



Maple River Water Resource District

West Fargo, North Dakota

(A Component Unit of Cass County)

Audit Report

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

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MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
West Fargo, North Dakota

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MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
West Fargo, North Dakota

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Maple River Water Resource District, West Fargo, North Dakota, a component unit of Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the 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 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 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Maple River Water Resource District, West Fargo, North Dakota, a component unit of Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information, pension schedules, and the notes to the required supplementary information* on pages 4-9 and 31-40 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.

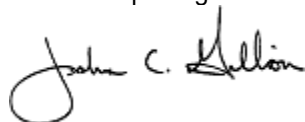
Other Information

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

The *combining balance sheet – nonmajor governmental funds, and the combining statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – nonmajor governmental funds* 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 *combining balance sheet – nonmajor governmental funds and the combining statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – nonmajor governmental funds* is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 12, 2017 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

Fargo, North Dakota
May 12, 2017

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
West Fargo, North Dakota

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of Maple River Water Resource District's financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. 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 2016 are as follows:

- Net position of Maple River Water Resource District increased \$3,320,633 as a result of the current year's operations.
- Governmental net position as of the end of the fiscal year totaled \$25,649,876.
- Total revenues from all sources were \$4,437,298 on the government-wide statement of activities and \$4,652,271 on the modified accrual basis.
- Total expenses were \$1,116,666 on the government-wide statement of activities and total expenditures were \$4,233,286 on the modified accrual basis.
- The District's general fund had \$216,841 in total revenues and \$129,399 in total expenditures. Overall, the general fund balance increased by \$339,721 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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 Maple River Water Resource 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 (including Maple River WRD Obligated Funds), Swan Creek Maintenance, MR-1 (Drain 15, 39, 58 and 59), MR-2 (Drain 14, 34 and 36), Drain #37, Drain #56, Garsteig-Embden Maintenance, Capital Project Funds, and Debt Service Funds with all other non-major governmental funds presented in total in one column.

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 Management's Discussion and Analysis 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

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 Management's Discussion and Analysis – Continued

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Major Features of the Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements		
	Fund Financial Statements	
	Government-Wide Statements	Governmental
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 Maple River Water Resource District to provide programs and activities and attempt to answer the question “How did the District do financially during the year ended December 31, 2016?”

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 (including MR WRD Obligated Funds), Swan Creek Maintenance, MR-1 (Drain 15, 39, 58 and 59), MR-2 (Drain 14, 34 and 36), Drain #37, Drain #56, Garsteig-Embden Maintenance, Capital Project Funds and Debt Service Funds are considered “major funds”.

The District's other governmental funds, which are used to account for a multitude of financial transactions, are summarized under the heading “Other Governmental Funds”.

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

Management's Discussion and Analysis – Continued

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, 2015 and December 31, 2016 fiscal years. Capital assets increased due to the construction on the Upper Maple River Dam and Upper Swan Creek Channel Improvement projects. Long-Term Special Assessments Receivable decreased during the year. Current liabilities decreased due to accounts payable decreasing for construction costs for projects completed at year-end. Long-Term liabilities decreased due to the retirement of bonds.

The District's net position of \$25,649,876 is segregated into three separate categories. Net investment in capital assets represents 50% of the District's total net position. It should be noted that these assets are not available for future spending. Restricted net position represents 47% 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.

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Assets:		
Current Assets	\$ 8,894,481	\$10,176,914
Long Term Assets	3,083,137	2,875,775
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	22,812,106	24,075,820
Total Assets	\$34,789,724	\$37,128,509
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 3,920	\$ 12,498
Total Assets & Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$34,793,644	\$37,141,007
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities	\$ 393,420	\$ 203,922
Long-Term Liabilities	12,130,330	11,281,522
Total Liabilities	\$12,523,750	\$ 11,485,444
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 3,426	\$ 5,687
Total Liabilities & Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$12,527,176	\$11,491,131
NET POSITION:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$10,717,701	\$12,839,379
Restricted	11,032,119	12,099,152
Unrestricted	516,648	711,344
Total Net Position	\$22,266,467	\$25,649,876

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

Table II shows the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and 2016.

	2015	2016
Revenues		
<u>Program Revenues:</u>		
Capital Grants & Contributions	\$ 1,656,909	\$ 150,206
Operating Grants & Contributions	6,340,631	2,967,667
<u>General Revenues:</u>		
Property Taxes & Drain Taxes	1,256,652	1,229,958
Unrestricted Grants and Contributions	21,190	16,738
Interest Earnings & Miscellaneous Revenue	24,234	72,729
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 9,299,616</u>	<u>\$ 4,437,298</u>
Expenses		
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 1,029,870	\$ 616,402
Interest and Service Charges	219,204	500,264
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 1,249,073</u>	<u>\$ 1,116,666</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 8,050,542</u>	<u>\$ 3,320,633</u>
Net Position – January 1	\$14,246,549	\$22,266,467
Prior Period Adjustment	<u>(30,623)</u>	<u>62,776</u>
Net Position – January 1, as restated	<u>\$14,215,925</u>	<u>\$22,329,248</u>
Net Position – December 31	<u>\$22,266,467</u>	<u>\$25,649,876</u>

Property taxes & drain taxes constituted 28%, capital grants & contributions 3%, operating and non-restricted grants and contributions 67%, and interest and miscellaneous revenue 2% of the total revenues of governmental activities of the District for fiscal year 2016. Operating grants decreased over the prior year completion of projects.

Conservation of natural resources constituted 55% and debt service 45% of total expenditures for governmental activities during fiscal year 2016. Expenses decreased in various drains for maintenance for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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.

	Total Cost For Year Ended Dec. 31, 2015	Net Cost For Year Ended Dec. 31, 2015	Total Cost For Year Ended Dec. 31, 2016	Net Cost For Year Ended Dec. 31, 2016
Conser. of Natural Resources	\$1,029,870	\$6,967,670	\$ 616,402	\$2,501,471
Interest and Service Charges	219,204	(219,204)	500,264	(500,264)
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,249,073</u>	<u>\$6,748,466</u>	<u>\$1,116,666</u>	<u>\$2,001,207</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 \$4,652,271 and expenditures of \$4,233,286 for the year ended December 31, 2016. As of December 31, 2016 the unassigned fund balance of the District's general fund was \$(26,077) and total unassigned fund balance for the entire District's governmental funds was \$(207,503).

