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**SCIOTO COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SCIOTO COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Soil & Water Conservation District
Scioto County
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To the Board of Supervisors:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each fund and related notes of the Soil & Water Conservation District, Scioto County, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions the Ohio Department of Agriculture permits; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principle

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the District prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the District does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Ohio Department of Agriculture permits. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, or changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each fund of the Scioto Soil & Water Conservation District, Scioto County as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 in accordance with the financial reporting provisions the Ohio Department of Agriculture permits, described in Note 2.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 10 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the District. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 31, 2020, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine 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 the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

July 31, 2020

Soil & Water Conservation District
Scioto County
Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements
and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	District Fund	Special Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts			
Grants			
Local Government	\$3,500	\$99,581	\$103,081
State Government	500	98,177	98,677
Federal Government	0	3,204	3,204
Gifts and Contributions	62	0	62
Sale of Products/Materials	2,409	0	2,409
Rentals	1,939	0	1,939
All Other Revenue	6,995	0	6,995
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>15,405</u>	<u>200,962</u>	<u>216,367</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Salaries	0	103,864	103,864
Supplies	974	0	974
Contract Repairs	4,111	0	4,111
Contract Services/Cost Share Payment	669	2,216	2,885
Service Fees	1,020	1,221	2,241
Information and Education	6,289	0	6,289
Travel and Expenses	841	2,269	3,110
Advertising and Printing	393	0	393
OPERS	0	14,615	14,615
Worker's Compensation	0	1,676	1,676
Hospitalization	0	47,395	47,395
Medicare	0	902	902
Product/Materials for Resale	1,854	0	1,854
Other	1,910	6,099	8,009
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>18,061</u>	<u>180,257</u>	<u>198,318</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(2,656)	20,705	18,049
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>62,054</u>	<u>22,395</u>	<u>84,449</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Assigned	0	43,100	43,100
Unassigned (Deficit)	59,398	0	59,398
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$59,398</u>	<u>\$43,100</u>	<u>\$102,498</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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Soil & Water Conservation District
Scioto County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Soil & Water Conservation District, Scioto County, (the District) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly elected five-member District Board of Supervisors directs the District. The District provides local leadership in the conservation of natural resources and stewardship of agricultural lands

Public Entity Risk Pools

The District participates in the County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc (CORSA) for liability insurance under Scioto County (the County). Note 5 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity.

The District’s management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The District’s financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (cash basis) for all funds.

Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the District are presented below:

Special Fund The special fund is the primary fund used for day to day operations and expenditures including payroll and benefits. The District records all amounts received from the State, local, or federal governments in this fund. The County Auditor also maintains an accounting of this fund.

District Fund The district fund accounts for and reports revenues from district sales and equipment rentals, grants and donations.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The District recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters the Ohio Department of Agriculture requires.

Soil & Water Conservation District
Scioto County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Special Fund be budgeted annually.

Appropriations Budgetary expenditures may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Supervisors must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year end.

Estimated Resources Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must approve estimated resources.

A summary of 2019 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Deposits and Investments

The Scioto County Treasurer is the custodian for the District's Special Fund's cash and investments. The County's cash and investment holds the District's Special Fund's cash and investments, which are reported at the County Treasurer's carrying amount. Deposits and investments disclosures for the County as a whole may be obtained from Scioto County, William K. Ogg, Scioto County Treasurer at 602 7th Street, Room 102, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662. He may be reached by calling 740-355-8282

The District's accounting basis for all other funds includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

For the District Fund and other funds, the District values U.S. Treasury Notes and common stock at cost. Money market mutual funds (including STAR Ohio) are recorded at share values the mutual funds report.

Capital Assets

The District records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable The District classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

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Restricted Fund balance is *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 is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed Supervisors can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Supervisors amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Funds other than the special and district funds report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the special and district funds, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by District Supervisors or a District official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

Unassigned Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the special and district funds and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District 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 unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Note 3 – Special Fund Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2019 follows:

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
Special	\$220,429	\$200,962	(\$19,467)

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
Special	\$220,429	\$180,257	\$40,172

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Scioto County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

The District maintains a deposits and investments pool all funds use, except the Special Fund which is maintained by the Scioto County Treasurer. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	<u>2019</u>
Demand deposits	<u>\$11,506</u>
County Treasurer Deposits	<u>43,100</u>
Total deposits	<u>54,606</u>
STAR Ohio	<u>47,892</u>
Total investments	<u>47,892</u>
Total deposits and investments	<u>\$102,498</u>

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the District.

