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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EXAMINATION REPORT
OF

FAYETTE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FAYETTE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Treasurer	Gretchen Rea	01-01-10 to 12-31-12
President of the Board of Supervisors	Addam Carmony	01-01-10 to 12-31-10
	David Caldwell	01-01-11 to 12-31-12



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the accompanying financial statements of the Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District (District), for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011. The financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements 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.

Our examination was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the District's financial statements. The Combining Schedules of Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash and Investment Balances – Regulatory Basis, 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, 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.

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October 1, 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.

FAYETTE 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	<u>\$ 24,605</u>	<u>\$ 17,596</u>	<u>\$ 17,412</u>	<u>\$ 24,789</u>

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

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 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	\$ 24,789	\$ 18,926	\$ 20,566	\$ 23,149

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

FAYETTE 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 may include the following sources:

Licenses and permits which include amounts received from businesses, occupations, or non-businesses that must be licensed before doing business within the government's jurisdiction or permits levied according to the benefits presumably conferred by the permit. Examples of licenses and permits include: peddler licenses, dog tax licenses, auctioneer license, building and planning permits, demolition permits, electrical permits, sign permits, and gun permits.

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: planning commission charges, building department charges, copies of public records, copy machine charges, accident report copies, gun permit applications, 911 telephone services, recycling

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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fees, dog pound fees, emergency medical service fees, park rental fees, swimming pool receipts, cable tv receipts, ordinance violations, fines and fees, bond forfeitures, court costs, and court receipts.

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.

E. Disbursements

Disbursements are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statements. The aggregate disbursements may 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.

Capital outlay which include all outflows for land, infrastructure, buildings, improvements, and machinery and equipment having an appreciable and calculable period of usefulness.

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. Interfund Transfers

The District may, from time to time, transfer money from one fund to another. These transfers, if any, are included as a part of the receipts and disbursements of the affected funds and as a part of total receipts and disbursements. The transfers are used for cash flow purposes as provided by various statutory provisions.

G. 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.

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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. The budget is advertised as required by law. Prior to adopting the budget, the governing board conducts public hearings and obtains taxpayer comments. Prior to November 1, the governing board approves the budget for the next year. The budget for funds for which property taxes are levied or highway use taxes are received is subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 3. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are scheduled to be distributed to the District in June and December; however, situations can arise which would delay the distributions. 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 percent 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 normally become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively.

Note 4. 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.

Note 5. 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.

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 statements 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.

FAYETTE 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	\$ 24,605
Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	16,809
Charges for services	395
Other receipts	392
Total receipts	17,596
Disbursements:	
Personal services	875
Supplies	152
Other services and charges	14,626
Capital outlay	1,749
Other disbursements	10
Total disbursements	17,412
Excess of receipts over disbursements	184
Cash and investments - ending	\$ 24,789

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2011

	General Fund
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 24,789
Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	15,500
Other receipts	3,426
Total receipts	18,926
Disbursements:	
Personal services	1,050
Supplies	397
Other services and charges	9,781
Other disbursements	9,338
Total disbursements	20,566
Deficiency of receipts over disbursements	(1,640)
Cash and investments - ending	\$ 23,149

FAYETTE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

No bank reconciliations were presented for examination. A review of the bank statement balances shows that the bank has \$1,326 more than is reflected in the books.

Indiana Code 5-13-6-1(e) states in part: "All local investment officers shall reconcile at least monthly the balance of public funds, as disclosed by the records of the local officers, with the balance statements provided by the respective depositories."

PENALTIES, INTEREST, AND OTHER CHARGES

There was a payment made on an invoice that was paid late and the disbursement included a late fee of \$23.00.

Officials and employees have the duty to pay claims and remit taxes in a timely fashion. Failure to pay claims or remit taxes in a timely manner could be an indicator of serious financial problems which should be investigated by the governmental unit.

Additionally, officials and employees have a responsibility to perform duties in a manner which would not result in any unreasonable fees being assessed against the governmental unit.

Any penalties, interest or other charges paid by the governmental unit may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee.

(Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

SALES TAX

Five purchases were observed for which sales tax was paid. A total of \$5.59 in sales tax was paid.

Governmental funds generally are exempt from the payment of sales tax on qualifying purchases. Respective tax agencies should always be contacted concerning tax exemptions and payments. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

ANNUAL REPORT

The amounts listed on the unit's Annual Report which were used to create the financial statements contained numerous errors. The 2010 beginning balance was overstated by \$5,428.35 due to outstanding checks not being deducted from the balance. This caused disbursements to be overstated by the same amount. Receipts did not include \$5.20 of interest earned by the District's savings account. Other receipts and disbursements were overstated by \$799.12 were caused by unknown errors. In 2011, the receipts and disbursements were understated by \$578.77 and \$2,508.37, respectively, causing the ending balance to be understated by \$1,929.60.

The district shall prepare and file an annual financial report, required under IC 5-11-1-4, with the State Board of Accounts. For single county districts that own a landfill, annual financial reports must be filed not later than 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. All other districts are required to file not later than 30 days after the close of the fiscal year. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines for Special Districts, Chapter 3)

FAYETTE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on October 1, 2012, with Gretchen Rea, Treasurer, and David Caldwell, President of the Board of Supervisors. The officials concurred with our findings.