GENERAL FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

During the course of fiscal year 2016, the Maple River Water Resource Board amended (increased) the District's general fund revenue budget by \$3,435 primarily due to intergovernmental cost share reimbursements received on projects, state revenue sharing and application fees received. Additionally, the general fund expenditures budget was amended (increased) by \$9,910.

Actual revenue for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$6,304 less than budgeted.

Actual expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2016 were under budget by \$101,221 due to an accounts payable adjustment at year-end (not reflected on the general ledger in 2016).

CAPITAL ASSETS

As of December 31, 2016, the Maple River Water Resource District had \$24,075,820 invested in capital assets, net of depreciation. Table IV shows the capital asset balances at December 31, 2015 and 2016.

TABLE IV
CAPITAL ASSETS
(Net of Accumulated Depreciation)
December 31, 2015 and 2016

	2015	2016
Land	\$ 2,627,168	\$ 2,691,293
Construction In Progress	7,684,695	768,815
Facilities	6,075,430	13,651,582
Projects	6,424,813	6,964,130
Total Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>\$22,812,106</u>	<u>\$24,075,820</u>

This total represents a net increase of \$1,263,714 in total capital assets from January 1, 2016. The increase is due to the Upper Maple River Dam and Upper Swan Creek Channel Improvement projects. For a detailed breakdown of the additions and deletions to capital assets, readers are referred to Note 8 to the audited financial statements which follow this analysis.

LONG TERM LIABILITIES

As of December 31, 2016, the Maple River Water Resource District had \$11,281,522 in long term liabilities, of which \$379,127 was due within one year. Total net bonds payable reported in the financial statements of \$11,176,442 are net of \$176,558 unamortized bond discounts. Loan payable totaled \$60,000, compensated absences totaled \$6,880 and net pension liability totaled \$38,200.

Long-term liabilities decreased by \$848,810 over the prior year due to the District issuing new bonds totaling \$920,000 and retirement of other debt.

For a detailed breakdown of the long-term debt readers are referred to Note 14 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 Maple River Water Resource 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
West Fargo, North Dakota

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Governmental Activities
<u>ASSETS:</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 10,161,039
Due from County	1,129
Intergovernmental Receivable	8,375
Taxes Receivable	6,086
Special Assessments Receivable	285
Long-Term Receivable:	
Uncertified Special Assessments Receivable	2,875,775
Capital Assets (not being depreciated):	
Land	2,691,293
Construction in Progress	768,815
Capital Assets (being depreciated):	
Facilities	13,651,582
Projects	6,964,130
Total Capital Assets	\$ 24,075,820
 Total Assets	 \$ 37,128,508
 <u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Pensions	\$ 12,498
 Total Assets & Deferred Outflows of Resources	 \$ 37,141,007
 <u>LIABILITIES:</u>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 124,726
Benefits Payable	7,894
Retainages Payable	9,983
Interest Payable	61,319
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year:	
Bonds Payable	357,248
Loans Payable	15,000
Compensated Absences Payable	6,880
Due After One Year:	
Bonds Payable	10,819,194
Loans Payable	45,000
Net Pension Liability	38,200
Total Liabilities	\$ 11,485,444
 <u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</u>	
Pensions	\$ 5,687
 Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	 \$ 11,491,131
 <u>NET POSITION:</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 12,839,379
Restricted for:	
Conservation of Natural Resources	1,137,948
Capital Projects	8,052,077
Debt Service	2,909,127
Unrestricted	711,344
 Total Net Position	 \$ 25,649,876

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

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
West Fargo, North Dakota

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 616,402	\$ 2,967,667	\$ 150,206	\$ 2,501,471
Interest on Long Term Debt	500,264	-	-	(500,264)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 1,116,666</u>	<u>\$ 2,967,667</u>	<u>\$ 150,206</u>	<u>\$ 2,001,207</u>
<u>General Revenues:</u>				
Taxes:				
General Taxes				\$ 190,636
Drain Taxes				1,039,322
Non-restricted Grants and Contributions				16,738
Interest Earnings				19,122
Miscellaneous Revenue				53,607
Total General Revenues				<u>\$ 1,319,426</u>
Change in Net Position				<u>\$ 3,320,633</u>
Net Position - January 1				\$ 22,266,467
Prior Period Adjustment				62,776
Net Position - January 1, as restated				<u>\$ 22,329,243</u>
Net Position - December 31				<u>\$ 25,649,876</u>

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

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
West Fargo, North Dakota

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Major Funds										Total Governmental Funds
	General	Swan Creek Maint.	Drain MR-1	Drain MR-2	Drain #37	Drain #56	Garsteig - Embden Fund	Capital Project Funds	Debt Service Funds	Other Governmental Funds	
ASSETS											
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 922,431	\$ 358,510	\$ 78,378	\$ 309,825	\$ 92,785	\$ 31,934	\$ -	\$ 8,057,060	\$ 94,225	\$ 215,892	\$ 10,161,039
Due from County	162	35	121	31	-	-	494	-	162	125	1,129
Due from Other Funds	-	162,696	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,474	172,170
Taxes Receivable	1,730	1,553	22	180	702	-	1,203	-	-	695	6,086
Special Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	285	-	285
Intergovernmental Receivable	3,375	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	8,375
Total Assets	\$ 927,698	\$ 522,793	\$ 78,520	\$ 310,035	\$ 93,487	\$ 31,934	\$ 1,697	\$ 8,062,060	\$ 94,672	\$ 226,186	\$ 10,349,084
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES											
<u>Liabilities:</u>											
Accounts Payable	\$ 27,034	\$ 584	\$ 1,043	\$ 2,065	\$ 40,364	\$ 51,157	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,479	\$ 124,726
Benefits Payable	7,894	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,894
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	162,696	-	-	9,474	172,170
Total Liabilities	\$ 34,928	\$ 584	\$ 1,043	\$ 2,065	\$ 40,364	\$ 51,157	\$ 162,696	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,953	\$ 304,790
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</u>											
Taxes Receivable	\$ 1,730	\$ 1,553	\$ 22	\$ 180	\$ 702	\$ -	\$ 1,203	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 695	\$ 6,086
Special Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	285	-	285
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 1,730	\$ 1,553	\$ 22	\$ 180	\$ 702	\$ -	\$ 1,203	\$ -	\$ 285	\$ 695	\$ 6,370
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 36,658	\$ 2,137	\$ 1,065	\$ 2,245	\$ 41,066	\$ 51,157	\$ 163,899	\$ -	\$ 285	\$ 12,649	\$ 311,161
<u>Fund Balances:</u>											
Restricted	\$ -	\$ 520,657	\$ 77,455	\$ 307,790	\$ 52,421	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,062,060	\$ 94,388	\$ 213,538	\$ 9,328,309
Committed	917,117	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	917,117
Unassigned	(26,077)	-	-	-	-	\$(19,223)	\$(162,202)	-	-	-	(207,503)
Total Fund Balances	\$ 891,040	\$ 520,657	\$ 77,455	\$ 307,790	\$ 52,421	\$ (19,223)	\$ (162,202)	\$ 8,062,060	\$ 94,388	\$ 213,538	\$ 10,037,923
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 927,698	\$ 522,793	\$ 78,520	\$ 310,035	\$ 93,487	\$ 31,934	\$ 1,697	\$ 8,062,060	\$ 94,672	\$ 226,186	\$ 10,349,084

