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FINANCIAL STATEMENT EXAMINATION REPORT
OF

OWEN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OWEN COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
District Coordinator/Treasurer	Gwendolyn S. Dieter William L. Peterson	01-01-10 to 12-31-11 01-01-12 to 12-31-12
President of the Board of Supervisors	Steve Worland Paul Cummings	01-01-10 to 12-31-10 01-01-11 to 12-31-12



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the financial statements of the Owen County Soil and Water Conservation District (District), for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011. The District's management is responsible for the financial statements. 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 statements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the District prepares its financial statements on the prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the reporting requirements established by the State Board of Accounts as allowed by state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The basis noted above is a different basis than that used in the prior year.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the District for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The Combining Schedules of Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash and Investment Balances – Regulatory Basis, Schedule of Payables and Receivables, and Schedule of Capital Assets, as listed in the Table of Contents, are presented for additional analysis and are not required parts of the financial statements. They have not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District's management, District's Board of Supervisors, and others within the entity and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. In accordance with Indiana Code 5-11-5-1, this report is a part of the public records of the State Board of Accounts and of the office examined.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

May 2, 2012

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements and accompanying notes were approved by management of the District.
The financial statements and notes are presented as intended by the District.

OWEN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-10	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-10
General	\$ 48,489	\$ 29,787	\$ 29,934	\$ 48,342

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

OWEN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2011

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-11	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-11
General Fund	<u>\$ 48,342</u>	<u>\$ 25,104</u>	<u>\$ 27,500</u>	<u>\$ 45,946</u>

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

OWEN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

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

The accompanying financial statements present the financial information for the District.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are reported on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the State Board of Accounts in accordance with state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recorded when received and disbursements are recorded when paid.

The regulatory basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that receipts are recognized when received in cash, rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid, rather than when a liability is incurred.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are stated at cost. Any changes in fair value of the investments are reported as receipts in the year of the sale of the investment.

D. Receipts

Receipts are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statements. The aggregate receipts include the following sources:

Intergovernmental receipts which include receipts from other governments in the form of operating grants, entitlements, or payments in lieu of taxes. Examples of this type of receipts include, but are not limited to: federal grants, state grants, cigarette tax distributions received from the state, motor vehicle highway distribution received from the state, local road and street distribution received from the state, financial institution tax received from the state, auto excise surtax received from the state, commercial vehicle excise tax received from the state, major moves distributions received from the state, and riverboat receipts received from the county.

Charges for services which can include, but are not limited to the following: agriculture services based on grant programs and the sale of rain barrels and plat maps.

Other receipts which include amounts received from various sources which can include, but are not limited to the following: net proceeds from borrowings; interfund loan activity; transfers authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution or court order; internal service receipts; and fiduciary receipts.

OWEN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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E. Disbursements

Disbursements are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statements. The aggregate disbursements include the following uses:

Personal services include outflows for salaries, wages, and related employee benefits provided for all persons employed. In those units where sick leave, vacation leave, overtime compensation, and other such benefits are appropriated separately, such payments would also be included.

Supplies which include articles and commodities that are entirely consumed and materially altered when used and/or show rapid depreciation after use for a short period of time. Examples of supplies include office supplies, operating supplies, and repair and maintenance supplies.

Other services and charges which include, but are not limited to: professional services, communication and transportation, printing and advertising, insurance, utility services, repairs and maintenance, and rental charges.

Other disbursements which include, but are not limited to the following: interfund loan payments, loans made to other funds, internal service disbursements, and transfers out that are authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution, or court order.

F. Fund Accounting

Separate funds are established, maintained, and reported by the District. Each fund is used to account for money received from and used for specific sources and uses as determined by various regulations. Restrictions on some funds are set by statute while other funds are internally restricted by the District. The money accounted for in a specific fund may only be available for use for certain, legally restricted purposes. Additionally, some funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity as an agent of individuals, private organizations, other funds, or other governmental units and therefore the funds cannot be used for any expenditures of the unit itself.

Note 2. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. The fiscal officer of the District submits a proposed operating budget to the governing board for the following calendar year.

Note 3. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with state statute (IC 5-13), with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end should be 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 statutes authorize 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.

OWEN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)

Note 4. Risk Management

The District may be exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; job related illnesses or injuries to employees; medical benefits to employees, retirees, and dependents; and natural disasters.

These risks can be mitigated through the purchase of insurance, establishment of a self-insurance fund, and/or participation in a risk pool. The purchase of insurance transfers the risk to an independent third party. The establishment of a self-insurance fund allows the District to set aside money for claim settlements. The self-insurance fund would be included in the financial statements. The purpose of participation in a risk pool is to provide a medium for the funding and administration of the risks. These risks may also be mitigated by the District by recording as a disbursement any replacement items purchased.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – UNAUDITED

For additional financial information, the District's 2011 Annual Report information can be found on the Gateway website: <https://gateway.ifionline.org/>.

Differences may be noted between the financial information presented in the financial statement contained in this report and the financial information presented in the Annual Report of the District which is referenced above. These differences, if any, are due to adjustments made to the financial information during the course of the examination. This is a common occurrence in any financial statement examination. The financial information presented in this report is examined information, and the accuracy of such information can be determined by reading the opinion given in the Independent Accountant's Report.

The supplementary information presented was approved by management of the District. It is presented as intended by the District.

OWEN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

	General
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ <u>48,489</u>
Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	23,731
Charges for services	490
Other receipts	<u>5,566</u>
Total receipts	<u>29,787</u>
Disbursements:	
Personal services	1,560
Supplies	1,784
Other services and charges	26,422
Other disbursements	<u>168</u>
Total disbursements	<u>29,934</u>
Deficiency of receipts over disbursements	<u>(147)</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u><u>\$ 48,342</u></u>

OWEN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2011

	<u>General Fund</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ <u>48,342</u>
Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	21,782
Charges for services	1,253
Other receipts	<u>2,069</u>
Total receipts	<u>25,104</u>
Disbursements:	
Personal services	2,415
Supplies	2,408
Other services and charges	17,439
Other disbursements	<u>5,238</u>
Total disbursements	<u>27,500</u>
Deficiency of receipts over disbursements	<u>(2,396)</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ <u>45,946</u></u>

OWEN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF PAYABLES AND RECEIVABLES
December 31, 2011

<u>Government or Enterprise</u>	<u>Accounts Payable</u>	<u>Accounts Receivable</u>
Governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,415</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

OWEN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
 December 31, 2011

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Contributed or donated assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received.

	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:	
Land	\$ 30,000
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	52,075
Books and other	<u>500</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>82,575</u>
 Total capital assets	 <u><u>\$ 82,575</u></u>

OWEN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

We noted a payment of \$2,000 was issued to an employee for a supplement to the salary ordinance. Taxes were not withheld from this payment.

All compensation and benefits paid to officials and employees must be included in the labor contract, salary ordinance, resolution or salary schedule adopted by the governing body unless otherwise authorized by statute. Compensation should be made in a manner that will facilitate compliance with state and federal reporting requirements. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

We noted two disbursements issued in our examination period that were issued to cash:

Warrants	#3108	\$ 63
	#3190	94

Disbursements, other than proper petty cash disbursements, shall be by check or warrant, not by cash or other methods unless specifically authorized by statute, federal or state rule. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

OWEN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on May 2, 2012, with William L. Peterson, District Coordinator/Treasurer. The official concurred with our findings.