### TODD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA

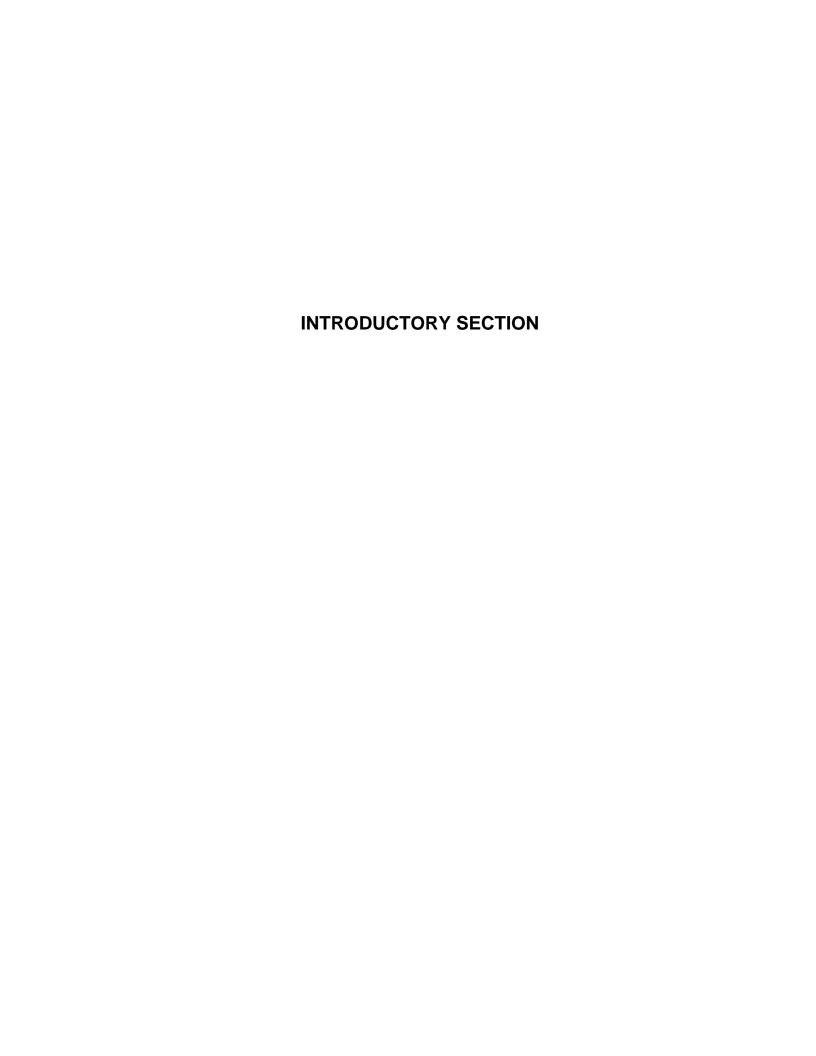
#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

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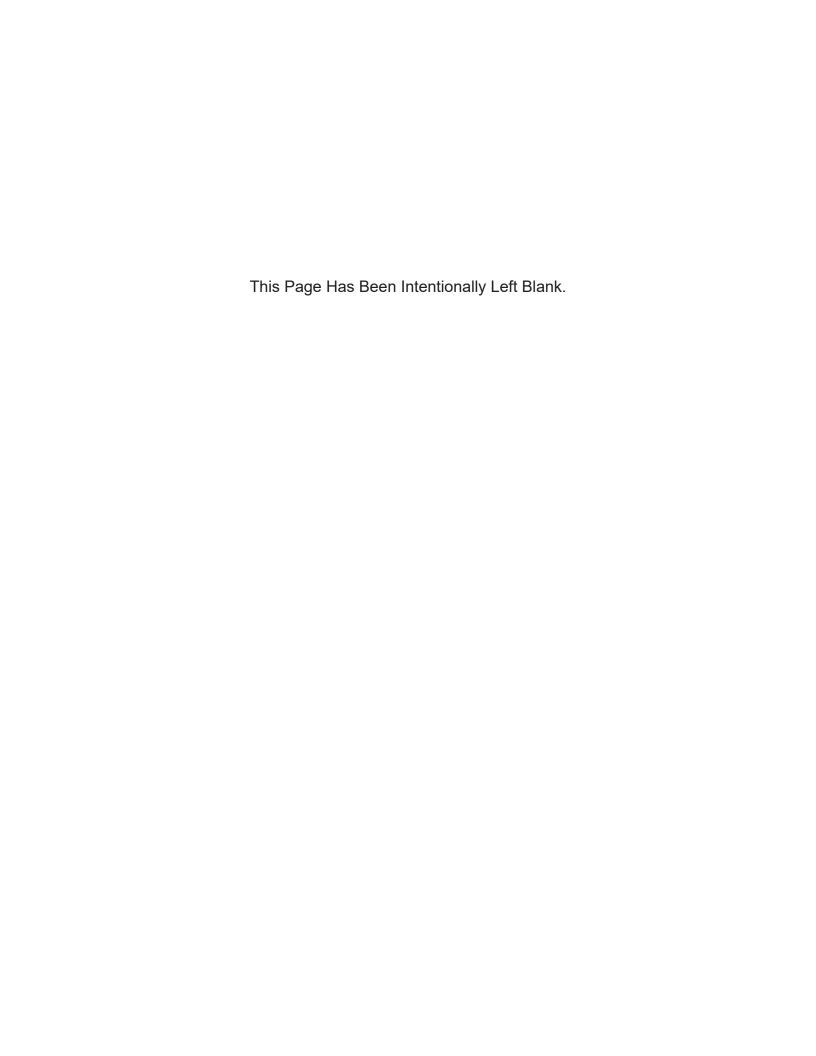
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# TODD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA ORGANIZATION DECEMBER 31, 2019

