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

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of the Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District (District), Cass County, for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020, to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Management is responsible for preparing and maintaining its accounting records and related documents, as well as compliance with applicable state laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

The District's Annual Financial Reports filed by management can be found on the Gateway Website: www.gateway.ifionline.org.

The Comments contained herein describe the identified reportable instances of noncompliance found as a result of the procedures we performed. Our procedures were not designed to identify all instances of noncompliance; therefore, noncompliance may exist that is unidentified.

Comments

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS

Condition and Context

District employees whose official duties included receiving, processing, depositing, disbursing, or otherwise having access to funds that belonged to the District had not received training over internal control standards that was developed or approved by the Indiana State Board of Accounts and adopted by the District.

In addition, the District certified on Gateway that all personnel defined by Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(c) had received training concerning the internal control standards adopted by the District during 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Criteria

Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(h) states:

"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; and

(2) personnel, who are not otherwise on leave status, have received training as required by subsection (g)(2).

The certification shall be filed with the state board of accounts at the same time as the annual financial report required by section 4(a) of this chapter is filed. The certification shall be filed electronically in the manner prescribed under [IC 5-14-3.8-7](#)."

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.

The Schedule of Cash and Investment Balances - Regulatory Basis, is presented as other information. It has not been subjected to any auditing procedures, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

SCHEDULE OF CASH AND INVESTMENT
BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Fund	Cash and Investments 12-31-20
General Fund	\$ 26,654
Total	\$ 26,654

Any Official Response to the Comments, incorporated within this report, was not verified for accuracy.

The contents of this report were communicated to Leah Walthery, Treasurer, and Billy Cooper, President of the Board, on September 22, 2021.

Respectfully,

Paul D. Joyce
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State Examiner