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

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
West Fargo, North Dakota

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Total *Fund Balances* for Governmental Funds \$ 10,037,923

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

Cost of Capital Assets	\$ 32,915,385	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(8,839,565)</u>	24,075,820

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	\$ 6,086	
Special Assessments Receivable	<u>285</u>	6,370

Long-Term Uncertified Special Assessments receivable are not reported in the funds because they are unavailable to pay the current period's expenditures. 2,875,775

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

Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	\$ 12,498	
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	<u>(5,687)</u>	6,812

Long-term liabilities applicable to the Water Resource District's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities-both current and long-term- are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at December 31, 2016 are made up of the following liabilities:

Bonds Payable	\$ (11,353,000)	
Loans Payable	(60,000)	
Bond Discount	176,559	
Interest Payable	(61,319)	
Retainage Payable	(9,983)	
Compensated Absences	(6,880)	
Net Pension Liability	<u>(38,200)</u>	<u>(11,352,824)</u>

Total Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ 25,649,876

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

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
West Fargo, North Dakota

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Major Funds										Total Governmental Funds
	General	Swan Creek Maint.	MR-1 (15, 39, 58 & 59)	MR-2 (14, 34 & 36)	Drain #37	Drain #56	Garsteig - Embden Fund	Capital Project Funds	Debt Service Funds	Other Governmental Funds	
Revenues:											
Taxes	\$ 190,956	\$ 227,455	\$ 130,505	\$ 224,098	\$ 87,913	\$ 35,995	\$ 185,531	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,926	\$ 1,232,380
Special Assessments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	357,357	-	357,357
Intergovernmental	17,881	15,475	-	-	-	-	30,602	2,920,447	-	-	2,984,405
Interest Income	5,058	3,526	788	2,275	751	249	815	-	4,030	1,630	19,122
Miscellaneous	2,947	-	-	-	-	-	5	55,347	-	709	59,007
Total Revenues	\$ 216,841	\$ 246,456	\$ 131,293	\$ 226,373	\$ 88,665	\$ 36,244	\$ 216,954	\$ 2,975,794	\$ 361,387	\$ 152,264	\$ 4,652,271
Expenditures:											
Current:											
Conser. of Natural Resources	\$ 129,399	\$ 78,105	\$ 69,183	\$ 41,459	\$ 76,665	\$ 18,747	\$ 68,524	\$ 8,595	\$ 868	\$ 83,405	\$ 574,950
Capital Outlay	-	724,231	-	3,685	-	-	363,003	250,632	-	-	1,341,551
Debt Service:											
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,776,000	-	1,776,000
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	536,938	-	536,938
Service Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,847.00	-	3,847
Total Expenditures	\$ 129,399	\$ 802,337	\$ 69,183	\$ 45,144	\$ 76,665	\$ 18,747	\$ 431,527	\$ 259,227	\$ 2,317,653	\$ 83,405	\$ 4,233,286
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 87,442	\$(555,881)	\$ 62,110	\$ 181,229	\$ 12,000	\$ 17,497	\$(214,573)	\$ 2,716,568	\$(1,956,266)	\$ 68,859	\$ 418,985
Other Financing Sources (Uses):											
Transfers In	\$ 597,194	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,117,576	\$ -	\$ 1,714,770
Debt Proceeds	-	920,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	920,000
Bond Discount	-	(13,800)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13,800)
Bond Issuance Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,400)	-	(5,400)
Transfers Out	(344,915)	(5,400)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,364,455)	-	-	(1,714,770)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	\$ 252,279	\$ 900,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$(1,364,455)	\$ 1,112,176	\$ -	\$ 900,800
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 339,721	\$ 344,919	\$ 62,110	\$ 181,229	\$ 12,000	\$ 17,497	\$(214,573)	\$ 1,352,112	\$ (844,090)	\$ 68,859	\$ 1,319,785
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 551,319	\$ 175,737	\$ 15,345	\$ 126,561	\$ 40,421	\$(36,720)	\$ 52,371	\$ 6,709,948	\$ 938,477	\$ 144,678	\$ 8,718,138
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 891,040	\$ 520,657	\$ 77,455	\$ 307,790	\$ 52,421	\$(19,223)	\$(162,202)	\$ 8,062,060	\$ 94,388	\$ 213,538	\$ 10,037,923

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

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
West Fargo, North Dakota

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Net Change in *Fund Balances* - Total Governmental Funds \$ 1,319,785

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current year.

Capital Asset Additions	\$ 1,597,067	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	<u>(396,129)</u>	1,200,938

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 assets. This is the amount by which debt repayment exceeded debt issuance.

Debt Proceeds	\$ (920,000)	
Bond Discount	13,800	
Bond Issuance Cost	5,400	
Repayment of Debt	<u>1,776,000</u>	875,200

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.

