

**METROPOLITAN SOIL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA
JOINT POWERS BOARD**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2019

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TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA JOINT POWERS BOARD
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors
Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board
Jordan, Minnesota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board, Jordan, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the general fund of Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board as of December 31, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-5 and the budgetary comparison statement on page 14 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 6, 2020, on our consideration of the Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Peterson Company Ltd

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Certified Public Accountants
Waconia, Minnesota

October 6, 2020

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
METROPOLITAN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA JOINT POWERS BOARD
DECEMBER 31, 2019**

The Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board (Metro Conservation Districts, or MCD) was organized under provisions of MN Stat. Ch. 103C. The MCD is governed by a Board of Supervisors composed of representatives from member Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The member Soil and Water Conservation Districts are Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Isanti, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, Wright, Hennepin, and Ramsey County.

The Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board discussion and analysis report provides an overview of the MCD's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. Since this information is designed to focus on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts, it should be read in conjunction with the financial statements.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of three parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the MCD as a whole and present a longer-term view of the MCD's finances. For governmental activities, financial statements tell how services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the MCD's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the MCD's general fund. Since MCDs are single-purpose special-purpose government units, the MCD combines the government-wide and fund financial statements into a single presentation.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

One of the most important questions asked about the MCD's finances is, "Is the MCD as a whole better or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the MCD as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the MCD's net position and changes in them. You can think of the MCD's net position — the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources — as one way to measure the MCD's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the MCD's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the state and local governmental funding, to assess the overall health of the MCD.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the MCD presents governmental activities. All of the MCD's basic services are reported here. Appropriations from the state finance most activities.

Reporting the MCD's General Fund

Our analysis of the MCD's general fund is part of this report. The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the general fund—not the MCD as a whole. The MCD presents only a general fund, which is a governmental fund. All of the MCD's basic services are reported in the general fund, which focuses on how money flows into and out of the fund and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. The fund is reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting.

This method measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The general fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the MCD's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the MCD's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in a reconciliation included with the financial statements.

THE MCD AS A WHOLE

Our analysis focuses on the net position and change in net position of the MCD's governmental activities.

Net Position:

	Governmental Activities	
	2019	2018
Current Assets	\$ 936,665	\$ 505,559
Capital Assets, net of depreciation	227,346	142,230
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,164,011</u>	<u>\$ 647,789</u>
Current Liabilities	\$ 886,403	\$ 442,220
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 886,403</u>	<u>\$ 442,220</u>
Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 227,346	\$ 142,230
Unrestricted	50,262	63,339
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 277,608</u>	<u>\$ 205,569</u>

Net position of the MCD's governmental activities increased by \$72,039. Unrestricted net position, the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements changed from \$63,339 at December 31, 2018 to \$50,262 at December 31, 2019.

Change in Net Position:

	Governmental Activities	
	2019	2018
<u>Revenues</u>		
Intergovernmental	\$ 615,356	\$ 487,459
Interest Earnings	5,361	3,191
Miscellaneous	306	689
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 621,023</u>	<u>\$ 491,339</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Conservation	\$ 548,984	\$ 506,861
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 548,984</u>	<u>\$ 506,861</u>
Increase (decrease) in Net Position	<u>\$ 72,039</u>	<u>\$ (15,522)</u>

The MCD's total revenues increased by \$129,684. The total cost of programs and services increased by \$42,123.

THE MCD'S GENERAL FUND

As the MCD completed the year, its general fund as presented in the balance sheet reported a fund balance of \$50,262, which is below last year's total of \$63,339.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The actual charges to appropriations (expenditures) were \$120,850 above the final budgeted amounts. The most significant negative variance of \$117,627 occurred in Capital Outlay. The most significant positive variance of \$98,228 occurred in State Revenue.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Assets

At the end of 2019, the MCD had \$227,346 invested in capital assets. This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deletions) of \$85,116 from last year.

CONTACTING THE MCD'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers and creditors with a general overview of the MCD's finances and to show the MCD's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board's fiscal agent, Scott Soil and Water Conservation District at 7151 W 190th St, Suite 125, Jordan, MN 55352. The phone number is 952-492-5425.

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 GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
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	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
Assets			
Cash	\$ 933,604	\$ -	\$ 933,604
Accounts Receivable	698	-	698
Due from Other Governments	2,363	-	2,363
Capital Assets:			
Equipment (net of accumulated depreciation)	-	227,346	227,346
Total Assets	<u>\$ 936,665</u>	<u>\$ 227,346</u>	<u>\$ 1,164,011</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 121,263	\$ -	\$ 121,263
Due to Other Governments	75,000	-	75,000
Unearned Revenue	690,140	-	690,140
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 886,403</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 886,403</u>
Fund Balance/Net Position			
Fund Balance			
Unassigned	\$ 50,262	\$ (50,262)	\$ -
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 50,262</u>	<u>\$ (50,262)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net Position			
Investments in Capital Assets		\$ 227,346	\$ 227,346
Unrestricted		50,262	50,262
Total Net Position		<u>\$ 277,608</u>	<u>\$ 277,608</u>

Notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND
 GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
Revenues			
Intergovernmental	\$ 615,356	\$ -	\$ 615,356
Interest Earnings	5,361	-	5,361
Miscellaneous	306	-	306
Total Revenues	\$ 621,023	\$ -	\$ 621,023
Expenditures/Expenses			
Conservation			
Current	\$ 516,473	\$ 32,511	\$ 548,984
Capital Outlay	117,627	(117,627)	-
Total Expenditures/Expenses	\$ 634,100	\$ (85,116)	\$ 548,984
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures/Expenses	\$ (13,077)	\$ 85,116	\$ 72,039
Fund Balance/Net Position January 1	\$ 63,339	\$ 142,230	\$ 205,569
Fund Balance/Net Position December 31	\$ 50,262	\$ 227,346	\$ 277,608

Notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

**METROPOLITAN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial reporting policies of the Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board conform to generally accepted accounting principles. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (statements and interpretations).

Financial Reporting Entity

The Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board is organized under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103C. The MCD is governed by a Board of Supervisors composed of one member from each of the participating Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Counties.

The purpose of the MCD is to help member Districts improve their efficiency and capacity to deliver local conservation programs and services that promote conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources, as well as to assist with implementation of projects having mutual benefit. Improved efficiency and capacity are achieved by administering coordinated programs that provide economics of scale and shared technical expertise that Districts – operating independently – would not have.

Every three years the MCD develops a work plan which is used as a guide in using resources effectively to provide maximum conservation of all lands within its boundaries. The work plan includes guidelines for employees and technicians to follow in order to achieve the MCD's objectives.

Generally accepted accounting principles require that the financial reporting entity include the primary government and component units for which the primary government is financially accountable. Under these principles the MCD does not have any component units.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. The Statement of Net Position and The Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the MCD.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Fund Financial Statements

The government reports the General Fund as its only major governmental fund. The general fund accounts for all financial resources of the government.

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Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the MCD considers all revenues, except reimbursement grants, to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Reimbursement grants are considered available if they are collected within one year of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred under accrual accounting.

Intergovernmental revenues are reported in conformity with the legal and contractual requirements of the individual programs. Generally, grant revenues are recognized when the corresponding expenditures are incurred.

Interest earnings are recognized when earned. Other revenues are recognized when they are received in cash because they usually are not measurable until then.

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*, revenues for nonexchange transactions are recognized based on the principal characteristics of the revenue. Exchange transactions are recognized as revenue when the exchange occurs.

Budget Information

The MCD adopts an estimated revenues and expenditures budget for the general fund. Comparisons of estimated revenues and budgeted expenditures to actual are presented in the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Amendments to the original budget require Board approval. Appropriations lapse at year-end. The MCD does not use encumbrance accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions which affect: the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Assets

Cash is stated at fair value, except for non-negotiable certificates of deposit, which are on a cost basis and short-term money market investments, which are stated at amortized cost.

Receivables are collectible within one year.

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Capital assets are reported on a net (depreciated) basis. General capital assets are valued at historical or estimated historical cost.

Unearned Revenue

Governmental funds and government-wide financial statements report unearned revenue in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

Classification of Net Position

Net position in the government-wide financial statements is classified in the following categories:

Investment in capital assets – the amount of net position representing capital assets net of accumulated depreciation.

Restricted net position – the amount of net position for which external restrictions have been imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position – the amount of net position that does not meet the definition of restricted or investment in capital assets.

Classifications of Fund Balances

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the MCD is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the General Fund. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable – The non-spendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

Restricted – Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Board. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purposes unless the Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts.

Assigned – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification the MCD intends to use for specific purposes that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Board or the Board Administrator who has been delegated that authority by Board resolution.

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Unassigned – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other fund balance classifications.

The MCD applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the restricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Subsequent Events

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus was reported in Wuhan, China. The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak to constitute a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern.” The COVID-19 outbreak is disrupting supply chains and affecting production and sales across a range of industries. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the MCD’s operational and financial performance will depend on certain developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak, impact on the MCD’s customers and vendors all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted. At this point, the extent to which COVID-19 may impact the MCD’s financial condition or results of operations is uncertain.

In preparing these financial statements, the MCD has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through October 6, 2020, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Explanation of Adjustments Column in Statements

Capital Assets: In the Statement of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheet, an adjustment is made if the MCD has capital assets. This adjustment equals the net book balance of capitalized assets as of the report date and reconciles to the amount reported in the Capital Assets Note.

Depreciation for the year:

In the Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance, the adjustment equals the total depreciation for the year reported.

Risk Management

The MCD is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; workers’ compensation claims; and natural disasters. Property and casualty liabilities and workers’ compensation are insured through Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust. The MCD retains risk for the deductible portion of the insurance. The amounts of these deductibles are considered immaterial to the financial statements.

The Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust is a public entity risk pool currently operated as a common risk management and insurance program for its members. There were no significant increases or reductions in insurance from the previous year or settlements in excess of insurance coverage for any of the past three fiscal years.

