

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY, A COMPONENT UNIT
OF THE CITY OF BEULAH, NORTH DAKOTA
BEULAH, NORTH DAKOTA**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Airport Commission
Airport Authority
Beulah, North Dakota

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Airport Authority, a component unit of the City of Beulah, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Airport Authority, as of December 31, 2017, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position for the year ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 28, 2018, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal controls over financial reporting and compliance.



**BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA**

June 28, 2018

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY, A COMPONENT UNIT
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 46,407
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Non-current assets:

Construction in progress	44,700
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Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	660,705
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Total non-current assets	<u>705,405</u>
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Total assets	<u>751,812</u>
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NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	705,405
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Unrestricted	<u>46,407</u>
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Total net position	<u><u>\$ 751,812</u></u>
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**AIRPORT AUTHORITY, A COMPONENT UNIT
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

EXPENSES

Public services - airport:

Fuel	\$ 56,472
Repairs and maintenance	19,328
Insurance	2,139
Public relations	1,132
Depreciation	53,854
Lease	1,360
Utilities	3,081
Supplies and miscellaneous	<u>2,237</u>

Total expenses	<u>139,603</u>
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REVENUES

Program revenues:

Charges for services	68,932
Operating grants and contributions	<u>28,425</u>

Total program revenue	<u>97,357</u>
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Net program (expense) revenue	<u>(42,246)</u>
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General revenues:

Property taxes	40,739
State aid distribution	16,084
Investment earnings	84
Miscellaneous	<u>333</u>

Total general revenues	<u>57,240</u>
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Change in net position	14,994
Net position - beginning	<u>736,818</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 751,812</u>

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**AIRPORT AUTHORITY, A COMPONENT UNIT
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BALANCE SHEET – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 46,407</u>
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FUND BALANCE

Unassigned	<u>\$ 46,407</u>
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**AIRPORT AUTHORITY, A COMPONENT UNIT
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RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO
THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION -
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
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Total governmental funds balance	\$	46,407
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in this fund financial statement, but are reported in the governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position.

Cost	\$	1,286,977	
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(581,572)</u>	
Capital assets, net			<u>705,405</u>
Net position of governmental activities	\$		<u><u>751,812</u></u>

See Notes to the Financial Statements

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY, A COMPONENT UNIT
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

REVENUES

Taxes	\$ 40,739
Intergovernmental	44,509
Charges for services	68,932
Interest	84
Miscellaneous	333
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Total revenues	154,597
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EXPENDITURES

Public services - airport:

Current:

Fuel	56,472
Repairs and maintenance	19,328
Insurance	2,139
Public relations	1,132
Lease	1,360
Utilities	3,081
Supplies and miscellaneous	2,237
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Total current expenditures 85,749

Capital outlay 111,669

Total expenditures 197,418

Net change in fund balance (42,821)

Fund balance - beginning 89,228

Fund balance - ending \$ 46,407

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RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES WITH THE
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES -
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Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds \$ (42,821)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the
Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures because such outlays use current financial resources. In contrast, the Statement of Activities reports only a portion of the outlay as expense. The outlay is allocated over the assets' estimated useful lives as depreciation expense for the period.

Capital outlay	\$	111,669	
Depreciation expense		<u>(53,854)</u>	<u>57,815</u>
Change in net position - governmental activities			<u><u>\$ 14,994</u></u>

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**AIRPORT AUTHORITY, A COMPONENT UNIT
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY (COMPONENT UNIT)

The City of Beulah operates under a city council form of government. The Airport Commission is appointed by the City Council. The Airport Authority is accounted for as a special purpose government engaged in a governmental activity.

As discussed in Note 2, these financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting. This modified basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The Airport Authority's significant accounting policies are as described below in Note 2.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The Airport Authority's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including Statements of Net Position and Statements of Activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Reporting Entity

Component units are legally separate organizations for which a government is financially accountable. The Airport Authority is included as a component unit in a separate report of the City of Beulah (the primary government) because of the significance of the operational and financial relationship with the City.

The Government Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. The criteria includes appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the government 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 government. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the government.