Collection on Long-Term Receivable		(207,363)
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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.

Net Increase in Compensated Absences	\$ (1,628)	
Amortization of Bond Discount	(17,236)	
Net Decrease in Interest Payable	52,357	
Net Decrease in Retainage Payable	<u>101,998</u>	135,492

The Net Pension 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 items do not involve current financial resources, and are not reported in the funds.

Increase in Net Pension Liability	\$ (7,528)	
Increase in Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions	8,579	
Increase in Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions	<u>(2,261)</u>	(1,210)

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 increase in taxes and special assessments receivable.

(2,210)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 3,320,633</u>
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
West Fargo, North Dakota

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Maple River Water Resource 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 Maple River Water Resource District, a component of Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota. The district has considered all potential component units for which the water resource district is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the water resource district such that exclusion would cause the water resource 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 Maple River Water Resource 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 Maple River Water Resource District.

Based on these criteria, there are no component units to be included within the Maple River Water Resource District as a reporting entity. Maple River Water Resource District is a component unit within Cass County, Fargo, 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, Maple River Water Resource District. 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, special assessments and intergovernmental revenues.

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 not classified as program revenues, including general taxes and interest, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds. Separate statements for each fund category-governmental—is presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The Water Resource District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund (including Maple River WRD Obligated Funds) - 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.

Swan Creek Maintenance – this fund is used to account for necessary creek maintenance and improvements. Special assessments are levied to tax payers in the applicable district and used for maintaining a clear creek and for improvement projects when necessary.

MR-1 (Maintenance) – this fund is used to account for necessary drain maintenance and improvements for Drains #15, #39, #58 and #59. Special assessments are levied to tax payers in the applicable drain districts and used for drain maintenance and improvement projects.

MR-2 (Maintenance) – this fund is used to account for necessary drain maintenance and improvements for Drains #14, #34 and #36. Special assessments are levied to tax payers in the applicable drain districts and used for drain maintenance and improvement projects.

Drain #37M (Maintenance) – this fund is used to account for necessary drain maintenance and improvements. Special assessments are levied to tax payers in the applicable drain district and used for drain maintenance and improvement projects.

Drain #56M (Maintenance) – this fund is used to account for necessary drain maintenance and improvements. Special assessments are levied to tax payers in the applicable drain district and used for drain maintenance and improvement projects.

Garsteig-Embden Maintenance District – this fund is used to account for necessary maintenance and improvements. Special assessments are levied to tax payers in the applicable district and used for maintenance and improvement projects.

Capital Project Funds – this fund was used to account for the, construction of a drain in Pontiac Township, Tower Township and construction of the Upper Maple River Dam.

Debt Service – this fund is used to account for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on special assessment bond debts for, Casselton Township Improvement #62, Casselton Township Improvement #64, Pontiac Township Improvement District #73 and the Upper Maple River Dam.

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 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.

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

Infrastructure Assets:	Years
Facilities	50 years
Major Projects	50 years

F. Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated vacation leave is payable to the Secretary-Treasurer, Accountant and Administrative Assistant 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 employer'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. 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.

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. Fund Balances / Net Position

Prior to GASB Statement No. 54, in the fund financial statements, the governmental funds reported reservations of fund balances for amounts that were not available for appropriation or were legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balances represented tentative management plans that were subject to change. GASB Statement No. 54 established new fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints (restrictions or limitations) imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

Fund Balance Spending Policy:

It is the policy of Maple River Water Resource District to spend restricted resources first, followed by unrestricted resources. It is also the policy of the Board to spend unrestricted resources of funds in the following order: committed, assigned and then unassigned.

GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions

GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below.

CLASSIFICATION	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES
Nonspendable	Amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.	Inventories, prepaid amounts (expenses), long-term receivables, endowment funds.
Restricted	Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either (a) Externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. (b) Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.	Funds restricted by State Statute, unspent bond proceeds, grants earned but not spent, debt covenants, taxes raised for a specific purpose.
Committed	A committed fund balance includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the governing board. Formal action is required to be taken to establish, modify or rescind a fund balance commitment.	By board action, construction, claims and judgments, retirements of loans and notes payable, capital expenditures and self-insurance.
Assigned	Assigned fund balances are amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are under the direction of the board and the business manager.	By board action, construction, claims and judgments, retirements of loans and notes payable, capital expenditures and self-insurance.
Unassigned	Unassigned fund balance is the lowest classification for the General Fund. This is fund balance that has not been reported in any other classification. (a) The General Fund is the only fund that can report a positive unassigned fund balance. (b) A negative unassigned fund balance may be reported in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.	Available for any remaining general fund expenditure.

Maple River Water Resource District only has restricted, committed and unassigned fund balances at December 31, 2016.

Restricted & Committed Fund Balances – consist of the following items at December 31, 2016:

Restricted fund balances are shown by primary function on the balance sheet for construction, maintenance, bridge replacement and repair, flood repair, health & welfare, emergencies and other purposes. Restricted fund balances are restricted by enabling legislation (primarily state law for tax levies) and by outside 3rd parties (State & Federal governments).

Committed fund balance exists in the general function and is committed by the highest level of decision making authority (governing board).

Special Revenue Funds – Restricted & Committed Fund Balances:

- (a) Restricted by specified tax levies and/or restricted Federal & State grants/reimbursements:
- Restricted tax levies – includes fund balances for various tax levies other than the general fund.
 - Restricted grants/reimbursements – primarily includes FEMA funds and other grant funds.
- (b) Committed funds by the governing board – funds are committed by the governing board (highest level of decision making authority) in the General Funds for Rush River Obligated Funds for pending projects, project development and other projects that do not have restricted funds.

Net Position:

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

Prior to GASB 63, amounts were reported as equity on the statement of net assets in three primary categories (invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted and unrestricted). Subsequent to GASB 63, the statement of net assets was changed to the statement of net position, and net assets equity was changed to net position. Net position is shown in three primary categories (net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted), outlined in further detail as follows:

Net investment in capital assets (net of related debt) is shown for the cost of capital assets less any related depreciation on depreciable capital assets, and any related debt, where applicable, to finance the acquisition or construction of those related capital assets.

