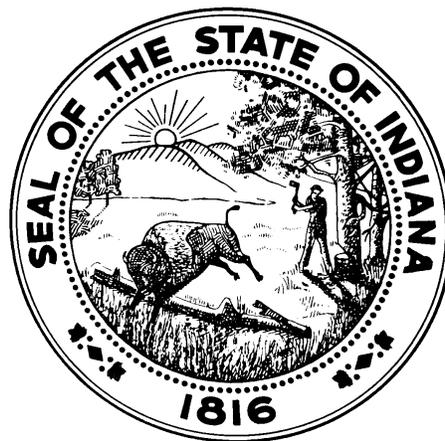


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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
ELKHART COUNTY SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
ELKHART COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Director	Nancy J. Brown	01-01-07 to 12-31-09
Treasurer	Jenny Brosius	03-01-06 to 02-28-10
Chairman of the Board	James W. Hess	03-01-06 to 02-28-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF ELKHART COUNTY SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ELKHART COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District (District), for the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. 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, 2007 and 2008, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

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July 28, 2009

ELKHART COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL  
 As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2007 And 2008

	<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>37,317</u>	\$ <u>44,927</u>	\$ <u>44,466</u>	\$ <u>37,778</u>
	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-08</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-08</u>
Governmental Fund: General	\$ <u>37,778</u>	\$ <u>79,062</u>	\$ <u>51,562</u>	\$ <u>65,278</u>

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

ELKHART COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note 1. Introduction

The District was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The District operates under a Board of Supervisors form of government and provides soil and water conservation services.

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.

Note 4. 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.

ELKHART COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
(Continued)

Note 5. Pension Plan

Public Employees' Retirement Fund

Plan Description

The District contributes to the Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF), a defined benefit pension plan. PERF is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system, which provides retirement benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. All full-time employees are eligible to participate in this defined benefit plan. State statutes (IC 5-10.2 and 5-10.3) govern, through the PERF Board, most requirements of the system, and give the District authority to contribute to the plan. The PERF retirement benefit consists of the pension provided by employer contributions plus an annuity provided by the member's annuity savings account. The annuity savings account consists of members' contributions, set by state statute at 3% of compensation, plus the interest credited to the member's account. The employer may elect to make the contributions on behalf of the member.

PERF administers the plan and issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan as a whole and for its participants. That report may be obtained by contacting:

Public Employees' Retirement Fund  
Harrison Building, Room 800  
143 West Market Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Ph. (317) 233-4162

Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

The contribution requirements of the plan members for PERF are established by the Board of Trustees of PERF.

ELKHART COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on July 30, 2009, with Jenny Brosius, Treasurer; James W. Hess, Chairman of the Board; Brian Campbell, Board Secretary; and Nancy J. Brown, Director. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.