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## Maple River Water Resource District

West Fargo, North Dakota

Audit Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

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# MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

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# MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

District Officials and Audit Personnel

December 31, 2020

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Governing Board  
Maple River Water Resource District  
West Fargo, North Dakota

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Maple River Water Resource District, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Maple River Water Resource District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Maple River Water Resource District, North Dakota, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of district's share of net pension liability and district contributions, and schedule of district's share of net OPEB liability and district contributions, and notes to the required supplementary information* as listed in the table of contents 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 Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Maple River Water Resource District's basic financial statements. The *schedule of fund activity - cash basis, combining balance sheet - maintenance fund, and combining statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - maintenance fund* are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The *schedule of fund activity - cash basis, combining balance sheet - maintenance fund, and combining statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - maintenance fund* is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the *schedule of fund activity - cash basis, combining balance sheet - maintenance fund, and combining statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - maintenance fund* is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 16, 2021 on our consideration of Maple River Water Resource 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 describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Maple River Water Resource District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Joshua C. Gallion  
State Auditor

Bismarck, North Dakota  
June 16, 2021

# MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

Management's Discussion and Analysis

December 31, 2020

The management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) of Maple River Water Resource District's (District) financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. The intent of the MD&A is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole. It should, therefore, be read in conjunction with the basic financial statements and related notes.

The MD&A is an element of the Required Supplementary Information specified in the Government Accounting Standards 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 fiscal year and the prior year is presented in the MD&A.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2020 are as follows:

- Net position increased \$961,882 as a result of the current year's operations.
- Governmental net position as of the end of the fiscal year totaled \$29,240,828.
- Total revenues from all sources were \$2,081,585 on the government-wide statement of activities and \$2,280,954 on the modified accrual basis.
- Total expenses were \$1,119,704 on the government-wide statement of activities and total expenditures were \$3,181,535 on the modified accrual basis.
- The District's general fund had \$289,196 in total revenues and \$384,881 in total expenditures. Overall, the general fund balance decreased by \$95,685 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

## USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual financial report consists of a series of statements and related footnotes. These statements are organized so that the reader can understand the District as a financial whole. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The statement of net position and statement of activities provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. These statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the District's general fund, maintenance fund, capital project fund, and debt service fund.

The table below, summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including portions of the District's activities covered and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of MD&A highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Major Features of the Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements		
	Fund Financial Statements	
	Government-Wide Statements	Governmental
Scope	Entire District	The activities of the district
Required Financial Statements	Statement of Net Position Statement of Activities	Balance Sheet Statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance
Accounting Basis and Measurement Focus	Accrual Accounting and Economic Resource Focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resource focus
Type of Asset/Liability information	All assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, both financial and capital, short term and long term	Generally assets expected to be consumed and liabilities paid during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable

**REPORTING ON THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE**

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

These statements are summaries of all the funds used by the District to provide programs and activities and attempt to answer the question “How did the District do financially during the year ended December 31, 2020?”

The statement of net position presents information on all the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information on how the District's net position changed during the fiscal year. This statement is presented using the accrual basis of accounting, which means that all changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, uncollected taxes and special assessments, and earned but unused vacation leave).

These two statements report the District's net position and changes in those assets. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether, for the District as a whole, the financial position of the District has improved or deteriorated. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial and some not.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, the District reports governmental activities. Governmental activities are the activities where all of the District's programs and services are reported including, but not limited to, conservation of natural resources, capital outlay and debt service.

**REPORTING ON THE DISTRICT'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS**

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds

The District uses separate funds to account for and manage money dedicated for particular purposes (e.g. taxes collected from special mill levies and funds received from grants and contributions). The fund basis financial statements allow the District to demonstrate its stewardship over and accountability for resources provided by taxpayers and other entities. Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the District's major funds. Using the criteria established by GASB Statement No. 34, the District's general fund, maintenance fund, capital project fund and debt service fund are considered “major funds”.

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

Table I reflects significant changes in current assets, long-term assets, capital assets and current liabilities between the December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 fiscal years. Capital assets increased during the year. Current and Other Assets decreased during the year. Current liabilities decreased during the year. Long-term liabilities decreased due to the retirement of bonds.

The District's net position of \$29,240,828 is segregated into three separate categories. Net investment in capital assets represents 80% of the District's total net position. It should be noted that these assets are not available for future spending. Restricted net position represents 17% of the District's net position, while unrestricted net position represented 3% of the District's net position. Restricted net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they must be spent. The unrestricted net position is available to meet the District's ongoing obligations.

**TABLE I**  
**NET POSITION**  
 December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 6,495,872	\$ 7,466,189
Capital Assets, Net	27,330,379	26,303,677
Total Assets	<u>\$ 33,826,251</u>	<u>\$ 33,769,865</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 73,863</u>	<u>\$ 27,534</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities	\$ 532,577	\$ 411,932
Long-Term Liabilities	4,098,942	5,076,711
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 4,631,519</u>	<u>\$ 5,488,643</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 27,768</u>	<u>\$ 29,810</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 23,333,831	\$ 21,256,139
Restricted	4,979,050	5,889,272
Unrestricted	927,946	1,133,535
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 29,240,828</u>	<u>\$ 28,278,946</u>



Table II shows the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

**TABLE II**  
**CHANGE IN NET POSITION**  
 As of December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Program Revenues		
Capital Grants & Contributions	\$ 105,086	\$ 114,968
Operating Grants & Contributions	493,322	364,820
General Revenues		
Property Taxes	1,385,641	1,426,487
Non-restricted Grants and Contribution	20,007	22,061
Interest Earnings	42,462	90,676
Miscellaneous Revenue	35,067	6,770
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,081,585</u>	<u>\$ 2,025,782</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 982,687	\$ 1,138,062
Interest and Service Charges	137,016	159,498
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 1,119,704</u>	<u>\$ 1,297,560</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 961,882</u>	<u>\$ 728,222</u>
Net Position – January 1	<u>\$ 28,278,946</u>	<u>\$ 27,550,724</u>
Net Position – December 31	<u><u>\$ 29,240,828</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 28,278,946</u></u>

Revenues and expenses were comprised of the following:

<b>Revenues</b>	
Property Taxes	66.57%
Capital Grants & Contributions	5.05%
Operating and Non-Restricted Grants and Contributions	24.66%
Interest and Miscellaneous Revenue	3.72%

<b>Expenses</b>	
Conservation of Natural Resources	87.76%
Interest and Service Charges	12.24%

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**  
 Management's Discussion and Analysis – Continued

The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table III shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and other unrestricted revenues.

**TABLE III**  
**TOTAL AND NET COST OF SERVICES**  
 As of December 31, 2020 and 2019

	Total Cost For Year Ended Dec. 31, 2020	Net Cost For Year Ended Dec. 31, 2020	Total Cost For Year Ended Dec. 31, 2019	Net Cost For Year Ended Dec. 31, 2019
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 982,687	\$ (384,279)	\$ 1,138,062	\$ (658,273)
Interest and Service Charges	137,016	(137,016)	159,498	(159,498)
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 1,119,704</u>	<u>\$ (521,295)</u>	<u>\$ 1,297,560</u>	<u>\$ (817,771)</u>

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

The purpose of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on the near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of available resources. Unassigned fund balance generally can be used as a measure of the District's net resources available for spending as of the end of the fiscal year. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The District's governmental funds had total revenue of \$2,280,954 and expenditures of \$3,181,535 for the year ended December 31, 2020. As of December 31, 2020 the unassigned fund balance of the District's general fund was \$(19,755) and total unassigned fund balance for the entire District's governmental funds was \$(213,121).

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

During the course of fiscal year 2020, the District amended (increased) the general fund revenue and transfers in budget by \$133,315 and the general fund expenditures and transfers out budget by \$272,115.

Actual revenue and transfers in for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$25,046 more than budgeted.

Actual expenditures and transfers out for the year ended December 31, 2020 were under budget by \$18,069 due to an accounts payable adjustment at year-end (not reflected on the general ledger in 2020).

