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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF

PRAIRIETON/PRAIRIE CREEK
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Treasurer	Joseph Hayworth	01-01-06 to 12-31-08
President of the Board	Larry Sample	01-01-06 to 12-31-08



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE PRAIRIETON/PRAIRIE CREEK
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of the Prairieton/Prairie Creek Fire Protection District (District), for the period of January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007. The District's management is responsible for the financial information presented herein. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the financial information presented herein and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial information referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial information of the District for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2007, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

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November 6, 2008

PRAIRIETON/PRAIRIE CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
 As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2006 And 2007

	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-06</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-06</u>
Governmental Fund: General	<u>\$ 29,328</u>	<u>\$ 72,459</u>	<u>\$ 74,872</u>	<u>\$ 26,915</u>
	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-07</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-07</u>
Governmental Fund: General	<u>\$ 26,915</u>	<u>\$ 80,880</u>	<u>\$ 81,432</u>	<u>\$ 26,363</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial information.

PRAIRIETON/PRAIRIE CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note 1. Introduction

The District was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The District operates under an appointed governing board and provides fire protection.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the District in June and December. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100% of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively. All property taxes collected by the County Treasurer and available for distribution were distributed to the District on or prior to December 31 of the year collected.

Note 5. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes the District to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

Note 6. Renaming of District

Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-8-11-1, the Vigo County Board of Commissioners amended Ordinance No. 4-72 to add the Prairie Creek Township to the established Prairieton Fire Protection District. The amendment provides that the District is hereinafter to be known as the Prairieton/Prairie Creek Fire Protection District, effective August 16, 2007.

General provisions are incorporated in the amendment, including the appointment of and terms of the District's seven Board of Trustees.

PRAIRIETON/PRAIRIE CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on November 6, 2008, with Joseph Hayworth, Treasurer. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.