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EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

LAGRANGE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

LAGRANGE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006



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Director	Dona L. Hunter	01-01-05 to 12-31-07
Treasurer/Fiscal Officer	Dona L. Hunter	01-01-05 to 12-31-07
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the financial information presented herein of the LaGrange County Soil and Water Conservation District (District), for the period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006. The District's management is responsible for the financial information presented herein. Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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 information presented herein and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial information referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial information of the District for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

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May 24, 2007

LAGRANGE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
 As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2005 And 2006

	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-05</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-05</u>
General	<u>\$ 17,988</u>	<u>\$ 197,492</u>	<u>\$ 199,643</u>	<u>\$ 15,837</u>
	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-06</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-06</u>
General	<u>\$ 15,837</u>	<u>\$ 217,921</u>	<u>\$ 176,630</u>	<u>\$ 57,128</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

LAGRANGE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note 1. Introduction

The District was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The District provides the following services: public safety, health and social services, culture and recreation, and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the District in June and December. 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% 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 become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively.

Note 5. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were 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 statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes 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.

LAGRANGE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

SALES TAX

Sales tax was paid on some purchases.

Governmental funds generally are exempt from the payment of sales tax on qualifying purchases. Respective tax agencies should always be contacted concerning tax exemptions and payments. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Cities and Towns, Chapter 7)

LAGRANGE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on May 24, 2007, with Dona L. Hunter, Director and Treasurer/Financial Officer. The official concurred with our finding.