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COMPLIANCE ENGAGEMENT REPORT

OF

NEWTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NEWTON COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Director	Rose Morgan (Vacant) Bri Styck	01-01-19 to 01-03-20 01-04-20 to 02-09-20 02-10-20 to 12-31-24
Chair of the Board of Supervisors	Hank Coussens Brian Johnson	01-01-19 to 03-11-20 03-12-20 to 12-31-24



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

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of the Newton County Soil and Water Conservation District (District), for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022. The objective of this engagement was to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws, regulations, and uniform compliance guidelines (Guidelines) established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts pursuant to Indiana Code 5-11-1-24. The objective of this engagement is not to opine on compliance or financial activity of the district as this engagement was not conducted in accordance with any standards established by an authoritative standard setting body and, as such, we do not provide any opinions on compliance or financial activity.

Management is responsible for preparing and maintaining its accounting records and related documents in accordance with applicable Indiana laws, regulations, and Guidelines. Management's responsibility also includes, but is not limited to, complying with other applicable Indiana laws, regulations, and Guidelines concerning how it operates: authorized sources and uses of funds; what reports are required to be prepared and filed; and what depositories and investment types are allowable.

We fulfilled our responsibility as detailed in the first paragraph, using procedures that verified the appropriate accounting for and reporting of cash, receipts, and disbursements; and the appropriate sources and uses of funds in accordance with applicable Indiana laws, regulations, and Guidelines. Expanding the scope and nature of these procedures can and does occur in specific circumstances.

Comments contained herein, if any, describe the identified reportable instances of noncompliance found during our engagement. Our procedures were not designed to identify all instances of noncompliance; therefore, noncompliance may exist that is unidentified. Any Official Response to the Comments incorporated within this report was not verified for accuracy.

The Schedule of Officials and Statements of Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash and Investment Balances - Regulatory Basis (Statements) are informational only. The Statements have not been subjected to any procedures designed to express an opinion or provide any assurance on them, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, governance, and others within the organization. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record. Reports can be found on the Indiana State Board of Accounts' website: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/>, and the district's Annual Financial Reports filed by management can be found on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units financial reporting system website: <http://www.gateway.ifionline.org>.

The contents of this report were communicated to Bri Styck, Director, and Brian Johnson, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, on February 20, 2024.



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE  
Deputy State Examiner

February 15, 2024

NEWTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
COMMENTS

No reportable instances of noncompliance.

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STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH  
AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS

NEWTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,  
 AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -  
 REGULATORY BASIS  
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2020

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-19	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-19	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-20
General Fund	\$ 61,229	\$ 33,481	\$ 32,234	\$ 62,476	\$ 57,746	\$ 49,679	\$ 70,543
Totals	<u>\$ 61,229</u>	<u>\$ 33,481</u>	<u>\$ 32,234</u>	<u>\$ 62,476</u>	<u>\$ 57,746</u>	<u>\$ 49,679</u>	<u>\$ 70,543</u>

NEWTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,  
 AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -  
 REGULATORY BASIS  
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2022

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-21	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-21	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-22
General Fund	\$ 70,543	\$ 34,181	\$ 19,822	\$ 84,902	\$ 55,881	\$ 48,816	\$ 91,967
Totals	<u>\$ 70,543</u>	<u>\$ 34,181</u>	<u>\$ 19,822</u>	<u>\$ 84,902</u>	<u>\$ 55,881</u>	<u>\$ 48,816</u>	<u>\$ 91,967</u>