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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

SUGAR CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

VIGO 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/Secretary	Carol Holbert	01-01-10 to 12-31-12
President of the Board	Richard Wheat	01-01-10 to 12-31-12



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE SUGAR CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the accompanying financial statements of the Sugar Creek Fire Protection 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, Schedule of Leases and Debt, 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 Board, 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

November 15, 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.

SUGAR CREEK FIRE PROTECTION 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	\$ 106,479	\$ 425,474	\$ 357,464	\$ 174,489
Rainy Day	34,663	3,400	-	38,063
Debt Service	<u>72,308</u>	<u>74,299</u>	<u>114,831</u>	<u>31,776</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 213,450</u>	<u>\$ 503,173</u>	<u>\$ 472,295</u>	<u>\$ 244,328</u>

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

SUGAR CREEK FIRE PROTECTION 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	\$ 174,489	\$ 418,568	\$ 509,394	\$ 83,663
Rainy Day	38,063	64	-	38,127
Cumulative Fire	-	36,225	-	36,225
Debt Service	31,776	90,157	114,879	7,054
Totals	<u>\$ 244,328</u>	<u>\$ 545,014</u>	<u>\$ 624,273</u>	<u>\$ 165,069</u>

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

SUGAR CREEK FIRE PROTECTION 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:

Taxes which can include one or more of the following: property taxes, certified shares (local option tax), property tax replacement credit (local option tax), county option income tax, wheel tax, innkeepers tax, food and beverage tax, county economic development income tax, boat and trailer excise tax, county adjusted gross income tax, and other taxes that are set by the District.

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.

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.

SUGAR CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)

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.

Debt service principal and interest which include fixed obligations resulting from financial transactions previously entered into by the District. It includes all expenditures for the reduction of the principal and interest of the District's general obligation indebtedness.

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

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.

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.

SUGAR CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)

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 2010 Annual Report can be found on the Indiana Transparency Portal website: www.in.gov/itp/annual_reports/.

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 Reports of the District which are 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.

SUGAR CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

	<u>General</u>	<u>Rainy Day</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 106,479	\$ 34,663	\$ 72,308	\$ 213,450
Receipts:				
Taxes	305,442	-	63,162	368,604
Intergovernmental	106,201	3,302	11,132	120,635
Other receipts	13,831	98	5	13,934
Total receipts	<u>425,474</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>74,299</u>	<u>503,173</u>
Disbursements:				
Personal services	500	-	-	500
Supplies	40	-	-	40
Other services and charges	291,081	-	-	291,081
Capital outlay	27,600	-	-	27,600
Other disbursements	38,243	-	114,831	153,074
Total disbursements	<u>357,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,831</u>	<u>472,295</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>68,010</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>(40,532)</u>	<u>30,878</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 174,489</u>	<u>\$ 38,063</u>	<u>\$ 31,776</u>	<u>\$ 244,328</u>

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

	General	Rainy Day	Cumulative Fire	Debt Service	Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 174,489	\$ 38,063	\$ -	\$ 31,776	\$ 244,328
Receipts:					
Taxes	316,626	-	36,205	79,316	432,147
Intergovernmental	92,472	-	-	10,840	103,312
Other receipts	9,470	64	20	1	9,555
Total receipts	<u>418,568</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>36,225</u>	<u>90,157</u>	<u>545,014</u>
Disbursements:					
Supplies	40	-	-	-	40
Other services and charges	418,079	-	-	-	418,079
Debt service - principal and interest	53,959	-	-	114,879	168,838
Capital outlay	34,298	-	-	-	34,298
Other disbursements	3,018	-	-	-	3,018
Total disbursements	<u>509,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,879</u>	<u>624,273</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>(90,826)</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>36,225</u>	<u>(24,722)</u>	<u>(79,259)</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 83,663</u>	<u>\$ 38,127</u>	<u>\$ 36,225</u>	<u>\$ 7,054</u>	<u>\$ 165,069</u>

SUGAR CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF LEASES AND DEBT
 December 31, 2011

Description of Debt		Ending Principal Balance	Principal and Interest Due Within One Year
Type	Purpose		
Governmental activities:			
Notes and loans payable	Bank loan for purchase of aerial truck	\$ 318,679	\$ 114,468
Totals		<u>\$ 318,679</u>	<u>\$ 114,468</u>

SUGAR CREEK FIRE PROTECTION 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.

	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:	
Land	\$ 45,500
Buildings	172,884
Improvements other than buildings	27,600
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	868,522
Total governmental activities	1,114,506
Total capital assets	\$ 1,114,506

SUGAR CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

FINANCE CHARGES

The District incurred, and subsequently paid, finance charges for the delinquent payment of a bank loan and vehicle license plate during 2011.

Officials and employees have the duty to pay claims and remit taxes in a timely fashion. 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)

CAPITAL ASSET RECORDS

The District records capital asset additions, but disposals are not being recorded. When the District disposes of capital assets, the cost of the assets should be recorded in the records as deletions.

Every governmental unit should have a complete inventory of all capital assets owned which reflects their acquisition value. Such inventory should be recorded on the applicable Capital Assets Ledger. A complete inventory should be taken at least every two years for good internal control and for verifying account balances carried in the accounting records. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES - COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Treasurer received \$500 compensation in 2010 and 2011, however, Federal and State taxes were not withheld and a W-2 Statement of Earnings was not issued.

Each governmental unit is responsible for compliance with all rules, regulations, guidelines, and directives of the Internal Revenue Service and the Indiana Department of Revenue. All questions concerning taxes should be directed to these agencies. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

SUGAR CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on November 15, 2012, with Carol Holbert, Treasurer/Secretary.