The members of the governing board of the Airport Authority are appointed by the City Council. Although the City does not have the authority to approve or modify the Airport Authority's operational and capital budgets, the tax rates established by the Airport Authority and bonded debt must be approved by the City Council. Complete financial statements of the primary government can be obtained from the City of Beulah auditor.

Based on the above criteria, the Airport Authority has no component units included in its report.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statements of Net Position and the Statements of Activities display information about the Airport Authority as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the reporting entity. The statements include governmental activities, which are normally financed through taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

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The Statements of Net Position present the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Airport Authority at year-end. The Statements of Activities present a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Airport Authority's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions, including special assessments that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the Airport Authority. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Airport Authority.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are designated to present financial information of the Airport Authority at this more detailed level.

Each major fund is presented in a separate column in the fund financial statements.

Fund Accounting

The Airport Authority uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The fund of the financial entity is described below:

General fund

The general fund is the general operating fund of the Airport Authority. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "how" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Government-wide financial statements

In the government-wide financial statements, the governmental activities are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting.

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Fund financial statements

In the fund financial statements, the current financial resources measurement focus as applied to the modified cash basis of accounting is used as appropriate.

All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the Balance Sheets. The Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances report on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide Statements of Net Position and Statements of Activities and the fund financial statements, governmental activities are presented using the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net position/fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses when they result from cash transactions with a provision for depreciation in the government-wide statements. This basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) deferred outflows, certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities), and deferred inflows are not recorded in these financial statements.

If the Airport Authority utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financials would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Airport Authority Commission follows the procedures established by North Dakota law for the budgetary process. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for the upcoming year, along with estimates for the current year and actual data for the preceding year. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.

The governing board reviews the preliminary budget, may make revisions, and approves it on or before September 10. On or about October 7, a public hearing is held for taxpayers to discuss any budgeted items. The governing body reviews the preliminary budget at the hearing, and may make revisions that do not increase the total budget and prepares the final budget. The governing board adopts an ordinance approving the tax levy requested in the final budget. The final budget must be filed with the county auditor by October 10.

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The budget may be amended during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared, except no amendment changing the taxes levied can be made after October 10.

Except as provided by North Dakota Century Code, the balance of each appropriation becomes a part of the unappropriated fund balance at year-end.

The Airport Authority prepares its budget and reports its governmental funds on the same basis of accounting.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Airport Authority considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents, except for certificates of deposit, which are considered cash equivalents regardless of their term since there is no loss of principal for early withdrawal. Cash consists of amounts in demand deposits and savings accounts. These amounts must be deposited in a financial institution situated and doing business within this state. Cash equivalents consist of certificates of deposit and are stated in the financial statements at cost, which approximates fair value.

Capital Assets

The Airport Authority's modified cash basis of accounting reports capital assets resulting from cash transactions and reports depreciation where appropriate. The accounting treatment over property, plant and equipment (capital assets) depends on whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets arising from cash transactions are accounted for as assets in the Statements of Net Position. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets arising from cash transactions is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statements of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statements of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. A capitalization threshold of \$5,000 is used to report capital assets. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Asset	Estimated life
Buildings	30 years
Infrastructure	5 – 30 years
Equipment	5 years

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Fund financial statements

In the fund financial statements, capital assets arising from cash transactions acquired for use in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

Equity Classifications

Government-wide financial statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in two components:

- 1) Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.
- 2) Unrestricted net position - All other net position that does not meet the definition of net investment in capital assets or restricted net position.

It is the Airport Authority's policy to first use restricted net position prior to the use of unrestricted net position when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

Fund Financial Statements

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources.

The non-spendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – inventories and prepaid expenses; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

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

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

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

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Assigned – This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the Authority’s “intent” to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The board of directors and management of the Authority have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as non-spendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned – This fund balance is the residual classification for the Authority’s only fund.

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

Program Revenues

In the Statements of Activities, modified cash basis revenues that are derived directly from each activity or from parties outside the Airport Authority’s taxpayers are reported as program revenues. All other governmental revenues are reported as general. All taxes are classified as general revenue even if restricted for a specific purpose.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Airport Authority requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures (such as estimated useful lives in determining depreciation expense); accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Property Taxes

All real estate is assessed as of the current value in April of each year. Property taxes are attached as an enforceable lien on the real estate and become due on January 1 of the year following the assessment date.

