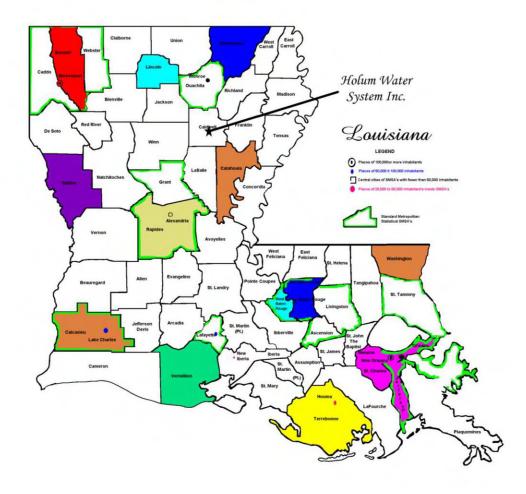
Financial Statements December 31, 2023

HOLUM WATER SYSTEM INC CALDWELL PARISH GRAYSON, LOUISIANA



* Holum Water System is a nonprofit corporation established under the laws of the State of Louisiana on March 10, 1970, to provide water to residents of the Holum Community. The system is governed by a Board of Directors elected by the membership.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Edward Malcomb, President & Members of the Board of Directors Holum Water System, Inc. Grayson, Louisiana 71435

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Holum Water System Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities, statement of functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Holum Water System Inc as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Holum Water System Inc and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Holum Water System Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial

likelihood that, individually or in aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Holum Water System Inc's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Holum Water System Inc's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2024, on our consideration of Holum Water System Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. 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 Holum Water System Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental statements and schedules are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements of the Holum Water System Inc. Such information, except for that portion marked "unaudited", on which we express no opinion or any other form of assurance, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and in our opinion, the information is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The Vercher Group

Jena, Louisiana June 26, 2024

Exhibit A

HOLUM WATER SYSTEM INC. Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2023

ASSETS	_	2023
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	S	148,874
Investments		56,949
Accounts Receivable, Net		36,306
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		242,129
RESTRICTED ASSETS		
Debt Service Reserve CD		24,100
Depreciation Short-Lived Assets CD		34,448
LDH Loan Fund		23,012
Customer Deposits		27,000
TOTAL RESTRICTED ASSETS		108,560
TOTAL RESTRICTED ASSETS		108,500
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Capital Assets		2,178,956
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(548,689)
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,630,267
		1,000,207
TOTAL ASSETS	_	1,980,956
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable		8,767
Accrued Interest Payable		171
Notes Payable – Current Portion		8,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		16,938
		10,500
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Customer Deposits		27,000
Notes Payable		875,758
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		902,758
TOTAL LIABILITIES		919,696
Non Assess		
NET ASSETS		1.0(1.0(0
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions		1,061,260
TOTAL NET ASSETS		1,061,260
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$	1,980,956

HOLUM WATER SYSTEM INC. Statement of Activities December 31, 2023

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	_	2023
REVENUES		
Drinking Water Fee	\$	5,014
Fire Fee		22,327
Water Sales		198,491
Interest Income		1,507
DWRLF Loan Forgiveness		181,486
Other Water Income		22,215
TOTAL REVENUES		431,040
Expenses		
Program Services		237,340
Supporting Services		-0-
TOTAL EXPENSES		237,340
INCREASE/DECREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		193,700
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	_	867,560
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$_	1,061,260

HOLUM WATER SYSTEM INC. Statement of Functional Expenses December 31, 2023

	2023
PROGRAM SERVICES:	
Safe Drinking Water Fees	\$ 4,768
Fire Fees	22,110
Car Expense	2,200
Depreciation	31,770
Dues and Subscriptions	1,057
Insurance	7,797
Interest Expense	40,130
Legal & Professional	8,713
Management Fees	37,212
Materials and Supplies	12,850
Repairs & Maintenance	18,474
Miscellaneous	3,442
Office Expense	5,951
Salaries & Related	14,597
Telephone	1,549
Utilities	24,720
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	 237,340
SUPPORTING SERVICES:	-0-
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$ -0-