ELECTED	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Chair	Tom Williamson	12/31/2022
Vice Chair	Leland Buchholz	12/31/2020
Treasurer	Dale Katterhagen	12/31/2022
Secretary	Kenny Pesta	12/31/2020
Board Member	Dan Whitney	12/31/2022







#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Supervisors Todd Soil and Water Conservation District Long Prairie, Minnesota

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and General Fund of Todd Soil and Water Conservation District (District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, 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.

#### Auditors' 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 auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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 General Fund of Todd Soil and Water Conservation District as of December 31, 2019, 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 and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 - 9 and 17 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.

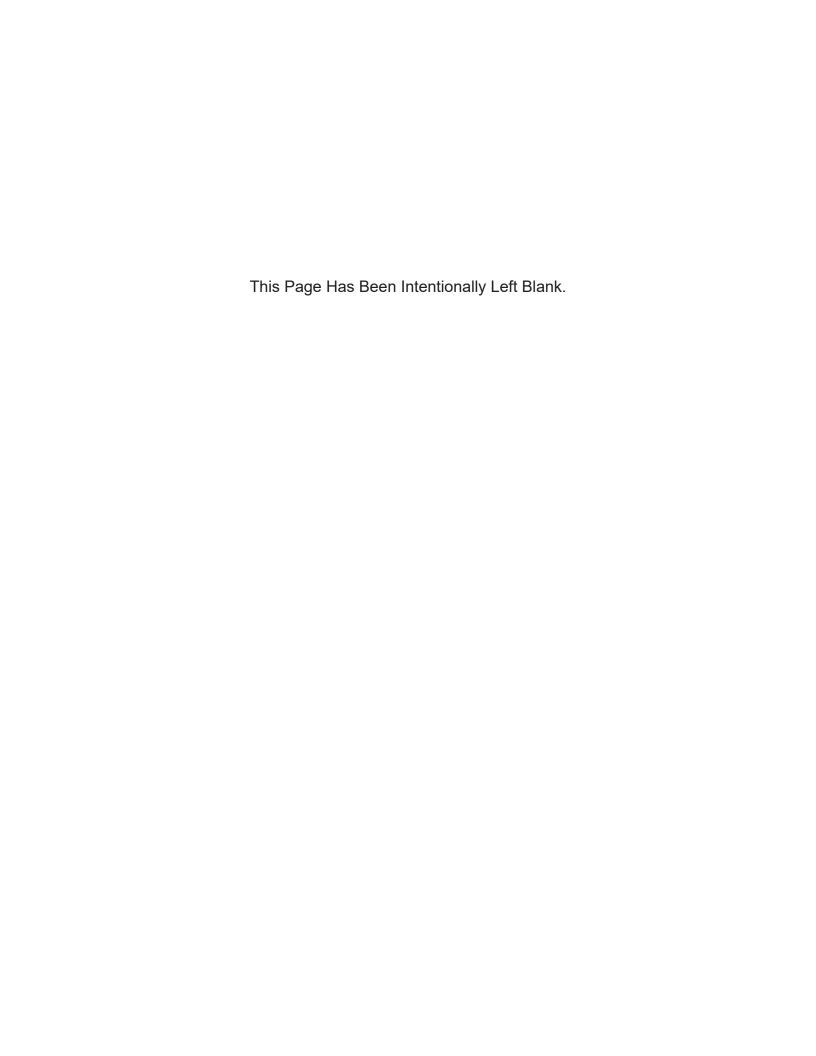
#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 4, 2020, on our consideration of Todd Soil and Water Conservation 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 to solely describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness if 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 Todd Soil and Water Conservation District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Clifton Larson Allen LLP

Brainerd, Minnesota March 4, 2020



#### **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

This section of Todd Soil and Water Conservation District's (District) annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the year that ended on December 31, 2019. The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standard Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 – Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. Certain comparative information between the current year, 2019, and the prior year, 2018, is required to be presented in the MD&A.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for 2019 include the following:

