

RED RIVER
REGIONAL COUNCIL
GRAFTON, NORTH DAKOTA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
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RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
LIST OF OFFICIALS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

Chris Lipsh	President
Cynthia Pic	Vice-president
Lauren Wild	Treasurer
Dawn Mandt	Secretary
Dan Stenvold	Past President
Lacey Hinkle	
Gerald Uglem	
Kristina Halverson	
Mary Houdek	
Maynard Loibl	
Bret Weber	
Barry Wilfahrt	
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Gary Paulson, Advisory

Harold J. Rotunda

Certified Public Accountant

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
Red River Regional Council
Grafton, North Dakota

I have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Red River Regional Council as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council'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 the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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 I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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 in 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, I 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Red River Regional Council as of December 31, 2020, and the changes in modified cash basis financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. My opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Other information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Red River Regional Council's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. In my opinion, the Schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basis financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued reports dated November 5, 2021, on my considerations of the Council's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my 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 the Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

West Fargo, North Dakota
November 5, 2021

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RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION- MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and investments	658,407.25
Loans receivable	711,826.11
 Total Assets	 1,370,233.36
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	-
Salaries and benefits payable	13,481.41
Accrued vacation	26,631.56
 Total liabilities	 40,112.97
 Net Position	
Restricted for:	
Loan programs	989,971.49
Unrestricted	340,148.90
 Total Net Position	 1,330,120.39

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES- MODIFIED CASH BASIS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020			Revenue & Changes in Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Program Revenues Operating grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
Economic development	590,620.19	144,186.00	364,882.47	(81,551.72)
Lending activity	7,835.66		23,917.88	16,082.22
Total Governmental Activities	598,455.85	144,186.00	388,800.35	(65,469.50)

	Governmental
Net expense	(65,469.50)
General Revenues	
Dues	131,466.77
Other	5,639.67
Interest income	3,494.93
Total General Revenues	140,601.37
Change in Net Position	75,131.87
Net Position- January 1	1,254,988.52
Net Position- December 31	1,330,120.39

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RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET- GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS- MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	GENERAL	PROGRESS	RLF	OTHER	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS					
Cash and investments	380,261.87	166,569.77	111,575.61		658,407.25
Loans receivable		525,609.70	186,216.41		711,826.11
Total Assets	380,261.87	692,179.47	297,792.02		1,370,233.36
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	-	-			-
Accrued payroll expenses	40,112.97	-			40,112.97
Total liabilities	40,112.97	-	-		40,112.97
FUND BALANCE					
Restricted for Loan programs		692,179.47	297,792.02		989,971.49
Unassigned	340,148.90	-	-		340,148.90
Total fund balance	340,148.90	692,179.47	297,792.02		1,330,120.39

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES- GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS- MODIFIED CASH BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	GENERAL	PROGRESS	RLF	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Dues	131,466.77			131,466.77
Project income	339,068.47	13,498.85	10,419.03	362,986.35
Intergovernmental	170,000.00			170,000.00
Interest	3,494.93			3,494.93
Other	5,639.67			5,639.67
 Total Revenues	 649,669.84	 13,498.85	 10,419.03	 673,587.72
Current:				
Salaries	292,754.38			292,754.38
Employee benefits	132,176.80			132,176.80
Travel	4,887.68			4,887.68
Professional fees	3,422.50			3,422.50
Rent	18,830.42			18,830.42
Communication	8,666.97			8,666.97
Office expense	4,320.35			4,320.35
Miscellaneous	49,582.43			49,582.43
Project costs	75,978.66	3,617.71	4,217.95	83,814.32
 Total Expenditures	 590,620.19	 3,617.71	 4,217.95	 598,455.85
 Excess revenues (expenditures)	 59,049.65	 9,881.14	 6,201.08	 75,131.87
 Net change in fund balances	 59,049.65	 9,881.14	 6,201.08	 75,131.87
 Fund balance- beginning	 281,099.25	 682,298.33	 291,590.94	 1,254,988.52
 Fund balance- ending	 340,148.90	 692,179.47	 297,792.02	 1,330,120.39

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
GRAFTON, NORTH DAKOTA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Red River Regional Council (Council) have been prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting. The modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governments. 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 Council's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the Council. The Council has considered all potential component units for which the Council is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the Council such that exclusion would cause the Council'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 Council 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 Council.

Based on these criteria, there are no component units.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Government-wide statements: The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, the Council. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
Notes to Financial Statements- Continued

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Council'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 program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenses/expenditures. Funds are organized into two major categories: governmental and proprietary. The Council currently has no fiduciary funds.

The Council reports the following major governmental funds: General Fund. The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Council and always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all activities except those legally or administratively required to be accounted for in other funds.

Red River Revolving Loan Fund. The RLF fund is used to account for funds received for loans to businesses in the Council area.

Progress Revolving Loan Fund. The RLF fund is used to account for funds received for loans to businesses in the Council area.