HOLUM WATER SYSTEM INC. Statement of Cash Flow For December 31, 2023

	_	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from Customers & Users	\$	248,514
Receipts from Interest Earned on Investments/Other		1,507
Receipts from Loan Forgiveness		181,486
Payments to Suppliers		(163,957)
Payments to Employees		(14,597)
Payments on Loans for Interest		(40,130)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		212,823
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL & RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Additions to Capital Assets		(27,940)
Additions to Long-Term Debt		13,600
Principal Payment on Long-Term Debt/Debt Forgiveness		(208,252)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL & RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(222,592)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Change in Investments		16,256
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		16,256
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		6,487
Cash & Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year		250,947
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	_	257,434
RECONCILIATION TO BALANCE SHEET		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		148,874
Restricted Cash		108,560
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$	257,434
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED		
(USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in Net Assets	\$	193,700
Depreciation Expense		31,770
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable		467
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable		(13,624)
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Interest Payable		-0-
Increase (Decrease) in Customer Deposits		510
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS		19,123
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	212,823

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. GENERAL

Holum Water System is a nonprofit corporation established under the laws of the State of Louisiana on March 10, 1970, to provide water to residents of the Holum Community. The system is governed by a board of directors elected by the membership. The directors receive no pay or fees for their services to the system. The corporation is exempt from federal income taxes under (section 501(c) (04)) of nonprofit tax laws.

The books of the system are maintained on the cash basis of accounting and adjusted to the accrual basis of accounting at year-end for financial reporting purposes. The accounting and reporting methods used for the water system are those used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered through user charges.

B. FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPRESENTATION

The water system has adopted the provision of FASB Accounting Standard Update 2015-14 "Not-for-Profit-Organizations (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities". Under FASB ASU 2016-14, the water system is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets with donor restrictions and net assets without donor restrictions. In addition, the water system is required to present a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements of the water system have been prepared on an accrual basis and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities. The significant accounting policies that followed are described below.

C. NET ASSETS

The net assets of the water system and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions may be temporary in nature. These restrictions will be satisfied by actions of the Water System or by the passage of time.

Net Assets without Donor Restrictions – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the water system. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the water system's management and board of directors.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

D. INCOME TAXES

The water system is a nonprofit organization exempt from Federal and State income taxes. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to evaluate tax positions taken by the water system and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the water system has undertaken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. Management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the water system, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The water system is subject to routine audit by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

E. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The water system considers all highly liquid investment with a maturity of three months or less at the date of acquisition to be cash equivalents.

F. CASH & INVESTMENTS (CDS IN EXCESS OF 90 DAYS)

Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of interest-bearing deposits which are stated at cost, which approximates market. All short-term investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and at the date of purchase.

Amounts on deposit are secured by the following pledges:

Description	
FDIC (Category 1)	\$ 250,000
Securities (Category 2)	31,130
Unsecured (Category 3)	-0-
Total Securities	\$ 281,130

Deposits were fully secured as of December 31, 2023.

The water system maintains bank accounts at one institution. Accounts at the institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 for interest bearing accounts and up to \$250,000 for noninterest bearing accounts.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the government will not be able to recover its deposits. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance, or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Entity that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposit funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the Entity's name.

G. COMPENSATED ABSENCES & RETIREMENT PLANS

The system does not compensate unused vacation and sick leave. System employees are covered under the social security system.

H. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable columns in the basic financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. The entity maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

All fixed assets are recorded at cost and are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Water System & Building	40-50 Yrs.
Equipment & Workover	5-15 Yrs.

I. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE & OTHER RECEIVABLES

Accounts receivables are reported in net of allowance for bad debts. The allowance account has been established at approximately 5% of accounts receivable. Detail accounts receivables follow:

Accounts Receivable- Customers	\$ 36,306
Accounts Receivable (Net)	\$ 36,306

NOTE 2 - PLANT, PROPERTY, & EQUIPMENT

Changes in plant, property, and equipment are as follows:

	Balance 12-31-22	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12-31-23
Fixed Assets *	\$ 2,151,016	\$ 27,940	\$ -0-	\$ 2,178,956
Accumulated Depreciation	(516,919)	(31,770)	-0-	(548,689)
Net Total	\$ 1,634,097	\$ (3,830)	\$ -0-	\$ 1,630,267

* Fixed assets include land in the amount of \$7,400 and construction in progress in the amount of \$579,577 that are not being depreciated. The system's assets are pledged as security for the system's long-term debt.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

At December 31, 2023, the water system's payables consisted of the following:

Vendor Payables	\$ 5,341
Safe Drinking Water Payable	1,194
Fire Fees Payable	1,612
Contractor's Payable	620
Accrued Interest	171
Total	\$ 8,938

NOTE 4 – ASSET LIQUIDITY

The water system regularly monitors the availability of resources required to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments. For purposes of analyzing resources available to meet general expenses over a 12-month period, the water system considers all expenses related to its regular, recurring, and ongoing program service activities as well as the conduct of services undertaken to support those activities to be general expenses. The water system anticipates revenues to be sufficient to meet its general expense needs.

The water system does not consider assets including deposits and fixed assets to be available for general expense. Fixed assets cannot be liquidated due to donor and self-imposed restrictions.

As of December 31, 2023, the following schedule identifies financial assets that could be make readily available within one year of the statement of financial position date to meet general expenditures:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	314,383
Receivables		36,306
Fixed Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation		1,630,267
Total Financial Assets, Period End		1,980,956
Less, those unavailable for general expenses within one year, due to:		
Restricted Cash		108,560
Fixed Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	_	1,630,267
Financial assets available to meet cash needs		
for general expenses within one year	\$ _	242,129

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

NOTE 5 – PENSION PLAN

The Holum Water System, Inc. does not have a retirement program for its employees and the employees are not members of the State of Louisiana Retirement System. All employees of the Holum Water System, Inc. are members of the Social Security System. In addition to the employees' contribution of 7.65%, the agency contributes an equal amount to the Social Security System. The Holum Water System, Inc. does not guarantee the benefits granted by the Social Security System.

NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM DEBT

USDA Development Loan

Holum Water System, Inc. received a USDA Rural Development Loan/Grant funding to improve the water distribution system on 8/30/2013. The Rural Development Note is detailed in the table below.

Louisiana Department of Health Drinking Water Revolving Loan

Holum Water System, Inc. received a Drinking Water Revolving Loan to improve the water system on 12/01/2020. The System has only received a portion of the loan amount. The Drinking Water Revolving Note is detailed in the table below. This is an interim loan to be refinanced with USDA in 2023.

NOTE NO.	 91-07		1021007	-	Total
Date of Loan Maturity Interest Rate Original Balance	\$ 8/30/2013 2053 4.0% 573,000	\$_	12/01/2020 2053 1.95% 637,340	\$_	1,210,340
2023 Beginning Balance	\$ 512,057	\$	560,465	\$	1,072,522
2023 Principle	(8,766)		*(199,486)		(208,252)
2023 Additions	 -0-	_	19,488	_	19,488
2023 Ending Balance	\$ 503,291	\$_	380,467	\$ _	883,758
2023 Interest	\$ 20,322	\$	19,808	\$	40,130
Monthly Payments	\$ 2,424	\$	3,624	\$	6,048

*LDH 2023 Principal includes \$18,000 for principal paid and \$181,486 loan forgiveness.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

The following is the system's five-year debt requirement, including interest:

Year	91-07	Total
2024	29,088	29,088
2025	29,088	29,088
2026	29,088	29,088
2027	29,088	29,088
2028	29,088	29,088
2029-2033	145,440	145,440
2034-2038	145,440	145,440
2039-2043	145,440	145,440
2044-2048	145,440	145,440
2049-2053	145,440	145,440
2054-2059	116,352	116,352
Totals	\$ 988,992 \$	988,992

NOTE 7 – RESTRICTED ASSETS & RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Restricted assets as presented on the balance sheet are set aside as follows:

Debt Service Fund - The system is required by USDA loan agreements to transfer \$260 each month from its operating account to a reserve fund until a balance of \$24,100 is obtained. These funds are to be used as an emergency fund for maintenance/repairs and debt repayment should the need arise.