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

As of December 31, 2020, the District had \$27,330,379 invested in capital assets, net of depreciation. Table IV shows the capital asset balances at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

**TABLE IV**  
**CAPITAL ASSETS**  
 (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)  
 December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Land	\$ 3,140,119	\$ 3,082,269
Construction in Progress	2,474,196	1,153,111
Facilities	12,079,004	12,469,632
Projects	9,637,060	9,598,665
Total Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 27,330,379</u>	<u>\$ 26,303,677</u>

This total represents a net increase of \$1,026,703 in total capital assets from January 1, 2020. The increase is due to the Lynchburg-Buffalo Channel Improvement project. For a detailed breakdown of the additions and deletions to capital assets, readers are referred to Note 5 to the audited financial statements which follow this analysis.

**LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

Table V shows the balances of long-term liabilities at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

**TABLE V**  
**LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**  
 December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Long-Term Debt		
Special Assessment Bonds	\$ 4,110,000	\$ 5,165,000
Bond Discount	(144,268)	(170,660)
Bond Premium	830	2,254
Loans Payable	-	15,000
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 3,966,562</u>	<u>\$ 5,011,594</u>
Compensated Absences	7,976	5,863
Net Pension Liability	121,267	55,697
Net OPEB Liability	3,138	3,558
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 4,098,942</u>	<u>\$ 5,076,711</u>

Of these amounts, \$1,060,711 was due within one year. Long-term liabilities decreased by \$977,280 over the prior year due to retirement of debt.

For a detailed breakdown of the long-term debt readers are referred to Note 6 to the audited financial statements which follow analysis.

**CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our taxpayers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. Anyone who has questions about information contained in this report or who is interested in receiving additional information is encouraged to contact Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer, Maple River Water Resource District, 1201 Main Avenue West, West Fargo, ND 58078.

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2020

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,422,206
Due from County	2,318
Intergovernmental Receivable	3,837
Taxes Receivable	9,479
Special Assessments Receivable	946
Uncertified Special Assessments Receivable	2,057,086
Capital Assets, Net	<u>27,330,379</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 33,826,251</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Derived from Pension and OPEB	<u>\$ 73,863</u>
Total Assets & Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 33,900,114</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 483,261
Benefits Payable	2,742
Retainages Payable	29,985
Interest Payable	16,589
Long-Term Liabilities	
Due Within One Year	
Long-Term Debt	1,052,735
Compensated Absences Payable	7,976
Due After One Year	
Long-Term Debt	2,913,827
Net Pension Liability	121,267
Net OPEB Liability	<u>3,138</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 4,631,519</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Derived from Pension and OPEB	<u>\$ 27,768</u>
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 4,659,286</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 23,333,831
Restricted	
Conservation of Natural Resources	2,888,434
Debt Service	2,090,616
Unrestricted	<u>927,946</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 29,240,828</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
				Governmental Activities
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 982,687	\$ 493,322	\$ 105,086	\$ (384,279)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	137,016	-	-	(137,016)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 1,119,704</b>	<b>\$ 493,322</b>	<b>\$ 105,086</b>	<b>\$ (521,295)</b>
<b>General Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes				\$ 1,385,641
Non-restricted Grants and Contributions				20,007
Interest Earnings				42,462
Miscellaneous Revenue				35,067
<b>Total General Revenues</b>				<b>\$ 1,483,177</b>
Change in Net Position				\$ 961,882
Net Position - January 1				\$ 28,278,946
Net Position - December 31				<b>\$ 29,240,828</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds

December 31, 2020

	General Fund	Maintenance Fund	Capital Project Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,059,645	\$ 3,262,673	\$ -	\$ 99,888	\$ 4,422,206
Due from County	779	1,538	-	1	2,318
Due from Other Funds	33,240	82,363	-	-	115,602
Taxes Receivable	3,509	5,971	-	-	9,479
Special Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	946	946
Intergovernmental Receivable	3,837	-	-	-	3,837
Uncertified Special Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	2,057,086	2,057,086
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,101,009</b>	<b>\$ 3,352,545</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,157,920</b>	<b>\$ 6,611,474</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$ 27,670	\$ 438,116	\$ 17,475	\$ -	\$ 483,261
Benefits Payable	2,742	-	-	-	2,742
Due to Other Funds	-	82,363	33,240	-	115,602
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 30,411</b>	<b>\$ 520,478</b>	<b>\$ 50,715</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 601,605</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>					
Taxes Receivable	\$ 3,509	\$ 5,971	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,479
Special Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	946	946
Uncertified Special Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	2,057,086	2,057,086
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ 3,509</b>	<b>\$ 5,971</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,058,032</b>	<b>\$ 2,067,511</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ 33,920</b>	<b>\$ 526,449</b>	<b>\$ 50,715</b>	<b>\$ 2,058,032</b>	<b>\$ 2,669,116</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Restricted	\$ -	\$ 2,968,747	\$ -	\$ 99,889	\$ 3,068,635
Committed	1,086,844	-	-	-	1,086,844
Unassigned	(19,755)	(142,651)	(50,715)	-	(213,121)
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,067,089</b>	<b>\$ 2,826,096</b>	<b>\$ (50,715)</b>	<b>\$ 99,889</b>	<b>\$ 3,942,358</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,101,009</b>	<b>\$ 3,352,545</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,157,920</b>	<b>\$ 6,611,474</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2020

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Total *Fund Balances* for Governmental Funds \$ 3,942,358

Total *net position* reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds. 27,330,379

Property taxes and special assessments receivable will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are reported as deferred revenues in the funds.

Property Taxes Receivable	\$ 9,479	
Special Assessments Receivable	<u>946</u>	10,425

Long-Term Uncertified Special Assessments receivable are not reported in the funds because they are unavailable to pay the current period's expenditures. 2,057,086

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions and OPEB	\$ 73,863	
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions and OPEB	<u>(27,768)</u>	46,096

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt and retainage payable is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expense when due. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the statement of net position.

Long-Term debt	\$ (3,966,562)	
Interest Payable	(16,589)	
Retainage Payable	(29,985)	
Compensated Absences	(7,976)	
Net Pension Liability	(121,267)	
Net OPEB Liability	<u>(3,138)</u>	<u>(4,145,516)</u>

Total Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ 29,240,828

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	General Fund	Maintenance Fund	Capital Project Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Taxes	\$ 254,309	\$ 1,134,293	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,388,602
Special Assessments	-	-	-	301,493	301,493
Intergovernmental	20,007	493,322	-	-	513,330
Interest Income	9,633	31,352	-	1,477	42,462
Miscellaneous	5,247	4,820	25,001	-	35,067
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 289,196</b>	<b>\$ 1,663,787</b>	<b>\$ 25,001</b>	<b>\$ 302,970</b>	<b>\$ 2,280,954</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current					
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 160,264	\$ 402,612	\$ 81,036	\$ 97	\$ 644,008
Capital Outlay	224,617	1,125,155	2,677	-	1,352,449
Debt Service					
Principal	-	-	-	1,070,000	1,070,000
Interest	-	-	-	108,623	108,623
Service Fees	-	-	-	6,455	6,455
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 384,881</b>	<b>\$ 1,527,767</b>	<b>\$ 83,713</b>	<b>\$ 1,185,174</b>	<b>\$ 3,181,535</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (95,685)	\$ 136,020	\$ (58,712)	\$ (882,204)	\$ (900,581)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers In	\$ 135,005	\$ 19,385	\$ -	\$ 936,825	\$ 1,091,216
Transfers Out	(135,005)	(936,825)	-	(19,385)	(1,091,216)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (917,440)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 917,440</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ (95,685)</b>	<b>\$ (781,420)</b>	<b>\$ (58,712)</b>	<b>\$ 35,236</b>	<b>\$ (900,581)</b>
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 1,162,774	\$ 3,607,516	\$ 7,997	\$ 64,653	\$ 4,842,940
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 1,067,089	\$ 2,826,096	\$ (50,715)	\$ 99,889	\$ 3,942,358

