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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Green Township - City of Cheviot Joint Economic Development District I (Western Ridge)
Hamilton County
3814 Harrison Avenue
Cheviot, Ohio 45211

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of the Green Township - City of Cheviot Joint Economic Development District I (Western Ridge), Hamilton County, Ohio (the District), and the Auditor of State, on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the District's cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the District. The District is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the District. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

Cash

1. The City of Cheviot, Hamilton County, Ohio (the City), is the custodian for the District's deposits, and therefore the City's deposit and investment pool holds the District's assets. We compared the District's fund balance reported on its December 31, 2018 Fund Status Report to the balance reported in City of Cheviot's accounting records. The amounts agreed.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2017 beginning fund balance recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2016 balance in the prior year financial statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2018 beginning fund balance recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2017 balance in the Fund Ledger Report. We found no exceptions.

Income Taxes

1. We confirmed the income tax amounts paid from the City of Cheviot to the District during 2018 and 2017, with the City of Cheviot. We found no exceptions.
 - a. We inspected the Fund Balance Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the Fund Balance Report to determine the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. As required by Section 17 of the Bylaws, we inspected the Receipt Register Report for 2018 and 2017 to determine whether each year included all monthly receipts from the City of Cheviot. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2018.
2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2018 or 2017 or debt payment activity during 2018 or 2017. We noted no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2018 or 2017.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected a sample (agreed upon) of 10 disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2018 and 10 from the year ended 2017 and determined whether:
 - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
 - b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Payment Register Detail Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
 - c. The payment was posted to a fund consistent with the restricted purpose for which the fund's cash can be used. We found no exceptions.

Compliance – Bylaws

We confirmed that the District's income taxes collected were disbursed 80% to the Township and 20% to the City of Cheviot as required by section 19 of the District's by-laws. We found no exceptions.

Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires districts to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies regarding the filing of complete financial statements, are defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the District filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the JEDD's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is to provide assistance in it's the evaluation of the District's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 13, 2019

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GREEN TOWNSHIP CITY OF CHEVIOT JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT I

WESTERN RIDGE

GREENE COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
OCTOBER 3, 2019**