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COMPLIANCE ENGAGEMENT REPORT

OF

PERRY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Coordinator/Treasurer	Darlene Fischer	01-01-20 to 12-31-25
Chair of the District Board of Supervisors	Randy Rennie	01-01-20 to 12-31-25



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

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of the Perry County Soil and Water Conservation District (District), for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024. 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.

The 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 Darlene Fischer, Coordinator/Treasurer, and Greg Hagedorn, Board of Supervisors member, on April 9, 2025.



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE
Deputy State Examiner

April 1, 2025

PERRY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COMMENT

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Condition and Context

Between 2020 and 2024, the Chair of the District Board of Supervisors, Randall Rennie (Rennie), performed services such as mowing and equipment repair on behalf of the District. In exchange for these services, Rennie received compensation from the District or Perry County. In 2020, Rennie was paid \$1,275 for mowing and equipment repair; \$351 in 2021; \$711 in 2022; \$290 in 2023; and \$3,233 in 2024. Total compensation to Rennie for mowing and equipment services provided from 2020 to 2024 was \$5,859. As a member of the District Board of Supervisors, Rennie was considered a "public servant" as defined by Indiana Code 35-31.5-2-261. Rennie did not complete a conflict of interest disclosure in any year in which the District purchased his services.

The Indiana State Board of Accounts (SBOA) would have expected a completed conflict of interest disclosure for these transactions to be approved at a public meeting prior to final action on the purchases and filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court and the SBOA. However, there was no evidence to support that a conflict of interest disclosure was completed, approved, or filed with the SBOA or the Clerk of the Circuit Court during the audit period that covered these matters.

Criteria

Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4(d) states in part:

"A disclosure must:

- (1) be in writing;
- (2) describe the contract or purchase to be made by the governmental entity;
- (3) describe the pecuniary interest that the public servant has in the contract or purchase;
- (4) be affirmed under penalty of perjury;
- (5) be submitted to the governmental entity and be accepted by the governmental entity in a public meeting of the governmental entity before final action on the contract or purchase;
- (6) be filed within fifteen (15) days after final action on the contract or purchase with:
 - (A) the state board of accounts; and
 - (B) . . . the clerk of the circuit court in the county where the governmental entity takes final action on the contract or purchase . . ."

Conflict of interest disclosures must be completed on Gateway. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 1)

The attorney for the unit or a private attorney must be consulted in regard to whether a conflict of interest disclosure statement must be filed and whether the format of the disclosure is sufficient. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 1)



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



PERRY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
 AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2021

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-20	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-20	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-21
General Fund	<u>\$ 118,536</u>	<u>\$ 75,347</u>	<u>\$ 55,010</u>	<u>\$ 138,873</u>	<u>\$ 52,386</u>	<u>\$ 57,624</u>	<u>\$ 133,635</u>

PERRY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
 AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2023

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-22	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-22	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-23
General Fund	<u>\$ 133,635</u>	<u>\$ 60,587</u>	<u>\$ 13,920</u>	<u>\$ 180,302</u>	<u>\$ 38,098</u>	<u>\$ 57,302</u>	<u>\$ 161,098</u>

PERRY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
 AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-24	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-24
General Fund	<u>\$ 161,098</u>	<u>\$ 46,893</u>	<u>\$ 29,816</u>	<u>\$ 178,175</u>