Restrictions of net position shown in the net position statement are due to restricted tax levies and restricted Federal & State grants/reimbursements, and are restricted for construction, maintenance, bridge replacement and repair, flood repair, health & welfare, emergencies and other purposes.

Unrestricted net position consists of activity primarily related to the general fund, any other resources not restricted for specific purposes, and reclassifications of negative restricted net position.

J. 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 reduction of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other transactions, except reimbursements, are reported as transfers. In the government-wide financial statements, interfund transactions have been eliminated.

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 boards. 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 Boards to set out the administrative and financial responsibilities that each of the water resource boards 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 Board.
 - (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 Board.
 - (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 Board.

In the event of a termination, all funds deposited with the water resource board having administrative and financial control over legal drains shall be divided with respect to such legal drain among the water resource boards 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

In accordance with North Dakota Statutes, the Maple River Water Resource District 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 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.

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

At year ended December 31, 2016, the water resource district's carrying amount of deposits was \$10,161,039 and the bank balance was \$10,162,638. Of the bank balance, \$253,226 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance.

Credit Risk:

The water resource district may invest idle funds as authorized in North Dakota Statutes, as follows:

- (a) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation insured or guaranteed by, the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of congress.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation.
- (d) Obligations of the state.

As of December 31, 2016, the water resource district did not have any certificates of deposit.

Concentration of Credit Risk:

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

NOTE 4: TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE

Taxes and special assessments receivable represent the past three years of delinquent uncollected taxes and special assessments levies/billings. No allowance has been established for uncollectible taxes and special assessments receivable since any losses would be covered by the sale of the property.

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property taxes levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Any material tax collections are distributed after the end of each month.

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.

Most property owners choose to pay property taxes and special assessments in a single payment on or before February 15 and receive the 5% discount on the property taxes.

NOTE 5: DUE FROM COUNTY

The due from county represents tax amounts collected prior to year-end by Cass County not distributed to the district at year-end.

NOTE 6: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLE

This represents amounts owed from the state treasurer for revenue sharing.

NOTE 7: UNCERTIFIED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE

This represents a long-term receivable in the government-wide financial statements showing the amount of uncertified/uncollected debt service fund special assessments over the remaining life of applicable special assessment bonds.

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

NOTE 8: CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2016:

Governmental Activities:	Balance January 1	Adjust- ments	Restated Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Balance December 31
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated:</i>							
Land	\$ 2,627,168	\$ -	\$ 2,627,168	\$ 64,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,691,293
Construction in Progress	7,684,694	-	7,684,695	1,532,942	-	(8,448,822)	768,815
Total Capital Assets, not being depreciated	\$10,311,862	\$ -	\$10,311,862	\$1,597,067	\$ -	\$(8,448,822)	\$ 3,460,108
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>							
Facilities	\$13,566,231	\$ -	\$13,566,231	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,763,164	\$21,329,396
Projects	7,440,224	-	7,440,224	-	-	685,658	8,125,881
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$21,006,455	\$ -	\$21,006,455	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,448,822	\$29,455,277
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation for:</i>							
Facilities	\$ 7,490,801	\$(60,312)	\$ 7,430,489	\$ 247,325	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,677,814
Projects	1,015,410	\$(2,464)	1,012,946	148,804	-	-	1,161,751
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 8,506,211	\$(62,776)	\$ 8,443,435	\$ 396,129	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,839,565
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$12,500,244	\$ 62,776	\$12,563,020	\$ (396,129)	\$ -	\$ 8,448,822	\$20,615,712
Governmental Activities - Capital Assets, Net	\$22,812,106	\$ 62,776	\$22,874,882	\$1,200,938	\$ -	\$ -	\$24,075,820

NOTE 9: ACCOUNTS AND RETAINAGES PAYABLE

Accounts payable consists of amounts owed for goods or services received prior to year-end and chargeable to the appropriations for the year then ended but paid subsequent to that date. Retainages payable consists of amounts owed to vendors and contractors on open construction contracts for the Upper Swan Creek Improvement project not yet completed at year-end.

NOTE 10: BENEFITS PAYABLE

Benefits payable represents the amount payable for benefits withheld at year-end.

NOTE 11: DUE TO OTHER FUNDS & DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS

Due to and due from other funds on the governmental funds modified accrual balance sheet represents the amount of pooled cash borrowed by major fund Garsteig-Embden Maintenance District and various non-major funds as outlined in the non-major funds combining balance sheet totaling \$172,170 covered by the Swan Creek Maintenance fund.

NOTE 12: DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows of resources in the government wide financial statements consist of amounts related to pensions.

NOTE 13: INTEREST PAYABLE

Interest payable represents the amount payable on all special assessment bond interest at year-end.

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NOTE 14: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities - During the year ended December 31, 2016, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in long-term liabilities:

	Balance 1-1-16	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12-31-16	Due Within One Year
Bonds Payable	\$12,194,000	\$920,000	\$1,761,000	\$11,353,000	\$371,000
Less: Bond Discount	174,594	13,800	11,836	176,558	13,753
Total Bonds Payable	\$12,019,406	\$906,200	\$1,749,164	\$11,176,442	\$356,247
Loan Payable	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 60,000	\$15,000
Compensated Absences	5,253	3,974	2,347	6,880	6,880
Net Pension Liability	30,673	7,527	-	38,200	-
TOTAL	\$12,130,332	\$917,701	\$1,766,511	\$11,281,522	\$379,127

Long-term debt at December 31, 2016 is comprised of the following:

Special Assessment Bonds:

\$228,000 Improvement Bonds of 2005, due in annual installments of \$16,000 through 2019; interest at 4.9%.	\$ 48,000
\$3,330,000 Improvement Bonds of 2013, due in annual installments of \$145,000 to \$245,000 through 2033; interest at .850% to 4.5%	1,430,000
\$7,960,000 Improvement Bonds of 2015, Series B, due in annual installments of \$605,000 to \$865,000 through 2030; interest at 3.25% to 4.00%	7,960,000
\$995,000 Improvement Bonds of 2015, Series A, due in annual installments of \$60,000 to \$85,000 through 2030; interest at 1.50% to 3.50%	995,000
\$920,000 Improvement Bonds of 2016, due in annual installments of \$145,000 to \$160,000 through 2022; interest at .90% to 1.45%	<u>920,000</u>
Total Bonds Payable	<u>\$11,353,000</u>