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Note 2 – Detailed Notes

Capital Assets

Changes in Capital Assets, Asset Capitalization and Depreciation:

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Addition</u>	<u>Deletion</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Equipment	\$ 327,056	\$ 117,627	\$ -	\$ 444,683
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>184,826</u>	<u>32,511</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>217,337</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 142,230</u>			<u>\$ 227,346</u>

The cost of property and equipment is depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the lesser of the term of the related lease or the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method. For the purpose of computing depreciation, the useful life for Machinery and Equipment is 5 to 10 years. Current year depreciation is \$32,511.

Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue represents unearned advances from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for administrative service grants and for the cost-share program. Revenues will be recognized when the related program expenditures are recorded. Unearned revenue for the year ended December 31, 2019, consists of the following: Campus Groundwater \$52,644; Children’s Water Festival \$41,106; NPEA/Clean Water Funds \$496,390; SWA \$100,000; Total \$690,140.

Deposits

Minnesota Statutes 118A.02 and 118A.04 authorize the MCD to designate a depository for public funds and to invest in certificates of deposit. Minnesota Statute 118A.03 requires that all MCD deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, or collateral. When not covered by insurance or surety bonds, the market value of collateral pledged shall be at least ten percent more than the amount on deposit (plus accrued interest) at the close of the financial institution’s banking day.

Authorized collateral includes treasury bills, notes and bonds; issues of U.S. government agencies; general obligations rated “A” or better; revenue obligations rated “AA” or better; irrevocable standard letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank; and certificates of deposit. Minnesota Statutes require that securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping in a restricted account at the Federal Reserve Bank or in an account at a trust department of a commercial bank or other financial institution that is not owned or controlled by the financial institution furnishing the collateral.

Custodial Credit Risk Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the MCD’s deposits may not be returned to it. The MCD does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110% of deposits not covered by insurance or bonds. The MCD has no additional deposit policies addressing custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2019, the MCD’s deposits were not exposed to custodial credit risk.

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Note 3 – Fiscal Agent and Hosts

The Scott Soil and Water Conservation District is the fiscal agent for the MCD. The Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District is the host for the Non-Point Engineering Assistance Program. The Anoka Conservation District is the host for the Campus Groundwater Conservation Planning Program. The Washington Conservation District is the host for the Subwatershed Assistance Program through December 31, 2019.

Note 4 – Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

Excess of expenditures over budget – The General Fund had expenditures in excess of budget for the year as follows: Expenditures \$634,100; Budget \$513,250; Excess \$120,850.

Note 5 – Commitments and Contingencies

The MCD is not aware of any existing or pending lawsuits, claims or other actions in which the MCD is a defendant.

Note 6 – Reconciliation of Fund Balance to Net Position

Governmental Fund Balance, January 1	\$	63,339
Less: Excess of Expenditures Over Revenues		(13,077)
Governmental Fund Balance, December 31	\$	50,262
Adjustments from Fund Balance to Net Position:		
Plus: Capital Assets	\$	227,346
Net Position	\$	277,608

Note 7 – Reconciliation of Change in Fund Balance to Change in Net Position

Change in Fund Balance	\$	(13,077)
Capital Outlay		117,627
The cost of capital assets are allocated over the capital assets' useful lives at the government-wide level.		(32,511)
Change in Net Position	\$	72,039

**METROPOLITAN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
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 BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 GENERAL FUND
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	Original/ Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Neg)
Revenues			
Intergovernmental			
Local	\$ 24,000	\$ 35,878	\$ 11,878
State Grant	481,250	579,478	98,228
Total Intergovernmental	<u>\$ 505,250</u>	<u>\$ 615,356</u>	<u>\$ 110,106</u>
Miscellaneous			
Interest Earnings	\$ -	\$ 5,361	\$ 5,361
Other	-	306	306
Total Miscellaneous	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,667</u>	<u>\$ 5,667</u>
 Total Revenues	 <u>\$ 505,250</u>	 <u>\$ 621,023</u>	 <u>\$ 115,773</u>
Expenditures			
District Operations			
Other Services and Charges	\$ 19,000	\$ 60,835	\$ (41,835)
Capital Outlay	-	117,627	(117,627)
Total District Operations	<u>\$ 19,000</u>	<u>\$ 178,462</u>	<u>\$ (159,462)</u>
Project Expenditures			
Local	\$ 13,000	\$ 24,878	\$ (11,878)
State	481,250	430,760	50,490
Total Project Expenditures	<u>\$ 494,250</u>	<u>\$ 455,638</u>	<u>\$ 38,612</u>
 Total Expenditures	 <u>\$ 513,250</u>	 <u>\$ 634,100</u>	 <u>\$ (120,850)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (8,000)	\$ (13,077)	\$ (5,077)
Fund Balance - January 1	<u>\$ 63,339</u>	<u>\$ 63,339</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund Balance - December 31	<u><u>\$ 55,339</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 50,262</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (5,077)</u></u>

Notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON
MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

To the Board of Supervisors
Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board
Jordan, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States the financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board of Jordan, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 6, 2020.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and tax increment financing sections of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 6.65*, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining the knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures; other matters may have come to our attention regarding the Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Waconia, Minnesota

October 6, 2020

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Supervisors
Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board
Jordan, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities of Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board, Jordan, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 6, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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October 6, 2020