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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EXAMINATION REPORT
OF

PORTER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Administrator	Michelle Benson	01-01-11 to 12-31-15
Fiscal Officer	Thomas Hannon Keith Gustafson	01-01-11 to 05-20-14 05-21-14 to 12-31-15
President of the Board of Supervisors	James Lambert	01-01-11 to 12-31-15



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the accompanying financial statements of the Porter County Soil and Water Conservation District (District), for the period of January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014. 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 Indiana 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 effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

In our opinion, because of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position and results of operations of the District for the period of January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014.

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 period of January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014, 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 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.

Paul D. Joyce
Paul D. Joyce, CPA
State Examiner

July 30, 2015

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOMPANYING NOTES

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.

PORTER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2012

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-11	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-11	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-12
General Fund	\$ 12,501	\$ 32,534	\$ 24,937	\$ 20,098	\$ 40,937	\$ 17,319	\$ 43,716

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

PORTER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2014

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-13	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-13	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-14
General Fund	\$ 43,716	\$ 32,383	\$ 26,274	\$ 49,825	\$ 37,250	\$ 21,881	\$ 65,194

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

PORTER 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 Indiana 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. The basis of accounting involves the reporting of only cash and investments and the changes therein resulting from cash inflows (receipts) and cash outflows (disbursements) reported in the period in which they occurred.

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

PORTER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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 include the following uses:

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. 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. 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.

PORTER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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.

OTHER INFORMATION - UNAUDITED

The District's Annual Reports for years prior to 2011 can be found on the Indiana Transparency Portal website: www.in.gov/itp/annual_reports/.

The District's Annual Report information for years 2011 and later 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 other information presented was approved by management of the District. It is presented as intended by the District.

PORTER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 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>12,501</u>
Receipts:		
Intergovernmental		23,471
Charges for services		7,000
Other receipts		<u>2,063</u>
Total receipts		<u>32,534</u>
Disbursements:		
Supplies		8,434
Other services and charges		16,503
Other disbursements		<u>-</u>
Total disbursements		<u>24,937</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements		<u>7,597</u>
Cash and investments - ending	\$	<u><u>20,098</u></u>

PORTER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH
 AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	<u>General Fund</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ <u>20,098</u>
Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	29,636
Charges for services	619
Other receipts	<u>10,682</u>
Total receipts	<u>40,937</u>
Disbursements:	
Supplies	3,570
Other services and charges	13,151
Other disbursements	<u>598</u>
Total disbursements	<u>17,319</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>23,618</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u><u>\$ 43,716</u></u>

PORTER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH
 AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

	<u>General Fund</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ <u>43,716</u>
Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	25,559
Other receipts	<u>6,824</u>
Total receipts	<u>32,383</u>
Disbursements:	
Supplies	7,518
Other services and charges	15,362
Capital outlay	1,014
Other disbursements	<u>2,380</u>
Total disbursements	<u>26,274</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>6,109</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ <u>49,825</u></u>

PORTER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH
 AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>General Fund</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ <u>49,825</u>
Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	29,254
Charges for services	4,396
Other receipts	<u>3,600</u>
Total receipts	<u>37,250</u>
Disbursements:	
Supplies	7,771
Other services and charges	11,513
Other disbursements	<u>2,597</u>
Total disbursements	<u>21,881</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>15,369</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ <u>65,194</u></u>

PORTER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF PAYABLES AND RECEIVABLES
December 31, 2014

<u>Government or Enterprise</u>	<u>Accounts Payable</u>	<u>Accounts Receivable</u>
Governmental activities	<u>\$ 274</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

PORTER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
December 31, 2014

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:	
Machinery, equipment, and vehicles	\$ 15,704
Books and other	<u>4,500</u>
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 20,204</u>

OTHER REPORTS

In addition to this report, other reports may have been issued for the District. All reports can be found on the Indiana State Board of Accounts' website: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/>.