Loans Payable:

\$225,000 2005 State Bank & Trust Loan, due in annual installments of \$15,000 through 2020; interest at 5.25%.	<u>\$ 60,000</u>
Total Gross Long-Term Debt (excluding Compensated Absences and Net Pension Liability)	<u>\$11,413,000</u>

Debt service requirements on long-term debt, excluding compensated absences and net pension liability, at December 31, 2016 are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES			
	SA Bonds Payable		Loan Payable	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2017	\$ 371,000	\$ 374,513	\$15,000	\$2,752
2018	366,000	368,675	15,000	1,965
2019	371,000	362,609	15,000	1,178
2020	970,000	346,406	15,000	392
2021	1,005,000	318,851	-	-
2022 – 2026	4,670,000	1,130,774	-	-
2027 - 2031	3,600,000	291,450	-	-
2032 - 2036	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	\$11,353,000	\$3,193,278	\$60,000	\$6,287

NOTE 15: DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows of resources in the government wide financial statements consist of amounts for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met. Under the accrual basis of accounting, such amounts include the amount for pensions.

Deferred inflows of resources in the balance sheet represent the amount of uncollected taxes and uncollected special assessments in the fund financial statements for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, uncollected taxes are measurable but not available.

NOTE 16: 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 seven 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; and one member elected by the retired public employees. Effective July 1, 2015, the board was expanded to include 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. 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 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.

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, 2016, the Maple River Water Resource District reported a liability of \$38,200 for its proportionate share of net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, 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 District's share of covered payroll in the main system pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating main system employers. At June 30, 2016, the Employer's proportion was .003920 percent, which was an decrease of .000591 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

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For the year ended December 31, 2016, the District recognized pension expense of \$4,396. At December 31, 2016, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources.

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 574	\$ 354
Changes of Assumptions	3,522	1,898
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	5,329	-
District Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	133	3,435
	2,941	-
Total	\$12,498	\$5,687

\$2,941 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, 2017.

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

2017	\$1,293
2018	1,293
2019	2,455
2020	1,574
2021	545

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.50%
Salary Increases	4.50% per annum
Investment Rate of Return	8.00%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table set back two years for males and three years for females, projected generationally using the SSA 2014 Intermediate Cost scale from 2014. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table set back one year for males (no setback for females) multiplied by 125%.

As a result of the 2015 actuarial experience study, the NDPERS Board adopted several changes to the actuarial assumptions effective July 1, 2015. This includes changes to the mortality tables, disability incidence rates, retirement rates, administrative expenses, salary scale, and percent married assumption.

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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	31%	6.90%
International Equity	21%	7.55%
Private Equity	5%	11.30%
Domestic Fixed Income	17%	1.52%
International Fixed Income	5%	.45%
Global Real Assets	20%	5.38%
Cash Equivalents	1%	0.00%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8 percent as of June 30, 2016. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2016, Actuarial Valuation Report. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members as of June 30, 2016. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2016.

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 8 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 (7 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (9 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (7%)	Current Discount Rate (8%)	1% Increase (9%)
District’s Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$54,186	\$38,200	\$24,731

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

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NOTE 17: 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, 2016, which is the most current audited information available:

Total Assets	\$7,233,622
Total Liabilities	43,309
Net Position	<u>\$7,190,314</u>
Revenues	\$2,649,394
Expenses	<u>3,125,522</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (476,128)</u>

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 18: DEFICIT CASH FUND BALANCES

The water resource district had the following deficit cash fund balances at December 31, 2016.

Funds	Amounts
Special Revenue Funds:	
Garsteig-Embden Maint. District	\$(162,696)
Pontiac Twp. Imp District #73	(1,736)
Upper Maple River Dam Maint.	(7,739)

The water resource district anticipates eliminating the deficits by reducing future disbursements in these funds, by issuing debt or transferring monies to relieve the deficits.

NOTE 19: RISK MANAGEMENT

Maple River Water Resource 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 (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 Maple River Water Resource District is covered under Cass County's insurance policies and pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, auto, and inland marine insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of two million dollars per occurrence.

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The State Bonding Fund currently provides the Maple River Water Resource District with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$429,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The Maple River Water Resource 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 20: CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS

The Maple River Water Resource District has the following open construction contracts with balances owing at December 31, 2016:

Location	Project	Contract Amount	Total Completed	Retainage	Remaining Balance
Upper Swan Creek	Channel Improvement	\$199,651	\$218,347	\$9,983	\$(8,714)

NOTE 21: TRANSFERS

The following is reconciliation between transfers in and transfers out as reported in the basic financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
Major Funds:		
General Fund	\$ 597,194	\$ 344,915
Swan Creek	-	5,400
Capital Project Funds	-	1,364,455
Debt Service Funds	1,117,576	-
Total Transfers	\$1,714,770	\$1,714,770

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.

NOTE 22: PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

Depreciation was reduced by \$62,776 as the result of correcting the in use dates on the Drain #39 slide repair project and Pontiac Township Improvement District #73. This resulted in an increase of \$62,776 in beginning net position.

