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.</p>

## Accounting Policies, Judgments, and Sensitive Estimates & CRI Comments on Quality



We are required to communicate our judgments about the quality, not just the acceptability, of the District's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting. We are also required to communicate critical accounting policies and sensitive accounting estimates. Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The Board of Directors may wish to monitor throughout the year the process used to compute and record these accounting estimates. The table below summarizes our communications regarding these matters.

AREA	ACCOUNTING POLICY	CRITICAL POLICY?	JUDGMENTS & SENSITIVE ESTIMATE	AUDITORS' CONCLUSIONS ON QUALITY OF ACCOUNTING POLICY & APPLICATION
Fixed Assets	Useful lives of depreciable assets are between 5 and 30 years and are depreciated at straight line.	X	A sensitive estimate for the District is the useful lives of fixed assets.	The District's policies are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

## Summary of Audit Adjustments



During the course of our audit, we accumulate differences between amounts recorded by the District and amounts that we believe are required to be recorded based on auditing standards. Those adjustments are either recorded (corrected) by the District or passed (uncorrected). Uncorrected misstatements or the matters underlying them could potentially cause future period financial statements to be materially misstated, even if, in the auditors' judgment, such uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements under audit.

The corrected adjustments as a result of our audit procedures are as follows:

<b>Proposed Journal Entries JE # 1</b>		
Proposed entry to record prior year adjustments that were not properly entered.		
1631	Acc Depr Equipment	67,410
1641	Acc Depr Furn. & Equip	119
1661	Acc Depr Electronics	73,829
1671	Acc Depr Vehicles	192,299
1630	Equipment	67,410
1640	Furniture and Equipment	119
1660	Electronics	73,829
1670	Vehicles	192,299
<b>Total</b>		<b>333,657</b>
		<b>333,657</b>

<b>Proposed Journal Entries JE # 2</b>		
Proposed entry to correct depreciation expense and dispose of fixed assets.		
1621	Acc Depr Buildings	162,098
1681	Acc Depr Generators	51,696
3002	Unrestricted Net Assets	13,176
1641	Acc Depr Furn. & Equip	57,481
1671	Acc Depr Vehicles	2,388
5205	Loss on donation of Assets	65,353
1610	Land	7,070
1620	Buildings & Improvements	162,098
1640	Furniture and Equipment	57,481
1670	Vehicles	2,388
1680	Generators	51,696
5091	Depreciation Expense	71,459
<b>Total</b>		<b>352,192</b>
		<b>352,192</b>



### QUALITATIVE MATERIALITY CONSIDERATIONS

In evaluating the materiality of audit differences when they do arise, we consider both quantitative and qualitative factors, for example:

- Whether the difference arises from an item capable of precise measurement or whether it arises from an estimate, and, if so, the degree of imprecision inherent in the estimate.
- Whether the difference masks a change in earnings or other trends.
- Whether the difference changes a net decrease in assets to addition, or vice versa.
- Whether the difference concerns an area of the District's operating environment that has been identified as playing a significant role in the District's operations or viability.
- Whether the difference affects compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Whether the difference has the effect of increasing management's compensation – for example, by satisfying requirements for the award of bonuses or other forms of incentive compensation.
- Whether the difference involves concealment of an unlawful transaction.



Trailer Estates Fire Control District  
P.O. Box 5182  
Bradenton, Florida 34281

June 30, 2023

Carr, Riggs, & Ingram, LLC  
1001 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West, Suite 500  
Bradenton, FL 34205

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Trailer Estates Fire Control District (the "District"), which comprise the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and the sole major fund as of September 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of June 30, 2023, the following representations made to you during your audit.

## Financial Statements

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated September 16, 2022, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP and for preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.
- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5) The methods, significant assumptions, and data used in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, or disclosure that is reasonable in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 6) Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing agreements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.



- 7) Adjustments or disclosures have been made for all events, including instances of noncompliance, subsequent to the date of the financial statements that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.
- 8) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 9) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the District is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

## Information Provided

- 10) We have provided you with:
  - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
  - b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - c) Unrestricted access to persons within the District from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - d) Minutes of the meetings of Board of Fire Commissioners or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 11) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 12) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 13) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the District and involves:
  - Management,
  - Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
  - Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
  - We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the District's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 14) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the District's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 15) We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or waste or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.



