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BASIC AUDIT REPORT

Prairie Township Joint Economic Development District
Franklin County
Columbus, Ohio 43228

We have completed certain procedures in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.01(G) to the accounting records and related documents of the Prairie Township Joint Economic Development District, Franklin County, (the District) for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Our procedures were designed solely to satisfy the audit requirements of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.11(A). Because our procedures were not designed to opine on the District's financial statements, we did not follow *generally accepted auditing standards*. We do not provide any assurance on the District's financial statements, transactions or balances for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

The District's management is responsible for preparing and maintaining its accounting records and related documents. Our responsibility under Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.11(A) is to examine, analyze and inspect these records and documents.

Based on the results of our procedures, we found the following significant compliance or accounting issues to report.

Current Year Observations

1. We noted the District follows Prairie Township's Public Records Policy but has not formally adopted the Public Records Policy as its own or adopted any other public records policy. **Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2)** requires all public offices to adopt a public records policy in compliance with this section for responding to public records requests. The District should properly adopt a public records policy and take all actions statutorily required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43 regarding it. Failure to establish and maintain a public records policy may result in records of the District not being available for public inspection or request and could lead to noncompliance with the Ohio Revised Code.
2. We noted the District follows Prairie Township's records retention schedule/policy but has not formally established and adopted/approved Prairie Township's records retention schedule/policy as its own or any other records retention schedule/policy. **Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2)** provides that a public office or the person responsible for public records shall organize and maintain public records in a manner that they can be made available for inspection or copying and that public offices shall have available a copy of their current records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public. The District should appropriately establish and approve/adopt a records retention schedule/policy and have the records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public. Failure to have and follow a records retention schedule/policy could result in public records being disposed of prematurely.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

October 26, 2023

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**PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FRANKLIN 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 11/9/2023

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