A 5% reduction of the taxes is allowed if the taxes are paid in full by February 15. Penalty and interest are added on March 1 if the first half of the taxes is not paid. Additional penalty and interest are added on a quarterly basis to those taxes that are not paid.

Taxes are collected by the county, remitted monthly to the City, and distributed to the Airport Authority.

NOTE 3 DEPOSITS

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

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Deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institutions 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.

Credit Risk

The Airport Authority may invest idle funds as authorized by 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 agreement to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are the type above
- (c) Certificates of deposits fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation
- (d) Obligations of the state
- (e) Commercial paper issued by a United States corporation rated in the highest quality category by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies and matures in two hundred seventy days or less.

As of December 31, 2017, the Airport Authority had investments in certificates of deposits as authorized by statutes. These amounts are classified as cash and cash equivalents on the financial statements in accordance with the Airport Authority's policy.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event a financial institution fails, a government is unable to recover the value of its deposits, investments, or collateralized securities in the possession of the institution.

The Airport Authority maintains cash on deposit at various financial institutions. The amounts on deposit were insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000. At December 31, 2017, none of the Airport Authority's deposits were exposed to custodial credit risk, as all deposits were covered by FDIC coverage.

NOTE 4 CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Airport Authority collects taxes, rents, and money from fuel sales from constituents located within the city limits or the immediate area.

NOTE 5 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Airport Authority purchases a portion of its services and supplies from various entities that are controlled by the City Council members. It was not reasonably possible to determine the dollar amount of these transactions for the year ended December 31, 2017.

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NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2017 was as follows:

	Balance 1/1/17	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/17
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Construction in progress	\$ 4,400	\$ 44,700	\$ (4,400)	\$ 44,700
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings	6,555	-	-	6,555
Equipment	26,065	71,369	-	97,434
Infrastructure	1,138,288	-	-	1,138,288
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>1,170,908</u>	<u>71,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,242,277</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	5,061	219	-	5,280
Equipment	26,065	7,726	-	33,791
Infrastructure	496,592	45,909	-	542,501
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>527,718</u>	<u>53,854</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>581,572</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>643,190</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>660,705</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 647,590</u>	<u>\$ 62,215</u>	<u>\$ (4,400)</u>	<u>\$ 705,405</u>

Depreciation expense of \$53,854 was charged to Public Services in the Statement of Activities.

NOTE 7 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Airport Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. In 1986, the 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 Airport Authority is covered under the City of Beulah NDIRF insurance policies. The City 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 \$2,000,000 per occurrence.

The City also participates in the State Bonding Fund, which includes coverage of the Airport Authority. The State Bonding Fund currently provides the City with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The Airport Authority purchases commercial insurance for products – completed operations liability, general liability, fire damage and premises medical payments coverage associated with the Airport.

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

NOTE 8 LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The Airport Authority has a lease on a tract of land that it uses. The Authority is committed to pay rentals on this property through fiscal year 2064.

The annual primary rental figures, upon which the Consumer Price Index upward adjustment will be computed, are as follows:

2018	\$ 1,360
2019	1,360
2020	1,360
2021	1,360
2022	1,360
2023 – 2027	6,800
2028 – 2032	6,800
2033 – 2037	6,800
2038 – 2042	6,800
2043 – 2047	6,800
2048 – 2052	6,800
2053 – 2057	6,800
2058 – 2062	6,800
2063 – 2064	2,720
	<u>\$ 63,920</u>

The Authority paid \$1,360 for rent during the year ended December 31, 2017.

NOTE 9 NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB). It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for OPEB that is provided by other entities. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). This Statement establishes criteria for determining the timing and pattern of recognition of a liability and corresponding deferred outflow of resources for AROs. It also establishes disclosure of information about the nature of a government's AROs, the methods and assumptions used for the estimates of the liabilities, and the estimated remaining useful life of the associated tangible capital assets. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2018. Earlier application is encouraged.