- The District's government-wide net position increased to \$624,525 (an increase of \$212,648 over the prior year) due primarily to increases in grant related revenues.
- Overall fund-level revenues totaled \$673,475 in 2018 and \$966,085 in 2019. Revenues exceeded expenditures in 2019 primarily due to increases in grant revenues passed through the County.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial section of the annual report consists of three parts – Independent Auditors' Report, required supplementary information which includes the management's discussion and analysis (this section), and the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

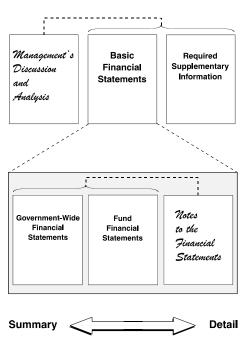
• The District is presenting a combined General Fund balance sheet and statement of net position and a combined statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and statement of activities. These two statements tell how the District did both at a fund level and at a government-wide level.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data.

Figure A-1 shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.

Figure A-1 Annual Report Format



#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2. Major Features	of the District's Govern	ment-Wide and Fund
Financial Statements.	of the District's Govern	iniciti Wide and Fand
Type of Statements	Government-Wide	Governmental Funds
Scope	Entire District.	The activities of the
		District that are not
		proprietary or fiduciary.
Required Financial	Statement of net	Balance sheet.
Statements	position.	
	Statement of	Statement of revenues,
	activities.	expenditures and changes
		in fund balance.
Accounting Basis and	Accrual accounting	Modified accrual
Measurement Focus	and economic	accounting and current
	resources focus.	financial resources focus.
Type of Asset/Deferred	All assets and	Only assets and deferred
Outflow/Liability/Deferred	deferred outflows	outflows expected to be
Inflow Information	and liabilities and	used up and liabilities and
	deferred inflows,	deferred inflows that come
	both financial and	due during the year or
	capital, short-term	soon thereafter, no capital
T (1.0 /0 /0	and long-term.	assets included.
Type of Inflow/Outflow Information	All revenues and	Revenues for which cash
Information	expenses during	is received during or soon
	year, regardless of when cash is	after the end of the year,
		expenditures when goods or services have been
	received or paid.	received and payment is
		due during the year or
		soon thereafter.

#### **District-Wide Statements**

The District-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

#### **District-Wide Statements (Continued)**

The two District-wide portions report the District's net position and how they have changed. Net position – the difference between the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources – are one way to measure the District's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or increases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the District, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's revenue sources and the financial condition of the state.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund portion of the two statements provides more detailed information about the District's fund. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

#### **Net Position**

The District's total net position was \$411,877 on December 31, 2018 and \$624,525 on December 31, 2019. This results in an increase of \$212,648 from 2018 to 2019. Intergovernmental revenues account for the majority of the District's total revenues.

Table A-1
The District's Net Position

	Governmental Activities			
	2019	2018		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,005,874	\$ 916,110		
Current Liabilities	343,152	256,696		
Deferred Inflows of Resources	38,197	247,537		
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	381,349	504,233		
Net Position				
Restricted	351,924	179,109		
Unrestricted	272,601	232,768		
Total Net Position	\$ 624,525	\$ 411,877		

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE AS A WHOLE (CONTINUED)

#### **Changes in Net Position**

The District-wide total revenues were \$673,475 for the year ended December 31, 2018 and \$966,085 for the year ended December 31, 2019. Intergovernmental revenues account for the majority of the District's total revenues.

Table A-2 Statement of Activities

	 overnment		
	2019	2018	Change
Revenues			
Intergovernmental	\$ 865,417	\$ 619,943	39.6 %
Charges for Services	26,028	27,698	(6.0)
Investment Earnings	-	753	(100.0)
Miscellaneous	74,640	25,081	197.6
Total Revenues	966,085	673,475	43.4
Expenses	750 407	507.045	00.0
Conservation	 753,437	587,645	28.2
Change in Net Position Net Position - Beginning of Year	212,648 411,877	85,830 326,047	147.8 26.3
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 624,525	\$ 411,877	51.6

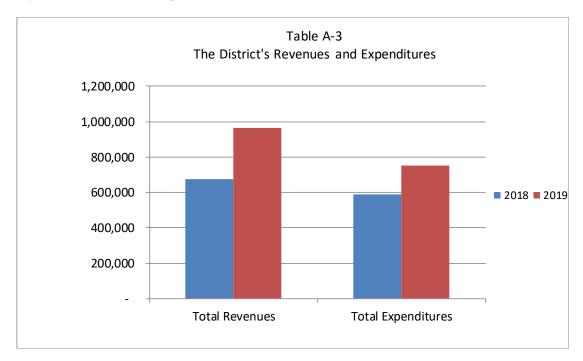
Total revenues surpassed total expenses for 2018 increasing net position by \$85,830 in 2018. Total revenues surpassed total expenses for 2019 increasing net position by \$212,648 in 2019.