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	\$ 197,060	\$ 197,060	\$ 190,956	\$ (6,104)
Intergovernmental	18,050	18,050	17,881	(169)
Interest Income	1,000	4,435	5,058	623
Miscellaneous	3,600	3,600	2,947	(653)
Total Revenues	\$ 219,710	\$ 223,145	\$ 216,841	\$ (6,304)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 220,710	\$ 230,620	\$ 129,399	\$ 101,221
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (1,000)	\$ (7,475)	\$ 87,442	\$ 94,917
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 597,195	\$ 597,194	\$ (1)
Transfers Out	-	(344,915)	(344,915)	-
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	\$ -	\$ 252,280	\$ 252,279	\$ (1)
Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$ (1,000)	\$ 244,805	\$ 339,721	\$ 94,915
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 551,319	\$ 551,319	\$ 551,319	-
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 550,319	\$ 796,124	\$ 891,040	\$ 94,915

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
SWAN CREEK MAINTENANCE FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	\$ 226,975	\$ 1,154,750	\$ 227,455	\$ (927,295)
Intergovernmental	-	-	15,475	15,475
Interest Income	-	-	3,526	3,526
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 226,975</u>	<u>\$ 1,154,750</u>	<u>\$ 246,456</u>	<u>\$ (908,294)</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 100,000	\$ 808,920	\$ 78,105	\$ 730,815
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ 126,975</u>	<u>\$ 345,830</u>	<u>\$ (555,881)</u>	<u>\$ (901,711)</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Bond Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 920,000	\$ 920,000
Bond Discount	-	-	(13,800)	(13,800)
Transfers Out	-	-	(5,400)	(5,400)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 900,800</u>	<u>\$ 900,800</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	<u>\$ 126,975</u>	<u>\$ 345,830</u>	<u>\$ 344,919</u>	<u>\$ (911)</u>
Fund Balance - January 1	<u>\$ 175,737</u>	<u>\$ 175,737</u>	<u>\$ 175,737</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund Balance - December 31	<u><u>\$ 302,712</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 521,567</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 520,657</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (911)</u></u>

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
MR-1 (Drain 15, 39, 58, and 59) FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	\$ 130,375	\$ 130,375	\$ 130,505	\$ 130
Interest	-	-	788	788
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 130,375</u>	<u>\$ 130,375</u>	<u>\$ 131,293</u>	<u>\$ 918</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 69,183	\$ 80,817
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ (19,625)</u>	<u>\$ (19,625)</u>	<u>\$ 62,110</u>	<u>\$ 81,735</u>
Fund Balance - January 1	<u>\$ 15,345</u>	<u>\$ 15,345</u>	<u>\$ 15,345</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund Balance - December 31	<u><u>\$ (4,280)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (4,280)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 77,455</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 81,735</u></u>

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
MR-2 (Drain 14, 34, and 36) FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	\$ 223,720	\$ 223,720	\$ 224,098	\$ 378
Interest	-	-	2,275	2,275
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 223,720</u>	<u>\$ 223,720</u>	<u>\$ 226,373</u>	<u>\$ 2,653</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Conservation of Natural Resources	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 41,459</u>	<u>\$ 58,541</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ 123,720</u>	<u>\$ 123,720</u>	<u>\$ 181,229</u>	<u>\$ 57,509</u>
Fund Balance - January 1	<u>\$ 126,561</u>	<u>\$ 126,561</u>	<u>\$ 126,561</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund Balance - December 31	<u><u>\$ 250,281</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 250,281</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 307,790</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 57,509</u></u>

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
DRAIN #37 FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	\$ 88,390	\$ 88,390	\$ 87,913	\$ (477)
Miscellaneous	-	-	751	751
Total Revenues	\$ 88,390	\$ 88,390	\$ 88,665	\$ 275
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 76,665	\$ 23,335
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (11,610)	\$ (11,610)	\$ 12,000	\$ 23,610
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 40,421	\$ 40,421	\$ 40,421	-
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 28,811	\$ 28,811	\$ 52,421	\$ 23,610

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
DRAIN #56 FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	\$ 35,975	\$ 35,975	\$ 35,995	\$ 20
Interest	-	-	249	249
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 35,975</u>	<u>\$ 35,975</u>	<u>\$ 36,244</u>	<u>\$ 269</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 18,747	\$ 31,253
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ (14,025)</u>	<u>\$ (14,025)</u>	<u>\$ 17,497</u>	<u>\$ 31,522</u>
Fund Balance - January 1	<u>\$ (36,720)</u>	<u>\$ (36,720)</u>	<u>\$ (36,720)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund Balance - December 31	<u><u>\$ (50,745)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (50,745)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (19,223)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,522</u></u>

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
Garsteig-Embden Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	\$ 186,780	\$ 186,780	\$ 185,531	\$ (1,249)
Intergovernmental	-	-	30,602	30,602
Interest	-	-	815	815
Miscellaneous	-	-	5	5
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 186,780</u>	<u>\$ 186,780</u>	<u>\$ 216,954</u>	<u>\$ 30,174</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 200,000	\$ 434,150	\$ 68,524	\$ 365,626
Capital Outlay	-	-	363,003	(363,003)
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 434,150</u>	<u>\$ 431,527</u>	<u>\$ 2,623</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ (13,220)</u>	<u>\$ (247,370)</u>	<u>\$ (214,573)</u>	<u>\$ 32,797</u>
Fund Balance - January 1	<u>\$ 52,371</u>	<u>\$ 52,371</u>	<u>\$ 52,371</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund Balance - December 31	<u>\$ 39,151</u>	<u>\$ (194,999)</u>	<u>\$ (162,202)</u>	<u>\$ 32,797</u>

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PENSION SCHEDULES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

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

	2016	2015	2014
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.003920%	0.004511%	0.004476%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 38,200	\$ 30,673	\$ 28,413
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 39,500	\$ 40,186	\$ 37,708
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	96.71%	76.33%	75.35%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	70.46%	77.15%	77.15%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2014.

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

	2016	2015	2014
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 2,812	\$ 2,861	\$ 2,685
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	\$ (2,812)	\$ (2,861)	\$ (2,685)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 39,500	\$ 40,186	\$ 37,708
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	7.12%	7.12%	7.12%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2014.

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
West Fargo, North Dakota

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

NOTE 1: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information:

- The water resource board adopts an “appropriated budget” on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) for the general fund, each special revenue fund and debt service fund of the district.
- The budget includes proposed expenditures and means of financing them.
- The water resource 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 board 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 water resource board, 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 water resource board must file the budget with the county auditor by October 10th.
- Each budget is controlled by the water resource 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 board of water resource district commissioners amended the water resource district budget for 2016 as follows.