Depreciation Short-Lived Assets - The system transfers \$564 monthly from its operating account to depreciation reserve until a balance of \$34,448 is obtained. These funds are restricted to repairs of the system when funds are not available in the operating account.

Customer Deposits - Restricted for customer deposits.

Net assets have been restricted as follows:

Debt Service Reserve Fund	\$ 24,100
Depreciation Short-Lived Assets	34,448
LDH Loan Fund	23,012
Customer Deposits	27,000
Total Restricted Net Assets	\$ 108,560

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

NOTE 8 - THE BOARD MEMBERS' NAMES & ADDRESSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Edward Malcomb – President P.O. Box 718 649 Malcomb Road Grayson, LA 71435 318-481-1513

Amy Fletcher – Secretary 1213 Parker Road Grayson, LA 71435 318-547-4093 Steve Joyner – Vice President 3236 Hwy 126 E Grayson, LA 71435 318-649-7033 318-805-2421

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Board members are paid \$-0- for their services.

NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The water system is currently not involved in any lawsuits.

NOTE 10 – THE SYSTEM HAS THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AND WATER RATES

<u>Residential Customers – 414</u>

\$25.50 Minimum per month for 1st 2,000 Gallons used\$7.50 Per 1,000 gallons for amount used over 2,000 Gallons\$4.75 Per 1,000 gallons for amount used over 6,000 Gallons

NOTE 11 – USE OF ESTIMATES

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

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

NOTE 12 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated events and transactions subsequent to the Statement of Net Position date though, June 26, 2024, of the independent auditor's report for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

NOTE 13 – RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUCEMENT

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* as a new Topic, Accounting Standards Codification *Topic 606*. The ASU is intended to provide a more robust framework for addressing revenue issues, improving comparability of revenue recognition practices and improving disclosure requirements. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-14, *Revenue from Contracts: Deferral of the Effective Date*, which deferred the effective date of ASU No. 2014-09 by one year. This ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 13, 2019, and shall be applied using either a full retrospective or modified retrospective approach. Early adoption is permitted. The water system is currently evaluating the impact on the results of operations, financial condition and cash flows, and has not determined the impact on its financial statement at this time.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-14, *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*, which is intended to improve how a not-for-profit entity classifies its net assets, as well as the information it presents in its financial statements about liquidity and availability of resources, expenses and investment return, and cash flows. ASU No. 2016-14 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and shall be applied retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted. The water system was implemented 2016-14 as of July 1, 2018. The net effect is a reclassification of net assets among classes, but total net assets remain the same.

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENTS & SCHEDULES

HOLUM WATER SYSTEM, INC. GRAYSON, LOUISIANA

Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

LaSalle Parish Sewerage District No. 1 Edward Malcomb-President

Purpose	A	mount
Salary	\$	-0-
Benefits-Insurance		-0-
Benefits-Retirement		-0-
Benefits (List any other here)		-0-
Car Allowance		-()-
Vehicle Provided by Government		-()-
Per Diem		-()-
Reimbursements		-0-
Travel		-0-
Registration Fees		-0-
Conference Travel		-()-
Continuing Professional Education Fees		-()-
Housing		-()-
Un-vouchered Expenses*		-()-
Special Meals	\$	-0-

*An example of an un-vouchered expense would be a travel advance

See independent auditor's report

HOLUM WATER SYSTEM INC. Schedule of Insurance Unaudited December 31, 2023

Туре	Agent	Amount	Date Expired
Property	Benard Insurance Agency LLC	\$905,055	11/26/2024
General Liability	Benard Insurance Agency LLC	\$3,000.000	01/01/2024
Surety Bond	CNA Surety	\$50,000	04/19/2024
Workmen's Comp.	Benard Insurance Agency LLC	\$500,000	11/26/2024

See independent auditor's report.