#### **GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Actual expenditures were \$59,916 below the final budgeted amounts primarily due to state funded project expenditures being under budget by \$179,243. State grant revenues were below the final budget by \$215,908.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE AT THE FUND LEVEL

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental fund as well. As the District completed 2018, its governmental fund reported total fund balance of \$411,877, an increase of \$85,830 from the prior year primarily due to increased intergovernmental and miscellaneous revenues. As the District completed 2019, its governmental fund reported total fund balance of \$624,525, an increase of \$212,648 from 2018. Revenues for the District's General Fund were \$673,475 in 2018, while total expenditures were \$587,645. The District's General Fund had revenues of \$966,085 in 2019 and expenditures of \$753,437 in 2019 (see Table A-2). The General Fund includes the primary operations of the District in providing services to citizens. Fund balance increased \$212,648 from 2018 to 2019. This increase was primarily due to increases in grant related revenues in 2019.



#### **CAPITAL ASSETS**

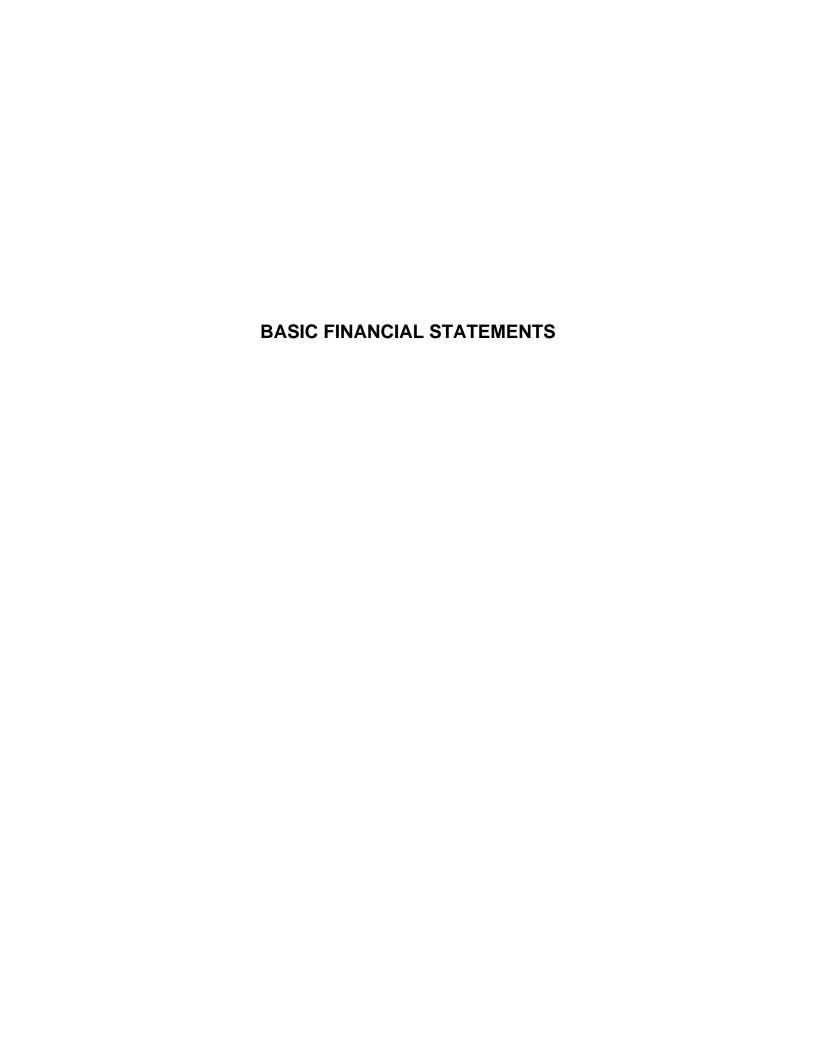
On January 1, 2012, Todd Soil and Water Conservation District disposed of all capital assets as a part of the service agreement with Todd County. As explained in the contract, Todd County obtained all of the capital assets the District already owned and will purchase in the future.

#### FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

The District is dependent on the State of Minnesota for a significant portion of its revenue to fund projects.

#### **CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors 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 Adam Ossefoort, Division Director at (320) 732-2644.