Fund	REVENUES & TRANSFERS IN		
	Original Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
<u>Major Funds:</u>			
General Fund	\$219,710	\$ 600,630	\$ 820,340
Swan Creek Maintenance	226,975	927,775	1,154,750
Capital Project Funds	-	2,970,795	2,970,795
Debt Service Funds	632,395	832,110	1,464,505

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information - Continued

Fund	EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS OUT		
	Original Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
<u>Major Funds:</u>			
General Fund	\$220,710	\$ 354,825	\$ 575,535
Swan Creek Maintenance	100,000	708,920	808,920
Garsteig-Emden Maint. Dist.	200,000	234,150	434,150
Capital Project Funds	-	1,664,725	1,664,725
Debt Service Funds	737,675	1,584,630	2,322,305
<u>Non Major Funds:</u>			
Pontiac Twp. Imp Dist. #73M	-	1,740	1,740
Upper Maple River Dam	-	7,740	7,740

NOTE 3: EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF BUDGET

During fiscal year 2016, the Maple River Water Resource District didn't have any fund expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts.

NOTE 4: PENSIONS - CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS

Amounts reported in 2016 reflect actuarial assumption changes effective July 1, 2016 based on the results of an actuarial experience study completed in 2015. This includes changes to the mortality tables, disability incidence rates, retirement rates, administrative expenses, salary scale, and percent married assumption.

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
West Fargo, North Dakota

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Drain CR #1M	Drain #46	Drain #54	Casselton Township Imp. #62M	Casselton Township Imp. #64M	Pontiac Twp Imp Dist. #73M	Upper Maple River Dam Maint District	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 85,896	\$ 27,527	\$ 14,627	\$ 8,769	\$ 79,072	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 215,892
Taxes Receivable	223	228	-	244	-	-	-	695
Due from County	(0)	-	-	125	-	-	-	125
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	9,474	-	-	-	9,474
Total Assets	\$ 86,120	\$ 27,755	\$ 14,627	\$ 18,613	\$ 79,072	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226,186
<u>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</u>								
<u>Liabilities:</u>								
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 2,425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54	\$ 2,479
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	1,736	7,739	9,474
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ 2,425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,736	\$ 7,793	\$ 11,953
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</u>								
Taxes Receivable	\$ 223	\$ 228	\$ -	\$ 244	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 695
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 223	\$ 2,653	\$ -	\$ 244	\$ -	\$ 1,736	\$ 7,793	\$ 12,649
<u>Fund Balances:</u>								
Restricted	\$ 85,896	\$ 25,102	\$ 14,627	\$ 18,369	\$ 79,072	\$ (1,736)	\$ (7,793)	\$ 213,538
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 86,120	\$ 27,755	\$ 14,627	\$ 18,613	\$ 79,072	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226,186

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
West Fargo, North Dakota

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Drain CR #1M	Drain #46	Drain #54	Casselton Twp. Imp. Dist. #62M	Casselton Twp. Imp. Dist. #64M	Pontiac Twp Imp Dist. #73M	Upper Maple River Dam Maint Dist	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<u>Revenues:</u>								
Taxes	\$ 33,885	\$ 87,711	\$ 6,342	\$ 9,455	\$ 12,532	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,926
Interest Income	610	214	103	127	576	-	-	1,630
Miscellaneous	-	-	709	-	-	-	-	709
Total Revenues	\$ 34,495	\$ 87,925	\$ 7,154	\$ 9,582	\$ 13,108	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152,264
<u>Expenditures:</u>								
Current:								
Conserv. of Natural Resources	\$ 1,103	\$ 70,548	\$ 1,550	\$ 419	\$ 257	\$ 1,736	\$ 7,793	\$ 83,405
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 33,392	\$ 17,377	\$ 5,604	\$ 9,164	\$ 12,851	\$ (1,736)	\$ (7,793)	\$ 68,859
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 52,504	\$ 7,725	\$ 9,023	\$ 9,205	\$ 66,221	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 144,678
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 85,896	\$ 25,102	\$ 14,627	\$ 18,369	\$ 79,072	\$ (1,736)	\$ (7,793)	\$ 213,538

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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*

Independent Auditor's Report

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

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Maple River Water Resource District, West Fargo, North Dakota, a component unit of Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Maple River Water Resource District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 12, 2017.

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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses or schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified one deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be a material weakness [2016-001].

Compliance and Other Matters

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, 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

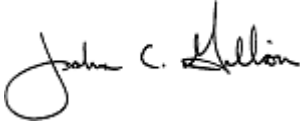
Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* - Continued

Maple River Water Resource District's Response to Findings

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



Joshua C. Gallion
State Auditor

Fargo, North Dakota
May 12, 2017

MAPLE RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
West Fargo, North Dakota

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued?

Governmental Activities	Unmodified
Major Governmental Funds	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

Material weaknesses identified?	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Significant deficiencies identified?	<u> </u> Yes	<u> X </u> None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<u> </u> Yes	<u> X </u> None reported

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

2016-001 – LACK OF SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Condition:

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.

Criteria:

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 water resource district.

Effect:

The lack of segregation of duties increases the risk of fraud and the risk of misstatement of the water resource district's financial condition.

Recommendation:

Due to the size, complexity and the economic realities of the water resource district, it is presently not feasible to obtain proper separation of duties. We recommend that if it becomes feasible to segregate duties in the future, that duties are segregated to the extent possible to reduce the potential risk of loss.

Views of Responsible Officials:

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

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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, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Maple River Water Resource District, West Fargo, North Dakota, a component unit of Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota, for the year ended December 31, 2016 which collectively comprise the Water Resource District’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 12, 2017. 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 AND GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

As stated in our engagement letter dated April 7, 2017, 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 the 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, 2016. 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 May 12, 2017.

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 the 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.

The following presents our informal recommendation:

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LACK OF DUAL SIGNATURES ON CHECK

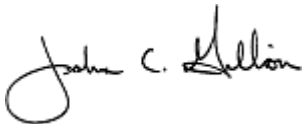
In testing expenditures for the Maple River WRD, it was noted that Check #5505 for \$3,028.94 to Rodger Olson was signed by only Rodger Olson for 2014 per diem reimbursements. Strong internal controls over expenditures is recognized with dual signatures on checks; however, this check was only signed by the recipient.

We recommend that Cass County WRD enforce their policy of having dual signatures on each check, and that the checks be signed by two people not receiving the check.

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This information is intended solely for the use of the Governing Board and management of the Maple River Water Resource District, 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

Fargo, North Dakota
May 12, 2017

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