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COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

RURAL HUNTINGTON REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022



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To: The Officials of the Rural Huntington Regional Water and Sewer District  
Rural Huntington Regional Water and Sewer District  
2900 W Division Rd  
Huntington, IN 46750

This report is supplemental to the audit report of the Rural Huntington Regional Water and Sewer District (District), for the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022. It has been provided as a separate report so that the reader may easily identify any Examination Findings that pertain to the District. It should be read in conjunction with the financial statement audit report of the District, which provides an opinion on the District's financial statements. This report may be found at [www.in.gov/sboa/](http://www.in.gov/sboa/).

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we engaged private examiners under our review to perform the audit of the District and perform procedures to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The Examination Findings and Results contained herein describe the identified reportable instances of noncompliance found as a result of these procedures.

We have reviewed the Supplemental Audit Report for the Rural Huntington Regional Water and Sewer District prepared by Crowe LLP, Independent Public Accountants, for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022. In our opinion, the Supplemental Audit Report was prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the State Board of Accounts.

We call your attention to the findings in the report on pages 3 and 4.

The report is filed with this letter in our office as a matter of public record.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy R. White".

Tammy R. White, CPA  
Deputy State Examiner

RURAL HUNTINGTON REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Huntington County, Indiana  
January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022

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RURAL HUNTINGTON REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS  
For the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022

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<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Treasurer	Sammuel Kaufman	01-01-18 to 12-31-22
President of the Board	Bruce Stanton	01-01-18 to 12-31-22

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Indiana State Board of Accounts and  
Management of Rural Huntington Regional Water and Sewer District

We have examined Rural Huntington Regional Water and Sewer District's ("Unit") compliance with the Indiana State Board of Accounts' *Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual For Special Districts* during the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022. Management of the Unit is responsible for the Unit's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Unit's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Unit complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Unit complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our qualified opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Unit's compliance with specified requirements.

Our examination disclosed material noncompliance with the *Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual For Special Districts* applicable to the Unit during the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022, as described in item 2022-001 through 2022-006 on the following Schedule of Examination Findings and Results.

In our opinion, except for the material noncompliance described in the preceding paragraph, the Unit complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022.



Crowe LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana  
October 31, 2023

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**FINDING 2022-001: CAPITAL ASSETS**

**Criteria:** Chapter 1 of the Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts states in part, "Every unit must have a capital assets policy that details the threshold at which an item is considered a capital asset. Every unit must have a complete detail listing of all capital assets owned which reflects their acquisition value. Capital Asset Ledger (Form 369) has been prescribed for this purpose. A complete physical inventory must be taken at least every two years, unless more stringent requirements exist, to verify account balances carried in the accounting records."

**Condition:** During testing of capital assets, we noted the Unit did not have a written policy concerning capital assets and the threshold at which an item is considered a capital asset. We noted the Unit did not have a detail listing of capital assets owned by the unit. We noted that a physical inventory is not taken at least every two years.

**FINDING 2022-002: INTERNAL CONTROLS – TRAINING**

**Criteria:** Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(h) states in part, "After June 30, 2016, the fiscal officer of a political subdivision shall certify in writing that: . . . (2) personnel, who are not otherwise on leave status, have received training as required by subsection (g)(2)."

**Condition:** During testing, we noted that the Unit had not met the minimum standards for training set in Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(h).

**FINDING 2022-003: INTERNAL CONTROLS**

**Criteria:** The Indiana State Board of Accounts (SBOA) is required under Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(e) to define the acceptable minimum level of internal control standards. To provide clarifying guidance, the State Examiner compiled the standards contained in the manual, *Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions*. All political subdivisions subject to audit by SBOA are expected to adhere to these standards. The standards include adequate control activities. According to this manual: "Control activities are the actions and tools established through policies and procedures that help to detect, prevent, or reduce the identified risks that interfere with the achievement of objectives. Detection activities are designed to identify unfavorable events in a timely manner whereas prevention activities are designed to deter the occurrence of an unfavorable event. Examples of these activities include reconciliations, authorizations, approval processes, performance reviews, and verification processes. An integral part of the control activity component is segregation of duties. . . . There is an expectation of segregation of duties. If compensating controls are necessary, documentation should exist to identify both the areas where segregation of duties are not feasible or practical and the compensating controls implemented to mitigate the risk. . . ."

**Condition:** During testing, we noted that the Unit did not meet the minimum standards of internal control. Specifically, the Unit did not properly approve disbursements, payroll, bank reconciliations, and transfers. The District designed internal control procedures regarding the Annual Financial Report (AFR), whereby the District Board was to approve the AFR prepared by the Treasurer. During a review of these controls, there was no evidence, such as a corresponding signature the AFR had been reviewed, to support the control was being followed.

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**FINDING 2022-004: INTERNAL CONTROLS – MINIMUM STANDARDS**

**Criteria:** Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(h) states in part, *“After June 30, 2016, the fiscal officer of a political subdivision shall certify in writing that: (1) the minimum internal control standards and procedures defined under subsection (e) have been adopted by the political subdivision. . . .”*

**Condition:** During testing, we noted that the Unit had not certified that the Unit had adopted the minimum standards of internal control.

**FINDING 2022-005: MISSING GATEWAY UPLOADS**

**Criteria:** The Indiana State Board of Accounts (SBOA) Directive 2018-1 states in part, " Beginning with July 2018 files, which will be due September 15, 2018, all cities, towns, townships, libraries, and special districts will use the Upload App to upload files containing financial and governmental unit information on Gateway to allow the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) to conduct audit planning and audit processes prior to on-site work at a unit. This remote process will provide for more efficient data processing and save audit costs for our clients.

The following files and governmental unit information are required to be uploaded monthly by all units:

- Bank Reconcilements, Bank Statements, and Outstanding Check Lists
- Approved Board Minutes, please see the user guide for more information and examples
- Funds Ledger, summarizing total receipts, disbursements, and beginning and ending balances by fund

The following files and governmental unit information are required to be uploaded annually by all units:

- Detail of Receipts for the year
- Detail of Disbursements for the year
- Current year Salary Ordinance (or Schedule)
- Annual Vendor History Report
- Annual Payroll History Report, without social security numbers
- Annual Funds Ledger, summarizing year-to-date total receipts, year-to-date disbursements, and beginning and ending balances by fund

**Condition:** During testing, we noted the Unit did not upload any monthly and annual uploads for 2018 through 2022.

**FINDING 2022-006: CONDITION OF RECORDS**

**Criteria:** Chapter 1 of the Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual states in part, *“At all times, the manual and/or computerized records, subsidiary ledgers, control ledger, and reconciled bank balance must agree. If the reconciled bank balance is less than the subsidiary or control ledgers, the amount needed to balance may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee.”*

**Condition:** During testing of Cash, we noted that debt payments clearing in 2021 were added back to the ending cash balance as a reconciling item as management noted they were for 2022. As a result, ending cash for calendar year 2021 was overstated by \$46,564.

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The contents of this report were discussed on October 31, 2023 with Bruce Stanton, President of the Board, Alan Pflieger, Board Secretary, Jim Scheiber, Board member, and Christi Heffelfinger, Contracted Staff Accountant.