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

The financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The basis of accounting involves modifications to the cash basis of accounting to report in the statement of net position or balance sheet cash transactions or events that provide a benefit or result in an obligation that covers a period greater than the period in which the cash transactions or event occurred. Such report balances include investments, receivables, capital assets, deferred outflows, short-term liabilities, long-term liabilities, and deferred inflows arising from cash transactions or events.

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
Notes to Financial Statements- Continued

The modified cash basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected, and other accrued revenue and receivables) and certain liabilities and their related expenses or expenditures (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and other accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. In addition, other economic assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows that do not arise from a cash transaction or event are not reported, and the measurement of reported assets and liabilities does not involve adjustment to fair value.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Council 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 Council's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, and then by general revenues.

D. Budgets

Based upon available financial information and requests by the board, the director and business manager prepares the Council budget. The budget is prepared for the general fund on the modified cash basis of accounting. The budget includes the proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

E. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits and money market accounts.

Investments consist of certificates of deposits, with a maturity date in excess of 90 days, stated at cost.

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
Notes to Financial Statements- Continued

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at historical 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 of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Property, plant, and equipment of the Council is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

ASSETS	YEARS
Permanent Buildings	50
Vehicles	10
Other Equipment	10

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 assets. Bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs are recognized in the current period since the amounts are not material.

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.

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
Notes to Financial Statements- Continued

H. Fund Balance

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. The non-spendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form - inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

Restricted - This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the Board-the Council's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the council removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned - This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the Council's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The council has the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as non-spendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned - This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, the Council's preference is to first use restricted resources, then unrestricted resources-committed, assigned, and unassigned-in order as needed.

The council has set a General Fund minimum fund balance target at 10% of expenditures and recurring transfers.

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
Notes to Financial Statements- Continued

I. 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. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

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

NOTE 2: LEGAL COMPLIANCE - BUDGETS

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The board did not amend the General Fund budget in 2020.

EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

The Council did not overspend the budget. No remedial action is required by the Council.

NOTE 3 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

In accordance with North Dakota Statutes, the Council maintains deposits at the depository banks designated by the governing board. All depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Deposits 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 deposit not covered by insurance or bonds.

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
Notes to Financial Statements- Continued

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes, or bonds issued by the United State government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, Federal Land Bank bonds, notes, warrants, and 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, instrumentalities, or by any Council, Council, 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 another state of the United States, or such other securities approved by the banking board.

At December 31, 2020, the Council's carrying amount of deposits was \$658,407. Of the bank balances, \$250,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining balance of \$408,407 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

Credit Risk

State statutes authorize the Council to invest in:(1) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation of, or an obligation insured or guaranteed by, the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of Congress.(2) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are the type listed above.(3) Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or the state.(4) Obligations of the state.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Council does not have a limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

NOTE 4: LOAN RECEIVABLE

Changes in Loan Receivables - During the year ended December 31, 2020, the following changes occurred in assets reported in long-term assets:

	Receivable		Receivable	
	2019	Increases	Decreases	2020
RLF	173 706	100 000	87 490	186 216
Progress	591 557		65 947	525 610

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
Notes to Financial Statements- Continued

NOTE 5: INTERFUND RECEIVABLES

Interfund receivables consists of expenses paid by one fund for another that is reimbursed after year end.

NOTE 6: CAPITAL ASSETS

The Council does not have any assets that meet the capitalization criteria.

NOTE 7: RETIREMENT PLAN

The Council participates in a defined contribution, individual account, money purchase, retirement plan that covers all employees who work over 20 hours per week. In accordance with the plan agreement, the Council contributes 10 percent of the employee's gross wages to the plan. During the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2018, the Agency contributed \$24,432 and \$26,646 respectively, to the retirement plan.

NOTE 8: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council is exposed to various risks of loss relating 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 (NDIRF), 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 Council pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability and automobile insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of one million dollars per occurrence..

The State Bonding Fund currently provides the Council with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 for its employees. The State Bonding fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The Council has workers compensation with the Workforce, Safety and Insurance and purchases commercial insurance for personal property, building, inland marine, and boiler and machinery.

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-through</u> <u>Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
U.S. Department of Commerce-		
Direct Assistance		
Planning grant	11.302	70,000
Planning grant	11.302	88,625
Economic Adjustment Assistance	11.307	<u>738,452</u>
Total		<u>897,077</u>
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development		
Passed through North Dakota Department of Commerce		
CDBG Scoring and ranking	14.228	<u>7,643</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture-		
Direct Assistance		
Rural Housing Preservation	10.433	
Rural Business Opportunity	10.773	<u>49,661</u>
Total		<u>49,661</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-		
Passed through North Dakota Department of Health		
Non Pointe Implementation	66.460	<u>4,169</u>
Total assistance		<u>958,550</u>
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RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTE 1: BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the Council under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2020. The information in the schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance. Because the schedule presents only a selected portions of the operations of the Council, it is not intended to be and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the Council. The Council has not elected to use the 10% de minimis cost rate.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards wherein certain types of expenditures are allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The Council has not elected to use the 10% de minimis cost rate.