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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

Edward Malcomb- President & Members of the Board of Directors P.O. Box 249 Grayson, Louisiana 71435

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 Holum Water System Inc. (a nonprofit organization), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities, statement of functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Holum Water System Inc.'s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Holum Water System Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) 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 the Holum Water System Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Holum Water System Inc.'s internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, 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 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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any

deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs that we consider to be significant deficiencies (2023-1 Small Size of Entity).

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Holum Water System Inc.'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*.

Holum Water System Inc.'s Response to Findings

The Holum Water System Inc.'s response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The Holum Water System Inc.'s response was not subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control 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.

The Vercher Group

Jena, Louisiana June 26, 2024

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

We have audited the financial statements of the Holum Water System Inc., as of and for the two years ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2024. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Section I. Summary of Auditor's Results

Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2023, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

	CFDA Number (s) Name of Federal Program (or Cluster)
c.	Identification of Major Programs:
	Yes No
	Are the finding required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance?
	Type of Opinion on ComplianceUnmodifiedQualifiedFor Major ProgramsDisclaimerAdverse
	Internal Control Material Weaknesses Yes Yes Other Conditions Yes
b.	Federal Awards (Not Applicable)
	Compliance Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes
	Internal Control Material Weaknesses Yes Significant Deficiencies Yes

Is the auditee a 'low-risk' auditee, as defined by OMB Uniform Guidance?

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST- (CONT.) For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Section II Financial Statement Findings

2023-1 Small Size Entity (Internal Control)

Condition: Because of the small size of the Water System and the lack of separation of duties of employees, many of the important elements of internal controls cannot always be achieved to ensure adequate protection of the Water System's cash.

Criteria: Important elements of good internal controls often require that the same employee does not handle the functions of accounting, collections, billing, receiving and check writing.

Cause of Condition: Small size of entity and lack of employees

Effect of Condition: Significant internal control deficiency.

Recommendation: We recommend that management continue to provide the necessary oversight in its current internal control procedures, specifically in the areas of cash receipts, collections receipt activities, recordation of those receipts, depositing of funds collected, and review of checks written.

Client Response and Corrective Action: Management will continue to provide the necessary oversight in its current internal control procedures, specifically in the areas of cash receipts, collection receipt activities, recordation of those receipts, redepositing of funds collected, and review of checks written.

Section III Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

Not applicable.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS

During the course of our audit, we observed conditions and circumstances that may be improved. Below are situations that may be improved (if any) and recommendations for improvements.

CURRENT YEAR MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS

There are no current year management letter comments.

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MANAGEMENT'S SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

The management of Holum Water System Inc. has provided the following action summaries relating to findings brought to their attention as a result of their audit for the year ended December 31, 2022.

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

2022-1 Small Size Entity (Unresolved)

Condition: Because of the small size of the Water System and the lack of separation of duties of employees, many of the important elements of internal controls cannot always be achieved to ensure adequate protection of the Water System's cash.

Criteria: Important elements of good internal controls often require that the same employee does not handle the functions of accounting, collections, billing, receiving and check writing.

Cause of Condition: Small size of entity and lack of employees

Effect of Condition: Significant internal control deficiency.

Recommendation: We recommend that management continue to provide the necessary oversight in its current internal control procedures, specifically in the areas of cash receipts, collections receipt activities, recordation of those receipts, depositing of funds collected, and review of checks written.

Client Response and Corrective Action: Management will continue to provide the necessary oversight in its current internal control procedures, specifically in the areas of cash receipts, collection receipt activities, recordation of those receipts, redepositing of funds collected, and review of checks written.