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**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds  
To the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Net Change in <i>Fund Balances</i> - Total Governmental Funds	\$	(900,581)
<p>The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:</p> <p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.</p>		
Capital Asset Additions	\$	1,643,845
Current Year Depreciation Expense		<u>(617,142)</u>
		1,026,703
<p>The proceeds of debt issuances provide current financial resources of governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.</p>		
Repayment of Long-Term Debt	\$	<u>1,070,000</u>
		1,070,000
<p>Collections on uncertified special assessments is a revenue in the governmental funds, but the collection reduces the long-term receivable in the statement of net position. This is the amount of receivable collection. Issuance of uncertified special assessments increases a long-term receivable via a capital grant/contribution. The issuance of long-term special assessments are not reported in the funds as the assets are not available soon enough after year-end to pay current period expenditures.</p>		
Collection on Long-Term Receivable		(196,660)
<p>Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.</p>		
Net Increase in Compensated Absences	\$	(2,113)
Amortization of Bond Discount		(26,392)
Amortization of Bond Premium		1,424
Net Decrease in Interest Payable		3,030
Net Decrease in Retainage Payable		<u>5,958</u>
		(18,094)
<p>The net pension and OPEB liability, and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are reported in the government wide statements; however, activity related to these pension and OPEB items do not involve current financial resources, and are not reported in the funds.</p>		
Increase in Net Pension Liability	\$	(65,570)
Decrease in Net OPEB Liability		420
Increase in Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions and OPEB		46,330
Decrease in Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions and OPEB		<u>2,043</u>
		(16,777)
<p>Some revenues reported on the statement of activities are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds since they do not represent available resources to pay current expenditures. This consists of the change in taxes receivable and special assessments receivable.</p>		
		<u>(2,708)</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u><u>961,882</u></u>

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**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the Maple River Water Resource District (District), West Fargo, North Dakota, a component unit of Cass County, have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (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. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the District, a component of Cass County, North Dakota. The District has considered all potential component units for which the District is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the District such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the District to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the District.

Based on these criteria, there are no component units to be included within the District as a reporting entity. The District is a component unit within Cass County, North Dakota reporting entity.

**B. Basis of Presentation**

*Government-wide statements.* The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, interest, and non-restricted grants and contributions, are presented as general revenues.

*Fund Financial Statements.* The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – this is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The obligated funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources to help finance a portion of costs of the Maple River Dam. Most of the joint project costs are being paid by the Southeast Cass Water Resource District.

Maintenance Fund - this fund is used to account for yearly drain maintenance and improvements. Special assessments are levied to tax payers in the applicable drain district and used for maintaining drains and improvement projects when necessary. The major source of revenue is a restricted tax levy.

Capital Project Fund – this fund is used to account for the resources accumulated and payments made for project costs related to construction projects.

Debt Service Fund – this fund is used to account for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term debt.

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

*Government-wide Financial Statements.* The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Nonexchange transactions, in which the District gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year in which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year when all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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

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

**D. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits, money market accounts and highly liquid short-term investments with original maturities of 3 months or less.

**E. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include land, equipment and infrastructure assets (drains, dams, channel improvements, etc.), are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more. Such assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets in governmental funds is not capitalized.

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

<b>Asset Type</b>	<b>Years</b>
Facilities	50 years
Major Projects	50 years

**F. Compensated Absences**

Vested or accumulated vacation leave is payable upon separation from employment. 240 hours of vacation may be carried over at year-end. No liability is reported for accumulated sick leave as it is not the District’s policy to pay for it when the employee separates from service. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred into the government-wide financial statements.

**G. Long-Term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs in the current period. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

**H. Pension**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) and additions to/deductions from NDPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NDPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**I. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) and additions to/deductions from NDPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NDPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**J. Fund Balances**

*Fund Balance Spending Policy.* It is the policy of the District to spend restricted resources first, followed by unrestricted resources. It is also the policy of the District to spend unrestricted resources of funds in the following order: committed, assigned and then unassigned.

*Restricted Fund Balances.* Restricted fund balances are shown by primary function on the balance sheet. Restricted fund balances are restricted by tax levies (enabling legislation) and by outside 3rd parties (state and federal governments for various grants and reimbursements).

*Committed Fund Balances.* Committed fund balances exist in the general function and is committed by the highest level of decision making authority (governing board).

*Unassigned Fund Balances.* Unassigned fund balances are reported in the general fund and for negative fund balances at year-end.

**K. Net Position**

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

Net investment in capital assets is reported for capital assets less accumulated depreciation, as well as net of any related debt, to purchase or finance the capital assets. These assets are not available for future spending.

Restrictions of net position in the statement of net position are due to restricted tax levies and restricted federal and state grants/reimbursements.

Unrestricted net position is primarily unrestricted amounts related to the general fund and negative fund balances.

**L. Interfund Transactions**

In the governmental fund statements, transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except reimbursements, are reported as transfers.

In the government-wide financial statements, interfund transactions have been eliminated.

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**NOTE 2: DISTRICT ESTABLISHMENT**

The legislature of the State of North Dakota abolished, effective July 1, 1981, the Cass County Drain Board that had authority over the legal drains in the county. The administrative and financial responsibilities were transferred to individual water resource districts. Since there were special assessment districts established and legal drains constructed in and through more than one water resource district, it was determined that it would be too cumbersome and expensive to administer and account for the finances of the legal drains based on the portion or part of tracts of land contained in the individual districts. An agreement was entered into dated May 27, 1982 between the North Cass, Southeast Cass, Rush River, and Maple River Water Resource Districts to set out the administrative and financial responsibilities that each of the water resource districts shall exercise over certain overlapping legal drains as follows:

- Maple River shall have administrative and financial control over legal drains #14, 35 and 36.
- Rush River shall have administrative and financial control over legal drains #29 and 52.
- North Cass shall have administrative and financial control over legal drain #13 with the following exceptions:
  - (a) Any maintenance expenditure for a sum of \$5,000 or more shall not be undertaken except with the consultation and expressed consent of the Rush River Water Resource District.
  - (b) Any extension or additions to the drain shall not be undertaken except with the consultation and expressed consent of the Rush River Water Resource District.
  - (c) No change in the legal status of the drain shall be undertaken except with the consultation and expressed consent of the Rush River Water Resource District.

In the event of a termination, all funds deposited with the water resource district having administrative and financial control over legal drains shall be divided with respect to such legal drain among the water resource districts in whose district the special assessment district is located and shall be divided in such proportion as the physical area of the special assessment district located in each water resource district bears to the total area of such special assessment district.

**NOTE 3: DEPOSITS**

**Custodial Credit Risk**

Custodial credit risk is the risk associated with the failure of a depository institution, such that in the event of a depository financial institution's failure, the District would not be able to recover the deposits or collateralized securities that in the possession of the outside parties. The District does not have a formal policy regarding deposits that limits the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

In accordance with North Dakota Statutes, the District must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institution situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes, or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, Federal land bank bonds, bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposit, shares of investment companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the State of North Dakota, its boards, agencies or instrumentalities or by any county, city, township, school district, park district, or other political subdivision of the state of North Dakota. Whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing body and bonds issued by any other state of the United States or such other securities approved by the banking board.

At year ended December 31, 2020, the District's carrying amount of deposits and bank balance was \$4,422,206. Of the bank balance, \$252,002 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining bank balance was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

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**NOTE 4: PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes are levied as of January 1. The property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1. The tax levy may be paid in two installments: the first installment includes one-half of the real estate taxes and all of the special assessments; the second installment is the balance of the real estate taxes. The first installment is due by March 1 and the second installment is due by October 15. A 5% discount is allowed if all taxes and special assessments are paid by February 15. After the due dates, the bill becomes delinquent and penalties are assessed.

**NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2020:

	<b>Balance Jan 1</b>	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Decreases</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance Dec 31</b>
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated					
Land	\$ 3,082,269	\$ 57,850	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,140,119
Construction in Progress	1,153,111	1,585,995	-	(264,910)	2,474,196
<b>Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated</b>	<b>\$ 4,235,380</b>	<b>\$ 1,643,845</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (264,910)</b>	<b>\$ 5,614,315</b>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated					
Facilities	\$ 21,331,367	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,331,367
Projects	11,325,739	-	-	264,910	11,590,649
<b>Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated</b>	<b>\$ 32,657,106</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 264,910</b>	<b>\$ 32,922,016</b>
Less Accumulated Depreciation					
Facilities	\$ 8,861,735	\$ 390,627	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,252,363
Projects	1,727,074	226,515	-	-	1,953,589
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>\$ 10,588,810</b>	<b>\$ 617,142</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 11,205,952</b>
<b>Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net</b>	<b>\$ 22,068,296</b>	<b>\$ (617,142)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 264,910</b>	<b>\$ 21,716,064</b>
<b>Total Capital Assets, Net</b>	<b>\$ 26,303,677</b>	<b>\$ 1,026,703</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,330,379</b>

**NOTE 6: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in long-term liabilities:

	<b>Balance Jan 1</b>	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Decreases</b>	<b>Balance Dec 31</b>	<b>Due Within One Year</b>
Long-Term Debt					
Bonds Payable	\$ 5,165,000	\$ -	\$ 1,055,000	\$ 4,110,000	\$ 1,075,000
Bond Discount	(170,660)	-	(26,391.79)	(144,268)	(23,095)
Bond Premium	2,254	-	1,423.50	830	830
Loans Payable	15,000	-	15,000	-	-
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>\$ 5,011,594</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,032</b>	<b>\$ 3,966,562</b>	<b>\$ 1,052,735</b>
Compensated Absences	\$ 5,863	\$ 3,967	\$ 1,855	\$ 7,976	\$ 7,976
Net Pension Liability	55,697	65,570	-	121,267	-
Net OPEB Liability	3,558	-	420	3,138	-
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 5,076,711</b>	<b>\$ 69,537</b>	<b>\$ 1,047,307</b>	<b>\$ 4,098,942</b>	<b>\$ 1,060,711</b>

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The annual requirements to amortize debt outstanding as of December 31, 2020 are as follows:

Year Ending Dec 31	Special Assessment Bonds Payable		Bond Discount	Bond Premium
	Principal	Interest		
2021	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 88,872	\$ (23,095)	\$ 830
2022	1,380,000	64,356	(18,479)	-
2023	550,000	43,019	(17,240)	-
2024	320,000	30,761	(12,354)	-
2025	325,000	21,044	(12,354)	-
2026 – 2030	460,000	37,275	(53,461)	-
2031 – 2035	-	-	(7,284)	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 4,110,000</b>	<b>\$ 285,327</b>	<b>\$(144,268)</b>	<b>\$ 830</b>

**NOTE 7: PENSION PLAN**

**General Information about the NDPERS Pension Plan**

***North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System)***

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDCC Chapter 54-52 for more complete information.

NDPERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all employees of the State of North Dakota, its agencies and various participating political subdivisions. NDPERS provides for pension, death and disability benefits. The cost to administer the plan is financed through the contributions and investment earnings of the plan.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit pension plan is assigned to a Board comprised of nine members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by the active membership of the NDPERS system; one member elected by the retired public employees and two members of the legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative management.

**Pension Benefits**

Benefits are set by statute. NDPERS has no provision or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Members of the Main System are entitled to unreduced monthly pension benefits beginning when the sum of age and years of credited service equal or exceed 85 (Rule of 85), or at normal retirement age (65). For members hired on or after January 1, 2016 the Rule of 85 will be replaced with the Rule of 90 with a minimum age of 60. The monthly pension benefit is equal to 2.00% of their average monthly salary, using the highest 36 months out of the last 180 months of service, for each year of service. For members hired on or after January 1, 2020 the 2.00% multiplier was replaced with a 1.75% multiplier. The plan permits early retirement at ages 55-64 with three or more years of service.

Members may elect to receive the pension benefits in the form of a single life, joint and survivor, term-certain annuity, or partial lump sum with ongoing annuity. Members may elect to receive the value of their accumulated contributions, plus interest, as a lump sum distribution upon retirement or termination, or they may elect to receive their benefits in the form of an annuity. For each member electing an annuity, total payment will not be less than the members' accumulated contributions plus interest.

**Death and Disability Benefits**

Death and disability benefits are set by statute. If an active member dies with less than three years of service for the Main System, a death benefit equal to the value of the member's accumulated contributions, plus interest, is paid to the member's beneficiary. If the member has earned more than three years of credited service for the Main System, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a single payment refund, life-time monthly payments in an amount equal to 50% of the member's accrued normal retirement benefit, or monthly payments in an amount equal to the member's accrued 100% Joint and Survivor retirement benefit if the member had reached normal retirement age prior to date of death. If

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the surviving spouse dies before the member’s accumulated pension benefits are paid, the balance will be payable to the surviving spouse’s designated beneficiary.

Eligible members who become totally disabled after a minimum of 180 days of service, receive monthly disability equal to 25% of their final average salary with a minimum benefit of \$100. To qualify under this section, the member has to become disabled during the period of eligible employment and apply for benefits within one year of termination. The definition for disabled is set by the NDPERS in the North Dakota Administrative Code.

**Refunds of Member Account Balance**

Upon termination, if a member of the Main System is not vested (is not 65 or does not have three years of service), they will receive the accumulated member contributions and vested employer contributions, plus interest, or may elect to receive this amount at a later date. If the member has vested, they have the option of applying for a refund or can remain as a terminated vested participant. If a member terminated and withdrew their accumulated member contribution and is subsequently reemployed, they have the option of repurchasing their previous service.

**Member and Employer Contributions**

Member and employer contributions paid to NDPERS are set by statute and are established as a percent of salaries and wages. Member contribution rates are 7% and employer contributions rates are 7.12% of covered compensation. For members hired on or after January 1, 2020 member contribution rates are 7% and employer contribution rates are 8.26% of covered compensation.

The member’s account balance includes the vested employer contributions equal to the member’s contributions to an eligible deferred compensation plan. The minimum member contribution is \$25 and the maximum may not exceed the following:

1 to 12 months of service	Greater of one percent of monthly salary or \$25
13 to 24 months of service	Greater of two percent of monthly salary or \$25
25 to 36 months of service	Greater of three percent of monthly salary or \$25
Longer than 36 months of service	Greater of four percent of monthly salary or \$25

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

At December 31, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$121,267 for its proportionate share of net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Districts’ share of covered payroll in the main system pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating main system employers. At June 30, 2020, the District’s proportion was .003855 percent, which was a decrease of .000897 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the District recognized pension expense of \$19,700. At December 31, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources.

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 472	\$ 6,145
Changes of Assumptions	65,007	10,747
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment		
Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	3,914	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District		
Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	2,070	10,302
District Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	1,541	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 73,004</b>	<b>\$ 27,194</b>



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\$1,541 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2021.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows.

2021	\$	13,805
2022		11,677
2023		8,576
2024		10,211

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.25%
Salary increases	3.50% to 17.75% including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the Sex-distinct Pub-2010 table for General Employees, with scaling based on actual experience. Respective corresponding tables were used for healthy retirees, disabled retirees, and active members. Mortality rates are projected from 2010 using the MP-2019 scale.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Fund’s target asset allocation are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	30%	6.30%
International Equity	21%	6.85%
Private Equity	7%	9.75%
Domestic Fixed Income	23%	1.25%
International Fixed Income	0%	0.00%
Global Real Assets	19%	5.01%
Cash Equivalents	0%	0.00%

**Discount Rate**

For PERS, GASB Statement No. 67 includes a specific requirement for the discount rate that is used for the purpose of the measurement of the Total Pension Liability. This rate considers the ability of the System to meet benefit obligations in the future. To make this determination, employer contributions, employee contributions, benefit payments, expenses and investment returns are projected into the future. The current employer and employee fixed rate contributions are assumed to be made in each future year. The Plan Net Position (assets) in future years can then be determined and compared to its obligation to make benefit payments in those years. In years where assets are not projected to be sufficient to meet benefit payments, which is the case for the PERS plan, the use of a municipal bond rate is required.