# TODD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES – STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2019

	General Fund Adjustments		djustments	Governmental Activities		
ASSETS						
Cash and Pooled Investments	\$	884,999	\$	-	\$	884,999
Due From Other Governments		120,875		<u>-</u>		120,875
Total Assets	\$	1,005,874	\$	-	\$	1,005,874
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities:						
Accounts Payable	\$	2,690	\$	-	\$	2,690
Unearned Revenue		334,618		-		334,618
Deposit on Sales		5,844		-		5,844
Total Liabilities		343,152		-		343,152
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Advanced Grant Funds		38,197		-		38,197
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION						
Fund Balance/Net Position						
Restricted for Conservation		142,929		(142,929)		-
Restricted for AIS Program		80,329		(80,329)		-
Restricted for Riparian Aid		128,666		(128,666)		-
Unassigned Fund Balance		272,601		(272,601)		-
Total Fund Balance		624,525		(624,525)		-
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources,						
and Fund Balance	\$	1,005,874				
NET POSITION						
Restricted for Conservation				351,924		351,924
Unrestricted				272,601		272,601
Total Net Position			\$	624,525	\$	624,525

### TODD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA

### GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES – STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	General Fund				Governmental Activities	
REVENUES						
Intergovernmental	\$	865,417	\$	-	\$	865,417
Charges for Services		26,028		-		26,028
Miscellaneous		74,640				74,640
Total Revenues		966,085		-		966,085
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES  Conservation  Current		753,437				753,437
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		212,648		-		212,648
Fund Balance/Net Position - Beginning of Year		411,877				411,877
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$	624,525	\$		\$	624,525

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Todd Soil and Water Conservation District's (District) financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for the year ended December 31, 2019. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (statements and interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the District is discussed below.

#### A. Financial Reporting Entity

Todd Soil and Water Conservation District was established on March 29, 1965 pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Ch. 103C.

The District is governed by a five member Board of Supervisors, nominated by, and elected to four-year terms by the voters of Todd County.

Todd County acts as fiscal agent for the District and reports the District as an agency fund of the County.

The primary activity of the District is to assist land occupiers in applying practices for the conservation of soil and water resources. These practices are intended to control wind and water erosion, pollution of lakes and streams, and damage to wetlands and wildlife habitats.

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, consideration has been given to other organizations that should be included in the District's financial statements for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. There are no organizations that should be presented with the District.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### B. Basic Financial Statements

Basic financial statements include information on the District's activities as a whole and information on the individual fund of the District. These separate presentations are reported in different columns. Each of the statements starts with a column of information based on activities of the General Fund and reconciles it to a column that reports the "governmental activities" of the District as a whole.

The governmental activities columns are reported on the full accrual, economic resources basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The District's net position is reported as restricted and unrestricted. The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the expenses of the District are offset by revenues.

The General Fund balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the General Fund are presented on the modified accrual basis and report current financial resources.

#### C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The governmental activities are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Todd Soil and Water Conservation District considers all revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the end of the current period. Charges for services and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, compensated absences, and claims and judgments, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent that they have matured. Proceeds of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources, when applicable.

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

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

#### 1. Deposits and Investments

The cash balance is pooled with the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer for the purpose of increasing earnings through investment activities.

#### 2. Receivables and Payables

The financial statements for the District contain no allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible amounts due for receivables are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available that indicates the particular receivable is uncollectible. These amounts are not considered to be material in relation to the financial position or operations of the fund.

#### 3. Unearned Revenues

The General Fund and the government-wide financial statements record unearned revenue for resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

#### 4. Deferred Inflows of Resources

The financial statements for the District contain deferred inflows of resources. A deferred inflow of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

#### 5. Fund Balance

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report components of fund balance to provide information about fund balance availability for appropriation. Nonspendable fund balance represents amounts that are inherently nonspendable or assets that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Restricted fund balance represents amounts available for appropriation but intended for a specific use and is legally restricted by outside parties. Committed fund balance represents constraints on spending that the government imposes upon itself by high-level formal action prior to the close of the fiscal period. Assigned fund balance represents resources intended for spending for a purpose set by the government body itself or by some person or body delegated to exercise such authority in accordance with policy established by the board. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the District's General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

#### 5. Fund Balance (Continued)

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, it is the District's policy to use restricted first, and then unrestricted fund balance. When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned, and unassigned amounts are available, it is the District's policy to use committed first, then assigned, and finally unassigned amounts.

#### 6. Net Position

In the government-wide statement of net position, net position is reported in two parts: (1) restricted net position; and (2) unrestricted net position.

#### 7. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTE 2 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

#### Assets

#### A. Deposits and Investments

Cash transactions are administered by the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer, who is, according to Minnesota Statutes §§118A.02 and 118A.04, authorized to deposit cash in financial institutions designated by the County Board for the District.

Minnesota Statutes §§ 118A.02 and 118A.04 authorize the District to deposit its cash and to invest in certificates of deposit in financial institutions designated by the Todd County Board of Commissioners for the District.

#### NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Assets (Continued)

#### A. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

#### Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

In the case of deposits, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk and follows Minnesota Statutes for deposits.

Minnesota Statutes require that all deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledge must equal 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or corporate surety bonds. Authorized collateral includes: U.S. government treasury bills, notes, or bonds; issues of a U.S. government agency; general obligations of a state or local government rated "A" or better; revenue obligations of a state or local government rated "AA" or better; irrevocable standby letters of credit issue by a Federal Home Loan Bank; and time deposits insured by federal agency. Minnesota Statutes require securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping in a restricted account at the Federal Reserve Bank or at an account at a trust department of a commercial bank or other financial institution not owned or controlled by the depository.

