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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE HELMSBURG REGIONAL SEWER
DISTRICT, BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of the Helmsburg Regional Sewer District (District), Brown County, for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021, 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

ADOPTION OF, AND TRAINING ON, INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS

A similar comment also appeared in prior Report B52112, entitled *MINIMUM LEVEL OF INTERNAL CONTROLS*.

Condition and Context

The District had not adopted the acceptable minimum level of internal control standards as defined by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

In addition, 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.

Criteria

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

"After June 30, 2016, the legislative body of a political subdivision shall ensure that:

- (1) the internal control standards and procedures developed under subsection (e) are adopted by the political subdivision;
- (2) personnel receive training concerning the internal control standards and procedures adopted by the political subdivision."

CERTIFICATION ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS

Condition and Context

The District certified on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system that it had adopted the minimum internal control standards as required by Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(e); however, during the engagement, the District indicated that it had not adopted the minimum internal control standards.

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; however, during the engagement, the District indicated that all personnel had not received training concerning the internal control standards.

Criteria

Indiana Code 5-11-1-4(a) states:

"The state examiner shall require from audited entity financial reports covering the full period of each fiscal year. These reports shall be prepared, verified, and filed with the state examiner not later than sixty (60) days after the close of each fiscal year. The reports must be in the form and content prescribed by the state examiner and filed electronically in the manner prescribed under [IC 5-14-3.8-7](#)."

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Condition and Context

The District was unable to provide supporting documentation for four out of ten disbursements requested. In addition, for one of the six tested disbursements, there was no evidence of the person receiving the services approving nor auditing the order for correctness.

Criteria

Supporting documentation such as receipts, canceled checks, tickets, invoices, bills, contracts, and other public records must be available for examination to provide supporting information for the validity and accountability of monies disbursed. Payments without supporting documentation may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 1)

Indiana Code 5-11-10-1.6 states in part:

". . . (b) As used in this section, 'claim' means a bill or an invoice submitted to a governmental entity for goods or services.

(c) The fiscal officer of a governmental entity may not draw a warrant or check for payment of a claim unless:

- (1) there is a fully itemized invoice or bill for the claim;
- (2) the invoice or bill is approved by the officer or person receiving the goods and services;
- (3) the invoice or bill is filed with the governmental entity's fiscal officer;
- (4) the fiscal officer audits and certifies before payment that the invoice or bill is true and correct; and
- (5) payment of the claim is allowed by the governmental entity's legislative body or the board or official having jurisdiction over allowance of payment of the claim. . . ."

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
As of December 31, 2021

Fund	Cash and Investments 12-31-21
General Fund	\$ 38,215
Total	\$ 38,215

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

The contents of this report were communicated to Kyle Myers, Treasurer, and Brian Webb, President of the District Board, on February 1, 2023.

Respectfully,



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE
Deputy State Examiner