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The Single Discount Rate (SDR) is equivalent to applying these two rates to the benefits that are projected to be paid during the different time periods. The SDR reflects (1) the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (during the period in which the fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits) and (2) a tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate of return are not met).

For the purpose of this valuation, the expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00%; the municipal bond rate is 2.45%; and the resulting Single Discount Rate is 4.64%.

**Sensitivity of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount rate.**

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 4.64 percent, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (3.64 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.64 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (3.64%)	Current Discount Rate (4.64%)	1% Increase (5.64%)
District’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 157,334	\$ 121,267	\$ 91,754

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued NDPERS financial report.

**NOTE 8: OPEB PLAN**

**General Information about the OPEB Plan**

***North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System***

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDAC Chapter 71-06 for more complete information.

NDPERS OPEB plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan that covers members receiving retirement benefits from the PERS, the HPRS, and Judges retired under Chapter 27-17 of the North Dakota Century Code a credit toward their monthly health insurance premium under the state health plan based upon the member’s years of credited service. Effective July 1, 2015, the credit is also available to apply towards monthly premiums under the state dental, vision and long-term care plan and any other health insurance plan. Effective August 1, 2019, the benefit may be used for any eligible health, prescription drug plan, dental, vision, or long term care plan premium expense. The Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund is advance-funded on an actuarially determined basis.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit OPEB plan is assigned to a Board comprised of nine members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by the active membership of the NDPERS system, one member elected by the retired public employees and two members of the legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative management.

**OPEB Benefits**

The employer contribution for the PERS, the HPRS and the Defined Contribution Plan is set by statute at 1.14% of covered compensation. The employer contribution for employees of the state board of career and technical education is 2.99% of covered compensation for a period of eight years ending October 1, 2015. Employees participating in the retirement plan as part-time/temporary members are required to contribute 1.14% of their covered compensation to the Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund. Employees purchasing previous service credit are also required to make an

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employee contribution to the Fund. The benefit amount applied each year is shown as *"prefunded credit applied"* on the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Position for the OPEB trust funds. Beginning January 1, 2020, members first enrolled in the NDPERS Main System and the Defined Contribution Plan on or after that date will not be eligible to participate in RHIC. Therefore, RHIC will become for the most part a closed plan. There were no other benefit changes during the year.

Retiree health insurance credit benefits and death and disability benefits are set by statute. There are no provisions or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Employees who are receiving monthly retirement benefits from the PERS, the HPRS, the Defined Contribution Plan, the Chapter 27-17 judges or an employee receiving disability benefits, or the spouse of a deceased annuitant receiving a surviving spouse benefit or if the member selected a joint and survivor option are eligible to receive a credit toward their monthly health insurance premium under the state health plan.

Effective July 1, 2015, the credit is also available to apply towards monthly premiums under the state dental, vision and long-term care plan and any other health insurance plan. Effective August 1, 2019, the benefit may be used for any eligible health, prescription drug plan, dental, vision, or long term care plan premium expense. The benefits are equal to \$5.00 for each of the employee's, or deceased employee's years of credited service not to exceed the premium in effect for selected coverage. The retiree health insurance credit is also available for early retirement with reduced benefits.

**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

At December 31, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$3,138 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2020 and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the Employer's share of covered payroll in the OPEB plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating OPEB employers. At June 30, 2020, the District's proportion was .003730 percent, which was a decrease of .00070% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$355. At December 31, 2020 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 69	\$ 75
Changes of Assumptions	421	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment		
Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	108	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District		
Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	14	498
District Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	247	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 859</b>	<b>\$ 574</b>

\$247 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended December 31, 2021.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEBs will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

2021	\$ 5
2022	33
2023	27
2024	(6)
2025	(24)
2026	4

**Actuarial assumptions**

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.25%
Salary increases	Not applicable
Investment rate of return	6.50%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the Mortality Pub-2010 Healthy Retiree Mortality Table (for General Employees), sex-distinct, with rates multiplied by 103% for males and 101% for females. Pub-2010 Disables Retiree Mortality table (for General Employees), sex-distinct, with rates multiplied by 117% for males and 112% for females. Pub-2010 Employee Mortality table (for General Employees), sex-distinct, with rates multiplied by 92% for both males and females. Mortality rates are projected from 2010 using the MP-2019 scale.

The long-term expected investment rate of return assumption for the RHIC fund was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of RHIC investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Estimates of arithmetic real rates of return, for each major asset class included in the RHIC’s target asset allocation as of July 1, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Large Cap Domestic Equities	33%	6.10%
Small Cap Domestic Equities	6%	7.00%
Domestic Fixed Income	40%	1.15%
International Equities	21%	6.45%

**Discount rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 6.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member and statutory/Board approved employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2017, HPRS actuarial valuation reports. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current RHIC members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries are not included. Based on those assumptions, the RHIC fiduciary net position was projected to be sufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on RHIC investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

**Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate**

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Plans as of June 30, 2020, calculated using the discount rate of 6.50%, as well as what the RHIC net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.50 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.50 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.50%)	Current Discount Rate (6.50%)	1% Increase (7.50%)
District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 4,115	\$ 3,138	\$ 2,311

**NOTE 9: JOINT VENTURES**

Under authorization of state statutes, the Maple River Water Resource District joined Southeast Cass Water Resource District, Rush River Water Resource District, North Cass Water Resource District, and the water resource districts of Richland County, Grand Forks County, Pembina County, Traill County, Steele County, Walsh County, Nelson County, Ransom County, and Sargent County to establish and operate a joint exercise of powers agreement for the water management districts located within the Red River Valley. Known as the Red River Joint Water Resource Board, the agreement was established for the mutual advantage of the governments. Each government appoints one member of the board of directors for the joint venture. The operating and capital expenses are funded by contributions from each government. Each government's share of assets, liabilities, and fund equity cannot be determined as no provision is made for this in the joint venture agreement and each government's contribution each year depends on where Red River Joint Water Resource Board projects are being undertaken.

The following is a summary of financial information on the joint venture as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, which is the most current audited information available:

Total Assets	\$ 15,159,408
Total Liabilities	190,456
Net Position	\$ 14,968,952
Revenues	\$ 2,760,071
Expenses	1,168,138
Change in Net Position	\$ 1,591,933

Complete financial statements for the Red River Joint Water Resource District may be obtained from the Treasurer's office at Red River Joint Water Resource District, 1201 Main Avenue West, West Fargo, ND 58078.

**NOTE 10: 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; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDRIF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The District is covered under Cass County's insurance policies and pays an annual premium to NDRIF for its general liability, auto, and inland marine insurance coverage. The coverage by NDRIF is limited to losses of three million dollars per occurrence.

The State Bonding Fund currently provides the District with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The District has workers compensation with the Workforce, Safety and Insurance and purchases commercial insurance for employee health and accident insurance.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

**NOTE 11: CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS**

The District has the following open construction contracts with balances owing at December 31, 2020:

Location	Project	Contract Amount	Total Completed	Retainage	Remaining Balance
Lynchburg-Buffalo	Channel Improvements	976,882	965,614	24,140	35,408
Upper Maple River Dam	Outlet Improvements	116,900	116,900	5,845	5,845
	Total	\$ 1,093,782	\$ 1,082,514	\$ 29,985	\$ 41,253

**NOTE 12: TRANSFERS**

The following is reconciliation between transfers in and transfers out as reported in the basic financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020:

	<b>Transfers In</b>	<b>Transfers Out</b>
General Fund	\$ 135,005	\$ 135,005
Maintenance Fund	19,385	936,825
Debt Service Fund	936,825	19,385
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>\$ 1,091,216</b>	<b>\$ 1,091,216</b>

Transfers are used to move unrestricted general revenue to finance programs that the water resource district accounts for in other funds in accordance with budget authority and to subsidize other programs.