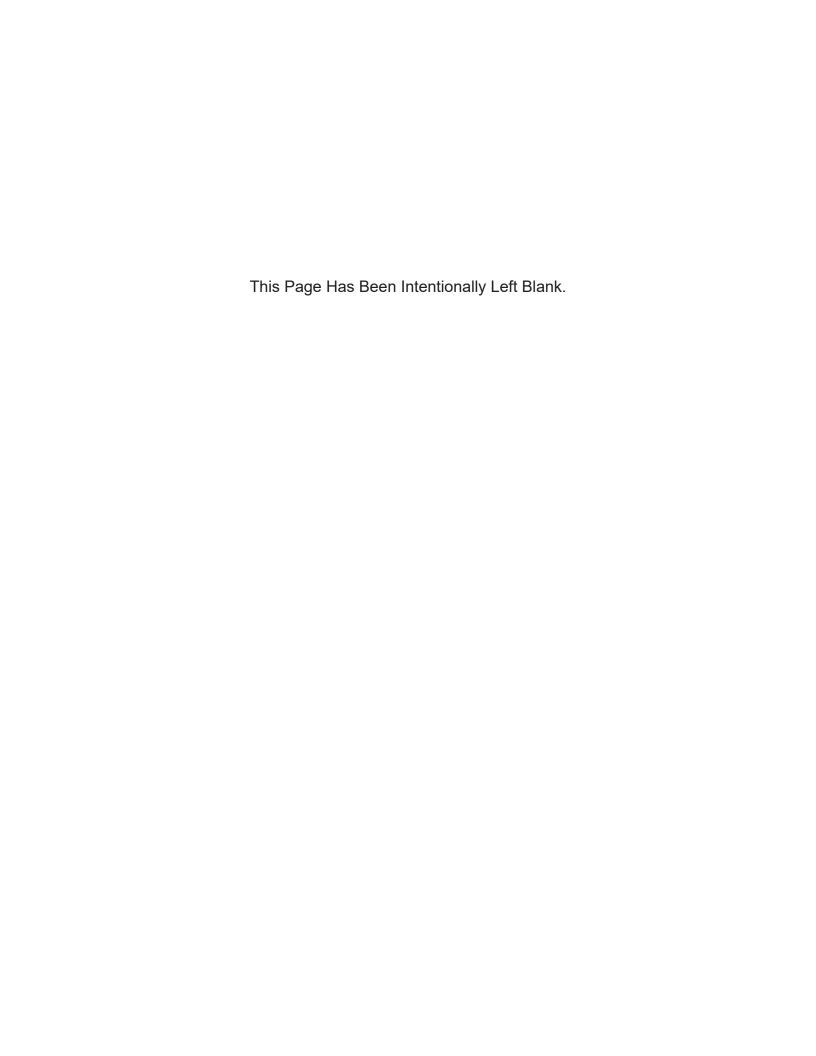
As of December 31, 2019, all deposits of the District are in the pooled cash of Todd County. For further information related to the District's deposits, the user should view the Todd County deposits disclosure information.

#### B. Receivables

The District did not have any receivables scheduled to be collected beyond one year as of December 31, 2019.

#### C. Related-Party Transactions

The District signed an agreement with Todd County, effective January 1, 2012, transferred all capital assets, employees, and long-term liabilities to Todd County. The District had no project costs payable to Todd County at December 31, 2019.





#### TODD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

REVENUES	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Variance with Final Budget	
Intergovernmental								
County	\$	24,777	\$	24,777	\$	386,696	\$	361,919
State Grants		694,629		694,629		478,721		(215,908)
Total Intergovernmental		719,406		719,406		865,417		146,011
Charges for Services		15,000		15,000		26,028		11,028
Miscellaneous		59,897		59,897		74,640		14,743
Total Revenues		794,303		794,303		966,085		171,782
EXPENDITURES								
District Operations								
Personnel Services		6,000		6,000		7,500		(1,500)
Charges for Services		15,000		15,000		25,666		(10,666)
Other Services and Charges		23,650		23,650		68,071		(44,421)
Total District Operations		44,650		44,650		101,237		(56,587)
Project Expenditures								
District		299,434		299,434		362,174		(62,740)
State		469,269		469,269		290,026		179,243
Total Project Expenditures		768,703		768,703		652,200		116,503
Total Expenditures		813,353		813,353		753,437		59,916
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		(19,050)		(19,050)		212,648		231,698
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year		411,877		411,877		411,877		
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$	392,827	\$	392,827	\$	624,525	\$	231,698