Note 5 – Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

The District is a member of the County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA). CORSA assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of Scioto County policy. CORSA may make supplemental assessments if the experience of the overall pool is unfavorable. CORSA covers the following risks:

- Comprehensive General Liability & Casualty
- Automobile Liability
- Certain Property Insurance
- Public Officials' Errors & Omissions Liability

Note 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

All employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the District contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2019.

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Scioto County
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Note 7 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, which includes multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to Health Reimbursement Arrangement, and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2019. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2019.

Note 8 – Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

Note 9 – Public Entity Risk Pool

The District participates in the County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA) under Scioto County (the County). CORSA is a risk sharing pool among 66 counties in Ohio. CORSA was formed as an Ohio non-profit corporation for the purpose of establishing the CORSA Insurance/Self-Insurance Program, a group primary and excess insurance/self-insurance and risk management program. Member counties agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverage provided by CORSA. The coverage includes comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance and public officials' errors and omissions liability insurance.

Each member county has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, to be cast by a designated representative. The affairs of CORSA are managed by an elected board of not more than nine trustees. Only county commissioners of member counties are eligible to serve on the board. No county may have more than one representative on the board at any time. Each member county's control over the budgetary and financing of CORSA is limited to its voting authority and any representative it may have on the board of trustees.

Note 10 – Subsequent Events

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of the COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the District. The District's investments of the pension and other employee benefit plan in which the District participates in have incurred a significant decline in fair value, consistent with the general decline in financial markets. However, because the values of individual investments fluctuate with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on the District's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

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Scioto County
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	District Fund	Special Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts			
Grants			
Local Government	\$3,500	\$75,000	\$78,500
State Government	19,686	98,416	118,102
Federal Government	0	10,621	10,621
Gifts and Contributions	400	0	400
Sale of Products/Materials	2,711	0	2,711
Rentals	1,353	0	1,353
All Other Revenue	4,388	1,485	5,873
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>32,038</u>	<u>185,522</u>	<u>217,560</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Salaries	0	99,512	99,512
Supplies	978	0	978
Equipment	2,724	0	2,724
Contract Repairs	1,323	0	1,323
Contract Services/Cost Share Payment	2,903	2,000	4,903
Service Fees	820	0	820
Information and Education	6,733	0	6,733
Travel and Expenses	812	2,458	3,270
Advertising and Printing	515	0	515
OPERS	0	13,900	13,900
Worker's Compensation	0	1,669	1,669
Hospitalization	0	49,536	49,536
Medicare	0	853	853
Product/Materials for Resale	1,904	0	1,904
Vehicle Rental/Liability Insurance	0	2,064	2,064
Other	19,814	1,575	21,389
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>38,526</u>	<u>173,567</u>	<u>212,093</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(6,488)	11,955	5,467
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>68,542</u>	<u>10,440</u>	<u>78,982</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Assigned	0	22,395	22,395
Unassigned (Deficit)	62,054	0	62,054
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$62,054</u>	<u>\$22,395</u>	<u>\$84,449</u>

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Note 3 – Special Fund Budgetary Activity

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2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
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2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
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Note 10 – Subsequent Events

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of the COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the District. The District's investments of the pension and other employee benefit plan in which the District participates in have incurred a significant decline in fair value, consistent with the general decline in financial markets. However, because the values of individual investments fluctuate with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on the District's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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Lucasville, Ohio 45648

To the Board of Supervisors:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements of Scioto Soil & Water District, Scioto County, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 31, 2020 wherein we noted the District followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2 03(D) permit. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the District.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the District's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

July 31, 2020

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



SCIOTO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SCIOTO COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



Certified for Release 8/13/2020

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