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 Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 235,040	\$ 235,040	\$ 254,309	\$ 19,269
Intergovernmental	19,800	19,800	20,007	207
Interest Income	8,000	8,000	9,633	1,633
Miscellaneous	3,000	3,000	5,247	2,247
Total Revenues	\$ 265,840	\$ 265,840	\$ 289,196	\$ 23,356
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 265,840	\$ 299,180	\$ 160,264	\$ 138,916
Capital Outlay	-	238,775	224,617	14,158
Total Expenditures	\$ 265,840	\$ 537,955	\$ 384,881	\$ 153,074
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ -	\$ (272,115)	\$ (95,685)	\$ 176,430
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 133,315	\$ 135,005	\$ 1,690
Transfers Out	-	-	(135,005)	(135,005)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ 133,315	\$ -	\$ (133,315)
Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$ -	\$ (138,800)	\$ (95,685)	\$ 43,114
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 1,162,774	\$ 1,162,774	\$ 1,162,774	\$ -
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 1,162,774	\$ 1,023,974	\$ 1,067,089	\$ 43,114

The accompanying required supplementary information notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Maintenance Fund  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 996,990	\$ 1,690,080	\$ 1,134,293	\$ (555,787)
Intergovernmental	-	-	493,322	493,322
Interest Income	-	-	31,352	31,352
Miscellaneous	-	-	4,820	4,820
Total Revenues	\$ 996,990	\$ 1,690,080	\$ 1,663,787	\$ (26,293)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 2,075,000	\$ 3,017,020	\$ 402,612	\$ 2,614,408
Capital Outlay	-	-	1,125,155	(1,125,155)
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,075,000	\$ 3,017,020	\$ 1,527,767	\$ 1,489,253
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (1,078,010)	\$ (1,326,940)	\$ 136,020	\$ 1,462,960
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,385	\$ 19,385
Transfers Out	-	-	(936,825)	(936,825)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (917,440)	\$ (917,440)
Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$ (1,078,010)	\$ (1,326,940)	\$ (781,420)	\$ 545,520
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 3,607,516	\$ 3,607,516	\$ 3,607,516	\$ -
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 2,529,506	\$ 2,280,576	\$ 2,826,096	\$ 545,520

The accompanying required supplementary information notes are an integral part of this schedule.



**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Schedule of District's Share of Net Pension Liability and District Contributions

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

**Schedule of District's Share of Net Pension Liability  
ND Public Employees Retirement System  
Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	District's Covered-Employee Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2020	0.003855%	\$ 121,267	\$ 42,521	285.19%	48.91%
2019	0.004752%	55,697	49,428	112.68%	71.66%
2018	0.004718%	79,625	48,471	164.27%	62.80%
2017	0.004760%	76,506	48,590	157.45%	61.98%
2016	0.003920%	38,200	39,500	96.71%	70.46%
2015	0.004511%	30,673	40,186	76.33%	77.15%
2014	0.004029%	25,571	33,937	75.35%	77.70%

**Schedule of District Contributions  
ND Public Employees Retirement System  
Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	Statutory Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Statutory Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered-Employee Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll
2020	\$ 3,011	\$ 2,818	\$ 193	\$ 42,521	6.63%
2019	3,599	3,519	80	49,428	7.12%
2018	3,570	3,417	153	48,471	7.05%
2017	3,523	3,715	(191)	48,590	7.64%
2016	2,860	3,063	(203)	39,500	7.75%
2015	3,052	2,997	55	40,186	7.46%
2014	2,416	2,416	-	33,937	7.12%

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Schedule of District's Share of Net OPEB Liability and District Contributions  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

**Schedule of District's Share of Net OPEB Liability  
 ND Public Employees Retirement System  
 Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset)	District's Covered-Employee Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability
2020	0.003730%	\$ 3,138	\$ 42,521	7.38%	63.38%
2019	0.004430%	3,558	49,428	7.20%	63.13%
2018	0.004430%	3,489	48,471	7.20%	61.89%
2017	0.004491%	3,553	48,590	7.31%	59.78%

**Schedule of District Contributions  
 ND Public Employees Retirement System  
 Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	Statutory Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Statutory Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered-Employee Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll
2020	\$ 500	\$ 451	\$ 48	\$ 42,521	1.06%
2019	575	563	11	49,428	1.14%
2018	569	547	22	48,471	1.13%
2017	565	595	(30)	48,590	1.22%

**NOTE 1: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Budget**

- The District adopts an “appropriated budget” on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) for the general fund, each maintenance fund and debt service fund of the district.
- The budget includes proposed expenditures and means of financing them.
- The District holds a public hearing where any taxpayer may appear and shall be heard in favor of or against any proposed disbursements or tax levies. When the hearing shall have been concluded, the District shall adopt such estimate as finally is determined upon. All taxes shall be levied in specific amounts and shall not exceed the amount specified in the published estimates. NDCC 11-23-04
- The District, on or before the October meeting shall determine the amount of taxes that shall be levied for county purposes and shall levy all such taxes in specific amounts. NDCC 11-23-05
- The District must file the budget with the county auditor by October 10th.
- Each budget is controlled by the District secretary-treasurer at the revenue and expenditure function/object level.
- The current budget, except for property taxes, may be amended during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared. NDCC 57-15-31.1
- All appropriations lapse at year-end.

**NOTE 2: LEGAL COMPLIANCE - BUDGETS**

**Budget Amendments**

The District managers amended the District budget for 2020 as follows:

Fund	REVENUES & TRANSFERS IN		
	Original Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
General Fund	\$ 265,840	\$ 133,315	\$ 399,155
Maintenance Fund	996,990	693,090	1,690,080
Capital Project Fund	-	25,000	25,000
Debt Service Fund	1,253,820	(17,085)	1,236,735

Fund	EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS OUT		
	Original Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
General Fund	\$ 265,840	\$ 272,115	\$ 537,955
Maintenance Fund	2,075,000	942,020	3,017,020
Capital Project Fund	-	69,375	69,375
Debt Service Fund	1,237,150	127,340	1,364,490

**NOTE 3: SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT PENSION AND OPEB LIABILITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

GASB Statements No. 68 and 75 require ten years of information to be presented in these tables. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District will present information for those years for which information is available.

**NOTE 4: CHANGES OF BENEFIT TERMS - PENSIONS AND OPEB**

**Pension**

The interest rate earned on member contributions will decrease from 7.00 percent to 6.50 percent effective January 1, 2021 (based on the adopted decrease in the investment return assumption). New Main System members who are hired on or after January 1, 2020 will have a benefit multiplier of 1.75 percent (compared to the current benefit multiplier of 2.00 percent). The fixed employer contribution for new members of the Main System will increase from 7.12 percent to 8.26 percent. For members who terminate after December 31, 2019, final average salary is the higher of the final average salary calculated on December 31, 2019 or the average salary earned in the three highest periods of twelve consecutive months employed during the last 180 months of employment. There have been no other changes in plan provisions since the previous actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019.

**OPEB**

Beginning January 1, 2020, members first enrolled in the NDPERS Main System and the Defined Contribution Plan on or after that date will not be eligible to participate in RHIC. Therefore, RHIC will become for the most part a closed plan. There have been no other changes in plan provisions since the previous actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018.

**NOTE 5: CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS - PENSIONS AND OPEB**

The Board approved the following changes to the actuarial assumptions beginning with the July 1, 2019 valuation:

- The investment return assumption was lowered from 7.5% to 7.0% for Pension.
- The investment return assumption was lowered from 7.25% to 6.50% for OPEB.
- The assumed rate of price inflation was lowered from 2.5 to 2.25 percent for the July 1, 2020 valuation.
- The assumed rate of total payroll growth was updated for the July 1, 2020 valuation.
- Mortality table updates were made for the July 1, 2020 valuation.

All other actuarial assumptions and the actuarial cost method are unchanged from the last actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019.