- 16) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 17) We have disclosed to you the names of the District's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

Government – specific

- 18) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 19) We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the objectives of the audit and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 20) We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the objectives of the audit and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 21) We have identified to you any investigations or legal proceedings that have been initiated with respect to the period under audit.
- 22) The District has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance or net position.
- 23) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts and legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 24) We have appropriately disclosed all information for conduit debt obligations in accordance with [GASBS No. 91](#).
- 25) We have identified and disclosed to you all instances of identified and suspected fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 26) There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
- 27) As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statement and disclosures, and assisted with the maintenance of the capital asset schedule. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skills, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and disclosures, and the capital asset schedule maintenance.
- 28) The District has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- 29) The District has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.



- 30) The financial statements include all component units, appropriately present majority equity interests in legally separate organizations and joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.
- 31) The financial statements include all fiduciary activities required by [GASBS No. 84](#), as amended.
- 32) The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities with GASBS Nos. 34, as amended.
- 33) All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASBS Nos. 34 and 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- 34) Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and classifications of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- 35) Investments, derivative instrument transactions, and land and other real estate held by endowments are properly valued.
- 36) Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
- 37) Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 38) Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- 39) Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and if applicable, depreciated.
- 40) We have appropriately disclosed the District's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.
- 41) We are following our established accounting policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available. That policy determines the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes.
- 42) We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
- 43) With respect to the Examination of Compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes:

The District is in compliance with Florida Statute 218.415, Local Government Investment Policies, in all respects.

  - a) We are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance.
  - b) We have performed an evaluation of the District's compliance with Florida Statute 218.415, Local Government Investment Policies.
  - c) All relevant matters are reflected in the measurement or evaluation of District's compliance with the specified requirements.



- d) We are responsible for selecting the specified requirements and for determining that the specified requirements are appropriate for our purposes.
- e) We have provided you with all relevant information and access to information and personnel in connection with your examination of compliance with Florida Statute 218.415, Local Government Investment Policies.
- f) We have disclosed to you all known matters that may contradict the District's compliance with the specified requirements and we have disclosed to you all communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent accountants or consultants, and others regarding possible noncompliance with Florida Statute 218.415, Local Government Investment Policies, including communications received between September 30, 2021 and the date of the examination report.
- g) We have responded fully to all inquiries made to us by you during the engagement
- h) Our interpretation of Florida Statute 218.415, Local Government Investment Policies is as follows:
  - i) As the District has elected to invest surplus funds in compliance with section 218.415(17) of the Florida Statutes, the provisions of section 218.415(14) requiring a minimum number of hours of completion of continuing professional education do not apply.

Signed: Mary Chandler

Title: Seat # 5, Treasurer  
Trailer Estates Fuel Control District  
Fuel Commissioner



# INTERNAL CONTROL FINDINGS





June 30, 2022

To the Members of  
Trailer Estates Fire Control District

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 of Trailer Estates Fire Control District (the “District”), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2023.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2022-01 and 2022-02 that we consider to be deficiencies.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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 financial statements. 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.

*Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.*

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The following legend should be used in conjunction with reviewing the “Rating” of each of the identified internal control items:

<b>IP =</b> <b>Improvement Point</b>	<b>D =</b> <b>Control Deficiency</b>	<b>SD =</b> <b>Significant Deficiency</b>	<b>MW =</b> <b>Material Weakness</b>
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<b>CONTROL NUMBER</b>	<b>RATING</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b>ITEM NOTED</b>	<b>SUGGESTION</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT ACTION</b>
2021-01	D	Capital Assets	The District improperly recorded the donation and/or the disposal of assets.	We recommend that Management of the District meet with a consultant before recording unusual transactions.	
2022-02	D	Expenditures	The District failed to properly document their controls around expenditures.	We recommend that in the future, the District ensures that they document their control of either using two signatures or having someone review another’s expenditures.	