#### TODD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DECEMBER 31, 2019

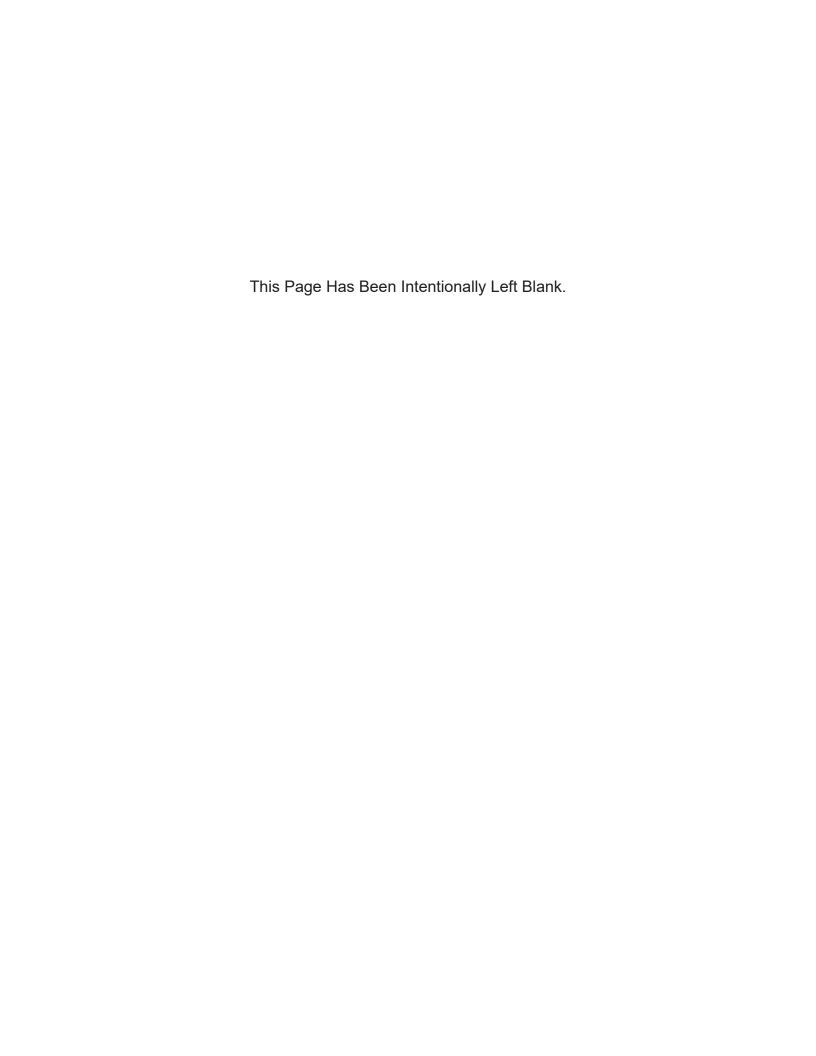
#### I. General Fund Policies

The Board of Supervisors adopts estimated revenue and expenditure budgets for the General Fund. Todd County enters the approved budget into the general ledger system.

The budget may be amended or modified at any time by the Board of Supervisors and communicated to Todd County for update on the general ledger system. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted revenues. Comparisons of final budgeted revenues and expenditures to actual are presented in the required supplementary information for the General Fund.

#### II. Budget Basis of Accounting

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.



REPORTS RELATED TO GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS	



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### 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

Board of Supervisors Todd Soil and Water Conservation District Long Prairie, Minnesota

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 accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and General Fund of Todd Soil and Water Conservation District (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 4, 2020.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Todd Soil and Water Conservation District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Todd Soil and Water Conservation District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Todd Soil and Water Conservation 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 District'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 that 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 preceding paragraph 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. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and recommendations as items 2019-001 and 2019-002, that we consider to be material weaknesses.



#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Todd Soil and Water Conservation District's financial statements are free of 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 test disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Todd Soil and Water Conservation District's Responses to Findings**

Todd Soil and Water Conservation District's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and recommendations. Todd Soil and Water Conservation District's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