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Schedule of Fund Activity – Cash Basis

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Balance 1-1-20	Receipts	Transfers In	Debt Proceeds	Transfers Out	Disbursements	Balance 12-31-20
<b>General Fund</b>							
General Fund	\$ 4,412.45	\$ 290,321.53	\$ 1,690.00	\$ -	\$ 133,315.00	\$ 159,810.42	\$ 3,298.56
Maple River WRD Obligated Funds	1,192,301.72	-	133,315.00	-	1,690.00	237,082.56	1,086,844.16
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1,196,714.17</b>	<b>\$ 290,321.53</b>	<b>\$ 135,005.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 135,005.00</b>	<b>\$ 396,892.98</b>	<b>\$ 1,090,142.72</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund</b>							
Drain Cass Richland #1	\$ 117,409.78	\$ 182,900.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,617.15	\$ 247,693.23
Swan Creek Maintenance (Z078)	420,408.08	118,146.77	-	-	-	47,828.29	490,726.56
MR-1 (Drains 15, 39, 58 and 59)	427,126.73	105,460.94	-	-	188,955.00	63,685.30	279,947.37
MR-2 (Drains 14, 34 and 36)	607,010.04	419,167.11	-	-	544,035.00	121,972.43	360,169.72
Drain #37	363,027.81	47,013.08	-	-	59,650.00	4,825.01	345,565.88
Drain #46	32,363.61	86,075.34	-	-	-	94,631.65	23,807.30
Drain #54	17,874.20	7,834.52	-	-	-	17,907.75	7,800.97
Drain #56	41,036.32	36,414.90	-	-	-	21,914.80	55,536.42
Casselton Township Improve. #62M	46,601.09	10,392.78	-	-	35,600.13	5,951.34	15,442.40
Casselton Township Improve #64M	114,659.22	13,408.81	19,385.45	-	-	1,989.00	145,464.48
Garsteig-Embden Maintenance District	1,716,272.23	597,144.93	-	-	108,585.00	830,335.58	1,374,496.58
Pontiac Township Imp District #73M	(776.44)	10,229.05	-	-	-	11,067.50	(1,614.89)
Upper Maple River Dam Maintenance	6,094.64	36,469.75	-	-	-	124,927.17	(82,362.78)
<b>Total Maintenance Fund</b>	<b>\$ 3,909,107.31</b>	<b>\$ 1,670,658.58</b>	<b>\$ 19,385.45</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 936,825.13</b>	<b>\$ 1,399,652.97</b>	<b>\$ 3,262,673.24</b>
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>							
Davenport Flood Protection Project	\$ (10,605.45)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,276.56	\$ (66,882.01)
Cornell Township Drainage Imp Dist #80	-	-	-	-	-	410.00	(410.00)
Tower Township Imp District #77	22,144.59	-	-	-	-	-	22,144.59
Tower Township Imp District #79	-	25,000.99	-	-	-	13,093.20	11,907.79
<b>Total Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>\$ 11,539.14</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.99</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 69,779.76</b>	<b>\$ (33,239.63)</b>
<b>Debt Service Fund</b>							
MR-1 (Drain 15 & 39) P & I	\$ 205.49	\$ -	\$ 188,955.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 188,951.20	\$ 209.29
Drain #14 P & I	83.56	-	544,035.00	-	-	543,980.00	138.56
Drain #37 P & I	45.35	-	59,650.00	-	-	59,668.80	26.55
Casselton Twp Imp Dist #62	(35,600.36)	0.23	35,600.13	-	-	-	-
Casselton Twp Imp Dist #64	18,936.96	15,840.45	-	-	19,385.45	15,391.96	-
Lynchburg-Buffalo Imp Project #72	372.09	-	108,585.00	-	-	108,559.36	397.73
Pontiac Township Imp Dist #73	(22,111.53)	135,009.30	-	-	-	176,684.11	(63,786.34)
Upper Maple River Dam P&I	102,717.89	152,123.08	-	-	-	91,938.75	162,902.22
<b>Total Debt Service Fund</b>	<b>\$ 64,649.45</b>	<b>\$ 302,973.06</b>	<b>\$ 936,825.13</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 19,385.45</b>	<b>\$ 1,185,174.18</b>	<b>\$ 99,888.01</b>
<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$ 5,182,010.07</b>	<b>\$ 2,288,954.16</b>	<b>\$ 1,091,215.58</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,091,215.58</b>	<b>\$ 3,051,499.89</b>	<b>\$ 4,419,464.34</b>

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Combining Balance Sheet – Maintenance Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Drain CR #1M	Swan Creek Maint.	Drain MR-1	Drain MR-2	Drain #37
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 247,693	\$ 490,727	\$ 279,947	\$ 360,170	\$ 345,566
Taxes Receivable	64	1,420	368	84	10
Due from County	-	108	520	-	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 247,757</b>	<b>\$ 492,255</b>	<b>\$ 280,835</b>	<b>\$ 360,304</b>	<b>\$ 345,576</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$ 289,997	\$ 2,083	\$ 921	\$ 63,988	\$ -
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 289,997</b>	<b>\$ 2,083</b>	<b>\$ 921</b>	<b>\$ 63,988</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Taxes Receivable	\$ 64	\$ 1,420	\$ 368	\$ 84	\$ 10
<b>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ 290,061</b>	<b>\$ 3,503</b>	<b>\$ 1,289</b>	<b>\$ 64,072</b>	<b>\$ 10</b>
Fund Balances					
Restricted	\$ -	\$ 488,751	\$ 279,546	\$ 296,232	\$ 345,566
Unassigned	(42,304)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ (42,304)</b>	<b>\$ 488,751</b>	<b>\$ 279,546</b>	<b>\$ 296,232</b>	<b>\$ 345,566</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 247,757</b>	<b>\$ 492,255</b>	<b>\$ 280,835</b>	<b>\$ 360,304</b>	<b>\$ 345,576</b>

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**  
 Combining Balance Sheet – Maintenance Fund - Continued

Drain #46	Drain #54	Drain #56	Casselton Township Imp. #62M	Casselton Township Imp. #64M	Garsteig-Embden Maint District	Pontiac Twp Imp Dist. #73M	Upper Maple River Dam Maint District	Total Maintenance Fund
\$ 23,807	\$ 7,801	\$ 55,536	\$ 15,442	\$ 145,464	\$ 1,292,134	\$ (1,615)	\$ -	\$ 3,262,673
1,224	-	-	226	46	2,528	-	-	5,971
-	-	-	-	-	861	-	-	1,538
-	-	-	-	-	82,363	-	-	82,363
<b>\$ 25,032</b>	<b>\$ 7,801</b>	<b>\$ 55,536</b>	<b>\$ 15,668</b>	<b>\$ 145,510</b>	<b>\$ 1,377,886</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,352,545</b>
\$ 30,673	\$ -	\$ 599	\$ 23,114	\$ -	\$ 24,907	\$ -	\$ 1,833	\$ 438,116
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82,363	82,363
<b>\$ 30,673</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 599</b>	<b>\$ 23,114</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 24,907</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 84,195</b>	<b>\$ 520,478</b>
\$ 1,224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226	\$ 46	\$ 2,528	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,971
\$ 31,897	\$ -	\$ 599	\$ 23,340	\$ 46	\$ 27,436	\$ -	\$ 84,195	\$ 526,449
\$ -	\$ 7,801	\$ 54,937	\$ -	\$ 145,464	\$ 1,350,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,968,747
(6,865)	-	-	(7,672)	-	-	(1,615)	(84,195)	(142,651)
<b>\$ (6,865)</b>	<b>\$ 7,801</b>	<b>\$ 54,937</b>	<b>\$ (7,672)</b>	<b>\$ 145,464</b>	<b>\$ 1,350,450</b>	<b>\$ (1,615)</b>	<b>\$ (84,195)</b>	<b>\$ 2,826,096</b>
<b>\$ 25,032</b>	<b>\$ 7,801</b>	<b>\$ 55,536</b>	<b>\$ 15,668</b>	<b>\$ 145,510</b>	<b>\$ 1,377,886</b>	<b>\$ (1,615)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,352,545</b>