NOTE 3: LOANS OUTSTANDING

The Council manages a federal loan program, the Revolving Loan Fund, through the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). The calculation of the federal expenditures related to the Revolving Loan Fund is as follows:

End of year loan balance	\$711,826
End of year cash balance	297,862
Current loans written off	-
Current year administrative expenses	<u>15,939</u>
Total expenditures	1,025,628
Federal percentage	72%
Total federal expenditures	<u>738,452</u>
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Harold J. Rotunda

Certified Public Accountant

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*

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Governing Board
Red River Regional Council
Grafton, North Dakota

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Red River Regional Council as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 , and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated November 5, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered Red River Regional Council's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of 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.

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. I did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs that I consider to be significant deficiencies [2020-001 and 2020-002].

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Red River Regional Council's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Red River Regional Council's Responses to Findings

Red River Regional Council's response to the findings identified in my audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Red River Regional Council's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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

Harold Rotunda, CPA
November 5, 2021

Harold J. Rotunda

Certified Public Accountant

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM COMPLIANCE

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Governing Board
Red River Regional Council
Grafton, North Dakota

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

I have audited Red River Regional Council's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of Red River Regional Council's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2020. Red River Regional Council's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Red River Regional Council's major federal programs based on my audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. I conducted my audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Red River Regional Council's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, my audit does not provide a legal determination of Red River Regional Council's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In my opinion, Red River Regional Council complied in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Red River Regional Council is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing my audit of compliance, I considered Red River Regional Council's internal control, over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Red River Regional Council's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

My consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weakness or significant deficiencies. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Harold Rotunda, CPA
November 5, 2021

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Section II- Financial Statement Findings

2020-001 Segregation of Duties

Criteria

Generally, a system of internal control has the proper segregation of duties between the authorization, custody, record keeping and reconciliation functions.

Condition

The Council's internal control structure does not provide for the proper segregation of duties and reconciliation.

Cause

Size and budget constraints limit the number of personnel within the accounting department.

Effect

The design of the internal control over financial reporting could adversely affect the ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements

Recommendation

The above functions should be reviewed periodically and consideration given to improving the segregation of duties. Compensating controls over the underlying financial information may be obtained through oversight by management and the Board.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions

The Council will review its current monitoring functions and determine if any additional monitoring procedures are warranted.

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

2020-002 Financial Statement Preparation

Criteria

Management of the Council is responsible for the preparation of the Council's annual financial statements to ensure that the financial statements and accompanying note disclosures are reliable, accurate, free of material misstatement in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Condition

The Council does not prepare the financial statements, including the accompanying note disclosures, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting. Management has elected to have the financial statements and note disclosures prepared by the auditors.

Cause

Management is not fully knowledgeable of the process of preparing financial statements in compliance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Effect

There is an increased risk of material misstatement to the Council's financial statements.

Recommendation

I recommend that management continue to obtain sufficient knowledge to prepare the financial statements and accompanying note disclosures in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Views of responsible officials

Agree. The Council is aware that there is a risk having the auditor prepare the financial statements and accompanying note disclosures.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No matters were reported.

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

2019-001 Segregation of Duties

Criteria

Generally, a system of internal control has the proper segregation of duties between the authorization, custody, record keeping and reconciliation functions.

Condition

The Council's internal control structure does not provide for the proper segregation of duties and reconciliation.

Cause

Size and budget constraints limit the number of personnel within the accounting department.

Effect

The design of the internal control over financial reporting could adversely affect the ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements

Status

This is a repeat finding, see current year finding 2020-001.

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

2019-002 Financial Statement Preparation and Journal Entries

Criteria

An appropriate system of internal control requires the entity to determine that financial statements are properly stated in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles of accounting. This requires the entity's personnel to maintain knowledge of current accounting principles and required financial statement disclosures.

Condition

The Agency's personnel prepare periodic financial information for internal use that meets the needs of management and the Agency's Board. However, the Agency has not designed internal controls to identify all journal entries required to maintain a general ledger and prepare full-disclosure financial statements required by generally accepted accounting principles of accounting for external reporting. The Agency is aware of this deficiency, and obtains auditor assistance in the preparation of the Agency's annual financial statements.

Cause

The Agency's internal controls have not been designed to address the specific training needs that are required of its personnel to obtain and maintain knowledge of current accounting principles and required financial statement disclosures.

Effect

An appropriate system of internal controls is not present to make a determination that financial statements and the related disclosures are fairly stated in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles of accounting. However, the Agency is aware of the deficiency and addresses it by reviewing and approving the completed statements prior to distribution to the end users.

Status

This is a repeat finding, see current finding 2019-002

RED RIVER REGIONAL COUNCIL
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

2020-001

Contact Person- Dawn Mandt

Corrective Action Plan- Due to the small size of the Council, it is not cost effective for the Council to properly address this significant deficiency.

Completion Date- December 31, 2020

2020-002

Contact Person- Dawn Mandt

Corrective Action Plan- Due to the financial efficiency and time constraints, it has been determined by the Council's management it is in the best interest of the Council to have our auditors prepare the financial statements