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GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, provides guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*, addresses practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits (pensions and other postemployment benefits [OPEB]). The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2017. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*, provides guidance for derecognizing debt that is defeased in substance, regardless of how cash and other monetary assets placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of extinguishing that debt were acquired. This Statement requires that any remaining prepaid insurance related to the extinguished debt be included in the net carrying amount of that debt for the purpose of calculating the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the debt. In addition, this Statement will enhance the decision-usefulness of information in notes to financial statements regarding debt that has been defeased in substance. This Statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2017. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. This Statement requires recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that were previously classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. This Statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt*, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements, improve the information that is disclosed in notes to government financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. It also clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt. This Statement requires that additional essential information related to debt be disclosed in notes to financial statements, including unused lines of credit; assets pledged as collateral for the debt; and terms specified in debt agreements related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, significant termination events with finance-related consequences, and significant subjective acceleration clauses. This Statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2018. Earlier application is encouraged.

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Management has not yet determined the effects these statements will have on the Authority's financial statements.

NOTE 10 COMMITMENTS

The Authority has a maintenance building construction project in progress as of December 31, 2017 which has an expected total cost of \$50,240. As of December 31, 2017, the Authority has paid \$44,700. The project is expected to be completed during 2018.

NOTE 11 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No significant events occurred subsequent to the Authority's year end. Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 28, 2018, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.



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

To the Airport Commission
Airport Authority
Beulah, North Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the Airport Authority, a component unit of the City of Beulah, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 28, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness and significant deficiencies.

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 Authority's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency 2017-001 as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be a material weakness.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies 2017-002 and 2017-003 as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Airport Authority's Responses to Findings

Airport Authority's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Authority's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

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



BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

June 28, 2018

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY, A COMPONENT UNIT
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

2017-001: Adjusting Journal Entries - Material Weakness

Criteria

The Authority is required to maintain internal controls at a level where underlying support for general ledger accounts can be developed and a determination can be made that the general ledger accounts are properly reflected on the modified cash basis of accounting.

Condition

During our audit, current year adjusting entries to the financial statements were proposed in order to properly reflect the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Cause

The Authority's internal controls have not been designed to address the specific training needs required of its personnel to identify the adjustments necessary to properly reflect the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Effect

An appropriate system of internal controls is not present to make a determination that the general ledger accounts are properly adjusted in compliance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Authority review its current training system for its accounting personnel and determine if it is cost effective for the Authority to obtain this knowledge internally.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

Due to the small size of the Authority, it is currently not cost effective for the Authority personnel to obtain the level of training necessary to completely eliminate this internal control finding. The City will review training options and determine what level of training can be obtained on a cost effective basis.

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2017-002: Segregation of Duties

Criteria

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

Condition

The Authority has one staff person performing most of the accounting functions including recording, reconciling and this person also is one of the check signors authorizing payments.

Cause

Size and budget constraints limiting the number of personnel within the Authority.

Effect

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

Recommendation

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

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

The Authority will review duties of employees and determine if it is cost effective to obtain this expertise.

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2017-003: Auditor Preparation of Financial Statements

Criteria

An appropriate system of internal controls requires the Authority to determine that the financial statements are properly stated in compliance with the modified cash basis of accounting. This requires the Authority's personnel to maintain knowledge of current accounting principles and required financial statement disclosures.

Condition

The Authority does not have the internal resources to prepare full-disclosure financial statements for external reporting.

Cause

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

Effect

An appropriate system of internal controls is not present to make a determination that financial statements are properly stated in compliance with the modified cash basis of accounting. However, the Authority is aware of the deficiency and addresses it by reviewing and approving the completed statements prior to distribution to end users.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Authority review its current training system for its accounting personnel and determine if it is cost effective for the Authority to obtain this knowledge internally. The Authority also could begin to address this significant deficiency through the use of current disclosure checklists by accounting staff prior to the finalization of the Authority's year-end or consider outsourcing of the financial statement preparation and review functions.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

Due to the small size of the Authority, it is currently not cost effective for the Authority personnel to obtain the level of training necessary to completely eliminate this internal control finding. The Authority will review training options and determine what level of training can be obtained on a cost effective basis.