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Maintenance Fund  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Drain CR #1M	Swan Creek Maint.	Drain MR-1	Drain MR-2	Drain #37
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Taxes	\$ 181,091	\$ 114,539	\$ 98,542	\$ 224,038	\$ 44,261
Intergovernmental	-	-	4,534	190,903	-
Interest Income	1,781	3,715	2,900	4,276	2,752
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 182,872</b>	<b>\$ 118,255</b>	<b>\$ 105,975</b>	<b>\$ 419,217</b>	<b>\$ 47,013</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current					
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 18,954	\$ 49,317	\$ 35,349	\$ 112,232	\$ 4,825
Capital Outlay	323,573	-	-	(61,764)	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 342,527</b>	<b>\$ 49,317</b>	<b>\$ 35,349</b>	<b>\$ 50,468</b>	<b>\$ 4,825</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (159,655)	\$ 68,938	\$ 70,626	\$ 368,749	\$ 42,188
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers Out	-	-	(188,955)	(544,035)	(59,650)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (188,955)</b>	<b>\$ (544,035)</b>	<b>\$ (59,650)</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ (159,655)</b>	<b>\$ 68,938</b>	<b>\$ (118,329)</b>	<b>\$ (175,286)</b>	<b>\$ (17,462)</b>
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 117,351	\$ 419,813	\$ 397,875	\$ 471,518	\$ 363,028
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ (42,304)	\$ 488,751	\$ 279,546	\$ 296,232	\$ 345,566



**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Maintenance Fund - Continued

Drain #46	Drain #54	Drain #56	Casselton Twp. Imp. Dist. #62M	Casselton Twp. Imp. Dist. #64M	Garsteig-Embden Maint Dist	Pontiac Twp Imp Dist. #73M	Upper Maple River Dam Maint Dist	Total Maintenance Fund
\$ 85,735	\$ 5,968	\$ 36,009	\$ 9,992	\$ 12,476	\$ 279,977	\$ 10,192	\$ 31,473	\$ 1,134,293
-	-	-	-	-	297,886	-	-	493,322
308	151	406	401	932	13,516	36	178	31,352
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,820	4,820
<b>\$ 86,043</b>	<b>\$ 6,119</b>	<b>\$ 36,415</b>	<b>\$ 10,393</b>	<b>\$ 13,409</b>	<b>\$ 591,378</b>	<b>\$ 10,228</b>	<b>\$ 36,470</b>	<b>\$ 1,663,787</b>
\$ 61,101	\$ 16,788	\$ 22,514	\$ 29,066	\$ 1,989	\$ 27,759	\$ 10,928	\$ 11,791	\$ 402,612
-	-	-	-	-	752,291	-	111,055	1,125,155
<b>\$ 61,101</b>	<b>\$ 16,788</b>	<b>\$ 22,514</b>	<b>\$ 29,066</b>	<b>\$ 1,989</b>	<b>\$ 780,050</b>	<b>\$ 10,928</b>	<b>\$ 122,846</b>	<b>\$ 1,527,767</b>
\$ 24,942	\$ (10,669)	\$ 13,901	\$ (18,673)	\$ 11,420	\$ (188,672)	\$ (699)	\$ (86,376)	\$ 136,020
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,385	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,385
-	-	-	(35,600)	-	(108,585)	-	-	(936,825)
<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (35,600)</b>	<b>\$ 19,385</b>	<b>\$ (108,585)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (917,440)</b>
\$ 24,942	\$ (10,669)	\$ 13,901	\$ (54,273)	\$ 30,805	\$ (297,257)	\$ (699)	\$ (86,376)	\$ (781,420)
\$ (31,808)	\$ 18,470	\$ 41,036	\$ 46,601	\$ 114,659	\$ 1,647,707	\$ (916)	\$ 2,181	\$ 3,607,516
<b>\$ (6,865)</b>	<b>\$ 7,801</b>	<b>\$ 54,937</b>	<b>\$ (7,672)</b>	<b>\$ 145,464</b>	<b>\$ 1,350,450</b>	<b>\$ (1,615)</b>	<b>\$ (84,195)</b>	<b>\$ 2,826,096</b>

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## 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*

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### Independent Auditor's Report

Governing Board  
Maple River Water Resource District  
West Fargo, North Dakota

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* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Maple River Water Resource District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Maple River Water Resource District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 16, 2021.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Maple River Water Resource 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 Maple River Water Resource District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Maple River Water Resource 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 have not been identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying *schedule of audit findings* as item 2020-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

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* - Continued

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**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Maple River Water Resource District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Maple River Water Resource District's Response to Findings**

Maple River Water Resource District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying *schedule of audit findings*. Maple River Water Resource 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 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.

Joshua C. Gallion  
State Auditor

Bismarck, North Dakota  
June 16, 2021

**MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT**

Summary of Auditor's Results  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

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**Financial Statements**

Type of Report Issued:	
Governmental Activities	Unmodified
Major Funds	Unmodified

**Internal control over financial reporting**

Material weaknesses identified?	<u>  X  </u> Yes	<u>      </u> None Noted
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	<u>      </u> Yes	<u>  X  </u> None Noted
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<u>      </u> Yes	<u>  X  </u> None Noted

# MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

Schedule of Audit Findings

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

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## 2020-001 - LACK OF SEGREGATION OF DUTIES – MATERIAL WEAKNESS

### Condition

The Maple River Water Resource District has one secretary-treasurer and one accountant responsible for the primary accounting functions. A lack of segregation of duties exists as two employees are responsible to collect monies, deposit monies, issue checks, send checks to vendors, record receipts and disbursements in journals, maintain the general ledger, and perform bank reconciliations.

### Effect

The lack of segregation of duties increases the risk of material misstatement to the Maple River Water Resource District's financial condition, whether due to fraud or error.

### Cause

Management has chosen to allocate economic resources to other functions of the Maple River Water Resource District.

### Criteria

According to the COSO framework, proper internal control surrounding custody of assets, the recording of transactions, reconciling bank accounts and preparation of financial statements dictates that there should be sufficient accounting personnel, so duties of employees are properly segregated. The segregation of duties would provide better control over the assets of the Maple River Water Resource District.

### Repeat Finding

Yes

### Recommendation

To mitigate the risk associated with this lack of segregation of duties, we recommend the following: •

- Financial statements and credit memos should be reviewed by a responsible official. •
- Where possible, segregate the functions of approval, posting, custody of assets, and reconciliation as they relate to any amounts which impact the financial statements. •
- Include the board in reviewing bank reconciliations, credit memos, manual adjustments, etc.

### Maple River Water Resource District's Response

We agree that a lack of segregation of duties exists. If the board does hire more administration, duties will be further segregated to the fullest extent possible. We understand that this will be a repeated recommendation due to the limited number of staff employed by the District.

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## GOVERNANCE COMMUNICATION

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Governing Board  
Maple River Water Resource District  
West Fargo, North Dakota

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Maple River Water Resource District, North Dakota, for the year ended December 31, 2020 which collectively comprise Maple River Water Resource District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 16, 2021. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

### **Our Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in The United States of America, Government Auditing Standards and by the Uniform Guidance**

As stated in our engagement letter dated April 13, 2021, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. Because of the concept of reasonable assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, or fraud may exist and not be detected by us.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Maple River Water Resource District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Maple River Water Resource 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 and other matters, 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.

### **Significant Accounting Policies/Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices**

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Maple River Water Resource District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. Application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2020. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements presented 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 most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements is useful lives of capital assets.

**Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements**

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and report them to the appropriate level of management. None of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

**Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, or reporting matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

**Management Representations**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 16, 2021.

**Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to Maple River Water Resource District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

**Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

**Other Audit Findings or Issues**

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the governing board and management of Maple River Water Resource District, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used for any other purpose. We would be happy to meet with you and any member of your staff to discuss any of the items in this letter in more detail if you so desire.

Thank you and the employees of Maple River Water Resource District for the courteous and friendly assistance we received during the course of our audit. It is a pleasure for us to be able to serve Maple River Water Resource District.

Joshua C. Gallion  
State Auditor

Bismarck, North Dakota  
June 16, 2021



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