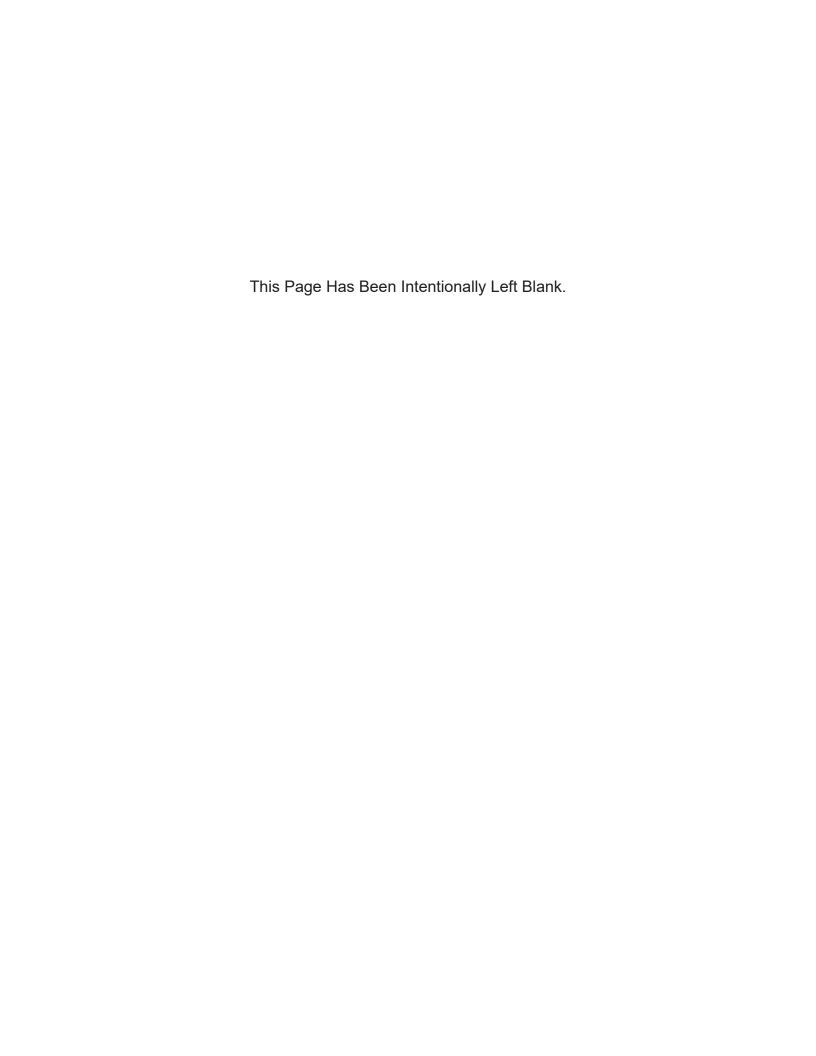
#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result 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.

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Brainerd, Minnesota March 4, 2020



#### TODD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

#### **MATERIAL WEAKNESSES - FINANCIAL REPORTING**

#### 2019-001 FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

**Criteria:** Todd Soil and Water Conservation District (District) management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring, and for the fair presentation in the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Condition and Context:** As part of the audit, management requested us to prepare a draft of the financial statements, including the related notes to the financial statements. Management has accepted responsibility for the financial statements and reviewed them.

**Cause:** The District has a limited number of personnel with financial reporting experience.

**Effect:** The design of the controls over the financial reporting process would affect the ability of the District to report its financial data consistently with the assertions of the management in the financial statements.

**Recommendation**: We recommend that the District be aware of the requirements for fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles. Should the District elect, based upon an analysis of costs and benefits, to establish the full oversight of the financial statement preparation of an appropriate level, we suggest management establish effective review policies and procedures including but not limited to the following functions: reconciling general ledger amounts to the draft financial statements; review of all supporting documentation and explanations for journal entries proposed by us; complete the disclosure checklist; review and approval of schedules and calculations supporting the amounts included in the notes to the financial statements; apply analytic procedures to the draft financial statements; and perform other procedures considered necessary by management.

#### **CLIENT'S RESPONSE:**

The District understands that this is required communications for the preparation of the financial statements.

## TODD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

#### MATERIAL WEAKNESSES (FINANCIAL REPORTING) (CONTINUED)

#### 2019-002 AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS

**Criteria:** Todd Soil and Water Conservation District's (District) management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls for the proper recording of all the District's accounting transactions, including account coding, reporting of accruals and net position.

**Condition and Context:** As part of the audit, we proposed material adjustments for recording of receivables, unearned revenue and reclassifying transactions to the proper accounts and preparing note disclosures. Management has reviewed and approved the audit adjustments.

Cause: The District has a limited number of personnel with financial reporting experience.

**Effect:** The design of the internal controls over recording transactions and year-end accruals limits the ability of the District to provide accurate accrual basis financial information.

**Recommendation**: We recommend District management be constantly aware of all procedures and processes involved in recording transactions, accruals, and reclassifications and develop internal control policies to ensure proper recording of these items.

#### **CLIENT'S RESPONSE:**

The District will continue to work at eliminating the need for audit adjustments.



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Board of Supervisors Todd Soil and Water Conservation District Long Prairie, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and General Fund of Todd Soil and Water Conservation District (District), as of December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated March 4, 2020.

The Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Other Political Subdivisions promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 6.65 contains six main categories of compliance to be tested: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and tax increment financing. Our audit considered all the listed categories, except that we did not test for compliance with the provisions for tax increment financing due to the District not having any tax increment financing districts. We also did not test for compliance with the provisions for contracting and bidding due to the District not entering into any contracts during the year.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Todd Soil and Water Conservation District failed to comply with the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Other Political Subdivisions*. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding Todd Soil and Water Conservation District's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Supervisors and management of Todd Soil and Water Conservation District and the State Auditor, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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Brainerd, Minnesota March 4, 2020

